

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. 29: Read [Genesis 17](#), [Acts 5](#)

[Genesis 17](#). It is becoming *very personal*. God *appears* to Abram and gives him a new name, Abraham, and creates a personal, everlasting covenant. Eternity is implied, not only for Abraham, but for his ancestors. [Galatians 3:6-9](#)

In [Acts 5](#), Luke recounts the death of Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira. How we walk before God and other believers is critical. We may doubt at times but we are not to deceive. Nothing quenches the Spirit. Read [Ephesians 4](#) for more details.

Notes:

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. 25: Read [Genesis 13](#), [Acts 1](#)

[Genesis 13](#) records the success of Abram and the problem that it caused between him and his nephew Lot. God uses this to not only to bless Abram but to separate Abram from the final relative God had called him to leave. It was not disobedience but compassion that Abram cared for his nephew. Now starts the next chapter to God promising to further bless Abram and the world.

[Acts 1](#): Luke continues his accurate account, picking up from the day of Pentecost, the day God sends the Holy Spirit to dwell in the hearts of men. The commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel, the good news, is a journey that God undertakes with men for all generations to come. In a sense, God is calling us out from among the lives we once knew to new lives. As he did with Adam, Noah and Abram, so he continues to do in our lives. He blesses us and commissions us to *“be fruitful and multiply.”*

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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. 26: Read [Genesis 14, Acts 2](#)

[Genesis 14](#) records Abram rescuing Lot and his family. Many others benefited from Abram going to battle to rescue Lot. Abram is blessed by knowing that God Most High delivered Abram's enemies into his hand. Abram is established in the eyes of his neighbors as trained for battle and blessed by God.

[Acts 2](#) records that God-fearing Jews from every nation who were staying in Jerusalem heard this great sound that filled the upper room where the disciples had gathered. The people were utterly amazed, and they heard these Galileans speaking to them in their native language. Jews heard how Jesus is the messiah, prophesied for ages to come and many believed. The church is born. Jewish believers would soon leave Jerusalem to return to their homes, taking the good news of the gospel with them.

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Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday Sept. 27: Read [Genesis 15, Acts 3](#)

[Genesis 15](#): As God walked with Adam in the cool of the evening, now Abram in a vision is taken outside and in the cool of the evening shown the stars of heaven. God said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

In [Acts 3](#), Peter reminds the Jewish people that they are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He reminds them through Abraham's offspring all the people of **the world** will be blessed. This is their opportunity to repent and receive God's promise. God is going to the Gentiles next.

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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. 28: Read [Genesis 16, Acts 4](#)

[Genesis 16](#) records that Sarai, Abram's wife, was not able to have a child. Therefore, she suggests a work-around plan. It didn't work so well. God blessed Hagar in the much the same way He promised to bless Abram, "descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count." However, we read that it comes with a price even in a practical way. The Apostle Paul addresses this story in an interesting way in [Galatians 4:21-31](#). There are spiritual lessons to learn from the actual account.

[Acts 4](#): Note the profound difference when you wait for God's timing and do not create your own work-around to accomplish His plan, as Sarai and Abram had. The Apostles waited as Jesus instructed them for the Holy Spirit. They faced opposition and hard times. However, it was evident to all that God's blessing was upon them.

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