

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, Oct. 13: Read [Genesis 27](#), [Acts 15](#)

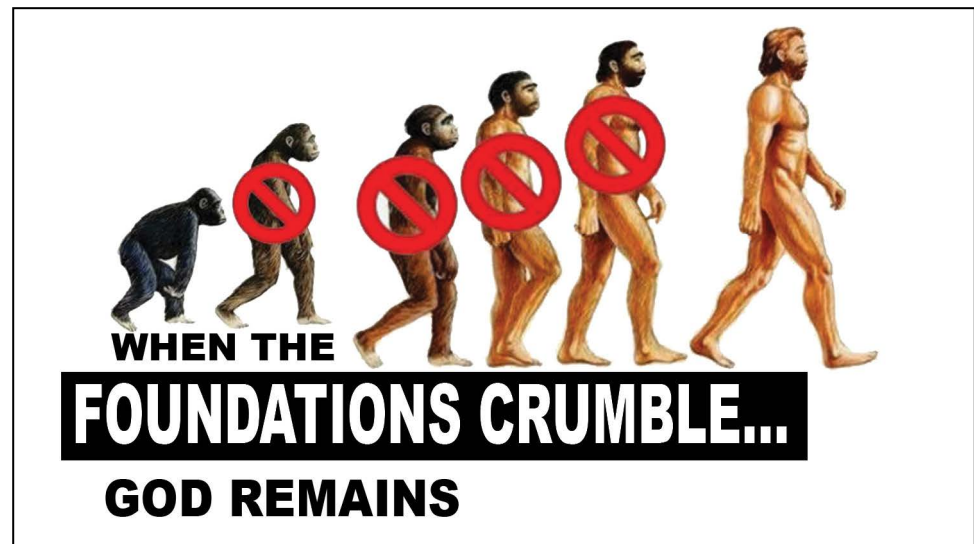
[Genesis 27](#): Jacob stands before his father and lies to steal a blessing. The irony -- the blessing was already to be his. However, in order to receive that blessing, Jacob the heel grabber, must come to realize who he was. Twice he uses the phrase "I am." It would take many years before Jacob would stand before the angel of the Lord and confess his name as Jacob. Read [1 John 1:8-10](#), [Luke 12:8-12](#)

In [Acts 15](#), the early church is having trouble. There were those who wanted the new Gentile believers to follow the ways of Moses and be circumcised. This also created an urgency with Paul to revisit the cities he had previously preached at. How were they doing? This journey that the early church was on was not an easy one. False teachers would sneak in and deceive believers. Paul was trying to keep things straight.

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Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **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), **Brad Babjack** (InterVarsity), **Alvaro and Raquel Garriga** (Interserve USA), **Saloman and Megan Guzman** (Spectrum).



Spiritual Disciplines

- *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, Oct. 9: Read [Genesis 23](#), [Acts 11](#)

[Genesis 23](#) records the death of Sarah and Abraham's grief. Abraham is well respected by those he lived among as seen in verse 6. The land of Hittites. They were descended from Heth, the son of Canaan (and great-grandson of Noah, [Genesis 10:15](#)). The religion of the Hittites was a pluralistic worship of nature. Abraham insisted that the agreement be witnessed among the people and not their nature gods associated with earth, sky and weather.

[Acts 11](#): The Gentiles are officially brought into the Church. God's grace was toward them in fullness as it was upon the Jewish believers. No longer was there to be a divide between races. The Gentiles were not required to become Jews. It was here in Antioch that they were first called Christians.

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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, Oct. 10: Read [Genesis 24, Acts 12](#)

[Genesis 24](#): We see very clearly Abraham instructs his servant to make sure that his son Isaac does not marry a woman from the surrounding area or that Isaac is to return to Abraham's relatives. Isaac is to remain separate. The vow he has his servant make is before the Lord, the God of Heaven and Earth. It is not like the purchase of a tomb we read about in the previous chapter. God is the witness. His servant's success was dependent upon the Lord to send his angel before him to prepare the way.

[Acts 12](#): As we look at the early church, we see that God sends His Spirit to prepare people for the gospel. Unlike the case from Genesis 24, where Abraham was given specific directions for his son Isaac which excluded others, the Spirit is inclusive. We are to go because the Spirit is already working in the hearts of people to receive the word. Read [Romans 10:13-15](#), and [Matthew 10:16-20](#) (Jesus prepares them for what they will face as he sends them out into the world).

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Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday Oct. 11: Read [Genesis 25, Acts 13](#)

[Genesis 25](#): The death of Abraham brings back the boys to bury their father. We are given an update about Ishmael. Isaac prays for his wife Rebekah and she has twins, two nations are born from her womb. God lays out his plan to Isaac. Contrary to tradition, the older will serve the younger and the younger is not deserving. If God chose according to those most deserving then the gospel would be a different story.

[Acts 13](#) records Paul's calling as a missionary to the Gentiles. Paul and other other disciples do not mix words nor do they hide their message with parables. This is a time to clearly proclaim God's message, Jesus the Messiah. Read [2 Corinthians 4:1-6, Romans 10:8-13](#)

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, Oct. 12: Read [Genesis 26, Acts 14](#)

[Genesis 26](#): So begins the life of Isaac without Abraham. God blesses Isaac to such a degree that Abimelek king of the Philistines in Gerar and his people could not deny it. The significance of water in a desert cannot be over stated. God continued to bless Isaac with many wells. His servants had to do the hard work of digging but God blessed their labors. Such is the case with spiritual blessing. Read [John 4:1-42, Luke 11:1-11](#) (We are taught to pray for daily bread and then followed by seeking it).

[Acts 14](#): Paul's missionary journey was filled with many obstacles. If he would looked simply at the circumstances that surrounded his journey he might have thought God was not with him. The prosperity and blessing they experienced was the salvation of souls. God's blessing on Isaac's journey and His blessing on Paul's journey look very different. Read [Matthew 10](#).

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