

Friday, January 28: Read [Malachi 3-4](#); Sermon Text: [Luke 11: 14-53](#)

*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 23, 2022

This week we reach the end of our Old Testament journey and it's been quite a trip! Starting with Adam and Eve way back in Genesis, we've travelled with such notable saints as Abraham, Joseph, Moses, King David, Elijah, Elisha and numerous others. We've witnessed the birth of the nation Israel out of Egypt and into the promised land, the establishment of the kingdom with various good and bad earthly kings, and the fall of that same kingdom and its dissolution into exile. Then we saw the return of Israel to its land, the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple, and now finally, its reestablishment as a nation edging up to the time of the New Testament and the coming of Christ. What a trip! We've learned a lot these past twelve months! There is a special blessing that comes through reading the Bible; one that cannot be attained any other way. Great going to you who have stayed the course.

This week we will finish the book of Zechariah and round out the Old Testament with Malachi. Zechariah is called a post exilic prophet. He, along with Haggai, write to encourage the Jews who are back in Israel from Babylon as well as to predict future events related to the first and the second coming of Christ. Malachi speaks to the sins of the priests and the people against one another. In chapter 3, he predicts the coming of a messenger (John the Baptist), called Elijah in chapter 4, who will prepare the way for Israel's Messiah, Jesus Christ. He challenges Israel to reinstate tithing out of love for God and then watch to see how he blesses them. The book finishes with the promise of a new day for the nation if they remain faithful to God.

Monday, January 24: Read [Zechariah 7-9](#)

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 25: Read [Zechariah 10-12](#)

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, January 26: Read [Zechariah 13-14](#)

*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 27: Read [Malachi 1-2](#)

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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.