Friday, November 4: Read <u>Psalms 13-15</u>
*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
Week of October 30, 2022

Having read through the book of Proverbs, we will now turn our attention towards a devotional read-through of the book of Psalms. The Old Testament Psalms are a collection of hymns written primarily by King David and his contemporaries. The writing style of Psalms, like Proverbs, is Hebrew Poetry. At the same time, many of the Psalms have a historic context (what was happening at the time it was written). This will be stated at the heading of the Psalm. The Psalms can be divided into various types or themes of psalms, such as Praise Psalms, Psalms of Confession, Lament or Complaint Psalms, Prophetic Psalms, Royal Psalms, Creation Psalms, Psalms of Thanksgiving and Historical Psalms. As you go through your readings each day, try to determine what type of Psalm you are reading. What is the basic theme or message the author is conveying? Ask yourself, what can you learn about God's character, how to better praise or thank him, or what action you can take through the reading. You might want to use each day's Psalms as a guide for prayer, or, as a prompter for praising God, or for confessing sin. Let God speak to you through the Psalms. But then speak back the Psalms to God. Enjoy these deep and meaningful scriptures over the next couple months of reading.

Monday, October 31: Read Psalms 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 this fall season.

*Chapter highlights:
*A key passage for me:
*One point of application from today's reading:
Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, November 2: Read Psalms 7-9

Tuesday, November 1: Read *Psalms 4-6*

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

- 1. <u>Leadership:</u> 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. <u>Worship:</u> 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. <u>Fellowship:</u> 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. <u>Discipleship:</u> 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. <u>Future Faith Goals:</u> 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, November 3: Read *Psalms 10-12*

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*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.
- <u>People at Work</u> 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?
- <u>Community</u> -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County, even through time of crisis.
- Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation, especially
 as churches reunite after the pandemic.
- <u>Pray for the community parachurch ministries</u> 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.
- <u>America:</u> Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival
 in America. Pray that God would use the pandemic, the economy and world
 events to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for God's guidance and
 protection for our nation in the coming weeks and months.