

- Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation.
- Pray for the community parachurch ministries serving our county, including Beginnings Care for Life Center, Branch County Right to Life, Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Youth and Family Center, Damascus Road Ministry, Family Hope Outreach, Forgotten Man Ministries, Foster Closet of Branch County, God's Choice Church, Jacob's Well Ministry, Presbyterian Free Health Clinic, Shelterhouse, Tommy's House.
- America -- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.

## **Friday, January 3:** Read [2 Timothy 2:1-7](#)

Let's finish the week looking at the church. Like an athlete or a soldier, God has commissioned us to serve in his kingdom. We are his workmanship, created to do good works ([Ephesians 2:10](#)). Our ideal for 2020 is to see every member of Bethel Gilead involved in ministry (service). Look over the three categories below. Ask God where he wants you to be involved. Decide now to be a part of what God is doing in our local congregation, in the community and in the world. Everyone has a part to play!

### **Bethel Gilead Service Department:** (check one)

Greeters, nursery, sound team, kitchen crew

### **Bethel Gilead Ministry Teams (MINNET):** (check one)

Worship, Christian Ed, Communications, Outreach, Fellowship, Missions, Finance, Maintenance, Youth

### **Community Ministries:** (Check one)

Beginnings, Right to Life, Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Center, Family Promise, Forgotten Man, God's Choice, Other....

### **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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### **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.*

## **Monday, December 30** Read [Psalm 103](#)

But Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart ([Luke 2:19](#)). As we finish out 2019 and head into the new year, let's take some time to treasure and ponder.

Look back over this past year. Make a list of the "treasures" God has given you in each category. Take time to thank him for each as you do.

### **Special People:**

### **Personal Experiences:**

### **Places/Things:**

### **Monday: Pray for yourself:**

- My relationship with God
- My life roles and responsibilities
- My personal needs/weak areas
- My goals and objectives for 2020

**Tuesday**, December 31: Read [Psalm 139](#)

Today let's ask God to search our hearts in light of the past year. Categorize your thoughts and experiences under one of the headings. Pray about each and watch to see how God leads you from here. Use [Philippians 4:6](#) and [1 John 1:9](#) as a guide in prayer.

**Specific Trials/Challenges:**

**Personal Roadblocks, failures:**

**Personal wrongdoing or sins:**

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

**Wednesday** January 1: Read [Ephesians 4:1-3](#)

The noble man makes noble plans and by his noble deeds he stands ([Isaiah 32:8](#)). Let's start the new year praying about personal character. To live up to our calling as children of God, we need to become people of strong and noble character. Use the three categories below to examine yourself. What new year's adjustments could you consider in each one?

Body (personal health, habits):

Soul (thoughts, attitudes):

Spirit (devotional life, relationship with God):

**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, including a pianist. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.

3. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship. Pray through this past Sunday's congregational prayer requests.
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 Assignments and the upcoming Kingdom Projects.
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**, January 2: Read [Proverbs 16:1-9](#)

Take time today to look back over 2019. What goals or aspirations did you accomplish? Which ones carry over into 2020? What new goals and priorities could you set for the coming year? Identify the life roles you play (ie. spouse, parent, job) and consider setting one or two goals in each area of your life. With each goal, determine what actions or activities you will need to prioritize in order to accomplish the goal. Be specific.

Role 1:

Goals/priorities

Role 2:

Goals/priorities

Role 3:

Goals/priorities

**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.