

Week of
March 22
2020



Be the CHURCH is DISCIPLESHIP

Friday, March 27: Read [*Psalms 61, 62, 63*](#)

Catch the heart of David as you read these Psalms. God was not some unpersonal, cosmic force to him. God is his Father, his protector, his friend, his very life. Ask the Lord to also touch your heart and mind as you meditate on who he is and on what he can likewise do in your life and circumstances. His goodness, mercy and love are everlasting!

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), **Brendan and Ashley Camp** (Columbia)

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, March 23: Read [*Psalms 30-31*](#)

As we reorganize and gear up for the corona virus in our church and community, let's determine to take stock in the word of God and find comfort, refuge and direction from him. This week we join King David as he journals some of his many doubts and fears during often dangerous times. Notice the pattern he establishes when he writes. He calls out to God, acknowledges the difficulty and uncertainty of his present crisis, but then refocuses his attention on God's character. His faith is eventually strengthened and God gains glory. Consider doing just the same under your present circumstances and fears. God will hear your call.

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, March 24: Read [*Psalms 34-35*](#)

Unlike our present scenario, David's primary challenges were men who were seeking his life. For many years he was a man on the run. Though innocent, he was accused by King Saul of treason with a bounty placed on his head. I imagine him writing many of his Psalms in hiding, in a cave or on some mountain stronghold, wondering if his location has been discovered. What enemies are you afraid of? Where do you tend to hide out? What specific fears are threatening your security? Again, meditate on David's writings and bring your own focus back to God.

Tuesday: Pray for Family and Friends by Name.

Wednesday March 25: Read [*Psalms 32, 38*](#)

Sometimes fear festers in our lives because of sin. Is it possible that wrong actions or attitudes have made you vulnerable to doubt, insecurity and fear? Check yourself as you read these two Psalms today. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any wrongdoing in your life. Confess it as sin, renounce it, repent and yield yourself to God's mercy and grace. Commit your steps to him and determine to follow his lead in your life. ([*Psalms 139:23-24*](#))

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 upcoming Kingdom Projects. Pray for our upcoming Rod Snow outreach on Sunday, March 29.
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, March 26: Read [*Psalms 46*](#)

Psalms 46 is a classic Psalm of deliverance. Notice the extreme events and catastrophes mentioned -- earth quaking, mountains falling, kingdoms collapsing! The author claims to be fearless because God is present in the midst of cataclysmic events. Two primary questions arise from our reading. 1. Is God present in my life and circumstances? 2. Will I trust him? He is described as the Lord Almighty, a fortress, a refuge, our strength, an ever present help in trouble. Even during the corona crisis? Join with centuries of believers who have affirmed their faith and hope in God as it is declared in Psalm 46.

Thursday: Pray for "My World"

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

- **Neighbors** • People who live around me.
- **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.
- 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, the Gideons and the Bronson Food Pantry.
- **America** -- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America. Pray that God would use the Coronavirus outbreak to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.