Friday, November 19: Read <u>Jeremiah 38-40</u> ; Sermon Text: <u>Luke 7:36-50</u>
*Chapter highlights:
*A key passage for me:
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*One point of application from today's reading:
Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries
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Old Testament

Week of November 14, 2021

Jeremiah is often called the weeping prophet. This week's readings will give ample evidence to that as not only he announces coming judgment and sufferings of Israel, he himself will suffer much. He is banned from the temple, accused of siding with Babylon and his writings are destroyed. He is imprisoned in the palace at Jerusalem. He is later beaten and imprisoned in a dungeon and kept there until Jerusalem eventually falls to Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon. His prayer in chapter 32 gives insight into one of God's great spokesmen, a man who suffered much for the sake of his disobedient countrymen but remained steady and true to the historic assignment God had given him years earlier. And God's promise to him personally (*Jeremiah 1:17-19*) is fulfilled time and time again as Jeremiah suffers but still survives, both death and the Babylonian captivity of the nation.

Don't miss a highlight chapter of Jeremiah this week, chapter 29. Verse 11 is a favorite Old Testament verse, often quoted by Christians or posted on plaques on church walls. Notice the context, however, of the promise -- exile! When Israel is at its lowest, God speaks up and promises a better future of hope and prosperity. He can do the same for you and I as well!

Monday, November 15: Read Jeremiah 26-28

*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 2021

*A key passage for me:
*One point of application from today's reading:
Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.
Wednesday, November 17: Read Jeremiah 32-34
*Chapter highlights:
*A key passage for me:

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

*One point of application from today's reading:

Tuesday, November 16: Read *Jeremiah 29-31*

*Chapter highlights:

- 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. <u>Outreach:</u> 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 18: Read Jeremiah 35-37

*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 the Coronavirus crisis.
- <u>Pray for the area churches</u> 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 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.