

Friday, January 21: Read [Zechariah 5-6](#); Sermon Text: [Luke 11: 1-13](#)

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries

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Spiritual Disciplines Guide

Chart the Course

Old Testament

Week of January 16, 2022

We'll pick up three more minor prophets this week, beginning with Zephaniah. The book of Zephaniah is written during the reign of King Josiah of the Southern Kingdom. His prophecies lead to a revival in Judah under the king. A key theme for Zephaniah (along with Joel) is the coming "day of the Lord". The day of the Lord is a code word for judgement, both God's local judgements on nations and also his final judgement on the world. The book of Revelation refers to several of Zephaniah's prophecies regarding coming judgement.

Haggai preaches to the Jews after the Babylonian exile, encouraging them to get to work on rebuilding the Temple. His writing is some of the best documented of the minor prophets because he gives specific dates for each of his five messages.

Zechariah is a contemporary of Haggai and also writes during the repopulation of Israel after the 70 year exile in Babylon. The prophet warns Israel of future judgement and then records a series of 8 visions to comfort Jerusalem of God's future love and grace. Read these prophecies carefully. They predict the coming ministry of Christ, with fascinating details about Jesus' life, his humility, his suffering, even his betrayal by Judas. God's word is powerful and inciteful. Let him challenge and encourage your heart this week as you read the minor prophets.

Monday, January 17: Read [Zephaniah 1-3](#)

Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Monday: Pray for yourself:

My relationship with God

My life roles and responsibilities

My personal needs/weak areas

My goals and objectives for 2022

Tuesday, January 18: Read [*Haggai 1-2*](#)

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, January 19: Read [*Zechariah 1-2*](#)

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

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. Take some time to 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 through the Kingdom Assignment "*Dare to Care*".
6. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our future plans 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 20: Read [*Zechariah 3-4*](#)

*Chapter highlights:

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*One point of application from today's reading:

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?
- Community -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County, even through the Coronavirus crisis.
- Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation, especially as churches reunite after the pandemic.
- Pray for the community parachurch ministries serving our county, including Beginnings Care for Life Center, Branch County Right to Life, Joppa Recovery/Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Center, Family Promise, Forgotten Man Ministries, Freedom Recovery Center, 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. Pray for God's guidance and protection for our nation in the coming weeks and months.