

Friday, November 5: Read [Jeremiah 7-9](#); Sermon Text: [Luke 6:17-40](#)

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries

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Bible Reading 2021
Chart the Course
Old Testament
Week of October 31, 2021

The book of Isaiah finishes up with a combination of prophecies and exhortations. Chapter 61 was sighted by Jesus when he inaugurated his public ministry at his hometown synagogue in Nazareth. 63 and 64 are an appeal to God's mercy on behalf of Israel. The final two chapters of Isaiah set the stage for Christ's eternal kingdom when God recreates the new heavens and earth and reigns among his people forever.

On Wednesday, we will break into the book of Jeremiah. His book contains a series of messages directed to the southern kingdom, Judah, in the face of their exile to Babylon. This is a last ditch effort to convince Israel to return to God before it is too late. He actually survives the siege of Jerusalem and the succeeding exile of the nation into Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar gave Jeremiah the option of going to Babylon or staying with the few Israelites who remain in the land. He chooses to stay there and continue preaching. Jeremiah is eventually taken with a group of Jews to Egypt where it is believed he dies. His book is heavy reading, though Jeremiah never loses his compassion for the people and his love for the land. He is often referred to as the weeping prophet. He suffers persecution for his stand for righteousness, but remains faithful to God and his message for some 40 years of ministry.

Monday, November 1: Read [Isaiah 61-63](#)

*Chapter highlights:

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Monday: Pray for yourself:

My relationship with God

My life roles and responsibilities

My personal needs/weak areas

My goals and objectives for 2021

Tuesday, November 2: Read [*Isaiah 64-66*](#)

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, November 3: Read [*Jeremiah 1-3*](#)

*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, November 4: Read [*Jeremiah 4-6*](#)

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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.