

Thursday Pray for “My World”

- Neighbors • People who live around me.
- People at Work • Others God brings into my life. Begin to take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.

Friday, Sept. 22: Read [Genesis 12](#), [2 Peter 3](#)

Genesis 12 is the beginning of Abram’s journey. God calls him out, not only from his countrymen but from his own family (father, siblings, uncles, aunts, cousins). God calls Abram to Himself. It takes a while but Abram eventually leaves everything and follows God.

In 2 Peter 3:5-6, Peter refers to the literal creation of the world and then to a literal destruction of that world in the days of Noah. He warns the reader “Above all,” don’t forget Jesus will return. “But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells,” (v. 13).

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Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Nate & MaryBeth Brace** (Kentucky), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert Newkirk** (Jesus Film), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Mike & Fran VanBruggen** (S. Africa), **Sue Sanders** (Detroit, MI), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Danielle Tucker** (France), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (New Tribes).



- *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.*

Weekly Readings

Monday, Sept. 18: Read [Genesis 7](#), [2 John 1](#)

Genesis 7 records the dialog between God and man. God continues His purpose of fellowship with mankind and directs him as caretaker of His creation to go into the ark. God’s purpose has not changed from Genesis 1.

2 John 1: Believers are warned to not bring into their houses those who do not believe Jesus came in the flesh. This welcoming into ones house is similar to Noah being welcomed into the ark. Is your home an ark, a place of refuge? Are you hospitable to other believers, welcoming them into your house?

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Monday Pray for:

1. *My relationship with God.*
2. *My life roles*
3. *My personal needs/weak areas*
4. *Goals and objectives*

Tuesday, Sept. 19: Read [*Genesis 8, 3 John 1*](#)

Genesis 8 tells us “God remembered” Noah and the animals in the ark. There was a lot going on but they were secure in the salvation God had provided. His remembering is constant. It was not as though God was preoccupied by the shouts of people and the destruction of the earth that he forgot the small boat rocking on the flood waters. Once the boat came to rest, God spoke with Noah. Mankind and the animals were let go to continue His blessing, to populate the earth and to bring life to all the earth.

John praises his dear friend Gaius (3 John 1:5-7) for taking care of fellow believers passing through. These fellow believers may have been missionaries, taking the gospel message to other places.

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Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday Sept. 20: Read [*Genesis 9, 2 Peter 1*](#)

Genesis 9: Just as the first earth was created and God blessed Adam so God blesses Noah. However, things are different. Animals are now a part of man’s diet and animals now fear mankind. The fallen nature of man was not removed either. In a short time, Noah’s son, Ham, sins against him. It is met with a generational curse. Sin abounds and yet God promises not to destroy the earth by a flood.

In the light of Genesis 9, 2 Peter 1:3-4 tells us that we have “His divine power for a godly life ... having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.” So even though sin is in the world and we will have to contend with it, we do not have to be slaves to it.

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Wednesday’s Notes:

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church (Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)

- a. Pastors: 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.
- b. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- c. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- d. Discipleship: ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries here at BGCC.
- e. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- f. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God’s clear leading in 2017 and beyond.

Thursday, Sept. 21: Read [*Genesis 10-11, 2 Peter 2*](#)

Genesis 10-11 we are given the genealogy of the entire world to Abram. All nations come from the sons of Noah and their wives. The story of Babel is God’s preemptive strike to confuse the language of men before they corrupt the whole world, building for themselves and not for God. Abram is called out from everyone else so as to follow God. Abram will later become Abraham, the father of many nations.

2 Peter 2 warns that as there are false teachers among them so there will be false prophets. Just as mankind sought to build for their own egos the Tower of Babel in Genesis so was there false teachers in the early church. These teachers sought to build for themselves a lifestyle and following that blasphemes God. Because of them Christianity has a bad reputation and nonbelievers are given reason to doubt.

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