

**Friday**, September 20: Read [2 Corinthians 5](#)

Our assignment as a church, followers of Jesus Christ, is to “live the life”. To live out our faith daily, not just on Sundays. Take note of Paul’s instructions for your daily living from this chapter. He encourages us to develop an eternal perspective; to walk by faith and not by sight; to be led by love, and to act as Christ’s ambassadors (representatives) to the unbelievers that God brings our way. Nothing dull or insignificant about the Christian life! It’s an adventure! Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your daily commitment to walk with God. Defer to him repeatedly throughout the day and watch and see how God will work in and through you. Live the life!

**Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries**

**Juan & Adriana Palacios** (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), , **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Sue Saunders** (Bosnia), **Matt and Becky Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezowski** (Wycliffe), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (Ethnos360), **Brad and Christa Babjack** (University of West Virginia), **Salomon and Megan Guzman** (Tijuana), **Alvaro and Rachel Garriga** (Central Asia), **William and Salma Garcia** (Tijuana church plant)

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Be the CHURCH is DISCIPLESHIP

**Spiritual Disciplines Guide:**

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.*
- *Read the chapters and underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advice or wisdom gleaned from your reading.*
- *Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.*
- *Think about what you're reading. Ask:*
  1. *How does this apply to me?*
  2. *Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?*
  3. *What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?*
- *Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.*

As we gear up for the fall season, let's take the next three weeks to review our three basic tenets that go with our 2020 Vision -- Live the Life, Be the Church and Extend the Kingdom. Remember the corporate goal is to become a church where “Every Member is a Minister”.

**Monday**, September 16 Read [John 1:1-13](#)

Our first calling is to “Live the Life”. Notice John’s use of the word “life” in the text. What kind of life does Jesus offer? How do we acquire his kind of life? What lifestyle goes with the life Jesus offers? Are you living it? See also [John 3:16; 4:10-14; 6:32-25; 7:37-39; 10:9-10](#).

Take some time to evaluate your life. In what ways are you “living the life” God designed for you and in what areas are you missing it? Ask God to realign those with his will for your life in the days ahead.

**Monday: Pray for:** —My relationship with God  
—My life roles  
—My personal needs/weak areas  
—My goals and objectives for the summer

**Tuesday**, September 17: Read [Luke 8:26-38](#)

Take some time to examine how the demonic entraps people's lives. What are some satanic manifestations seen in this man's lifestyle? Do you see those around you yet today? Note the dramatic changes that occur when Jesus delivers him. What does his new life look like now? Read [Colossians 1:9-14](#). Like the Gerasene Demoniac, we too have been rescued from Satan's power. What kind of life should we be living now? What is different in you and your lifestyle because of Jesus? Can people see it? Have you told anyone about your own rescue? If not, why not?

**Tuesday: Pray for Family and Friends by Name.**

**Wednesday** September 18: Read [Acts 11:19-26](#)

Barnabas is sent to Antioch by the disciples. Why didn't they go themselves? What was he assigned to do? What kind of man was he according to verse 24? Are those qualities characteristic of your life? What else can we learn about Barnabas from [Acts 4:36-37](#)? What kinds of sacrifices have you made in your life in order to serve God and his people? In [Acts 13:2](#), Barnabas and Saul are set aside for a special work. Do you sense that God has something special and specific that he wants to do through your life? If you're not sure, why not ask him? Take note of anything he brings to your attention in the coming days.

**Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church**

1. **Leadership**: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest ([Matthew 9:38](#))
2. **Worship**: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
3. **Fellowship**: Pray that God would deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship.
4. **Discipleship**: Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.
5. **Outreach**: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others, especially through the Kingdom Initiative.

6. **Future Faith Goals**: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our 2020 plan as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

**Thursday**, September 19: Read [1 Timothy 4](#)

Paul warns Timothy, a young pastor in Ephesus, of the spiritual battles he will face in the ministry. He exhorts him to train for godliness and to be an example to others. Use the list in verse 12 to evaluate your own life. What kind of example have you been in speech? In lifestyle? In love (relationships)? In faith/faithfulness? In purity? Which of these might God want you to reinforce in the days ahead? Take to heart Paul's admonition to you in verse 15. Show progress!

**Thursday: Pray for "My World"**

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- **Neighbors** • People who live around me. (Focus Four)
- **People at Work** • Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church this Sunday?
- **Community** -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation.
- **America** -- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.