Friday, February 18: Read <u>Luke 19-20</u> ; Sermon Text: <u>Luke 13:1-35</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 Chart the Course Old Testament Week of February 13, 2022

After one week of reading, we are almost half way through the gospel of Luke. In *chapter 1:3*, Luke tells us that having investigated everything carefully, he is writing an orderly account. We assume that means he records Jesus' life, teachings and ministry as it occurred chronologically. Last week we covered Jesus' birth, his temptation, the inaugeration of his ministry in Nazareth, his collecting disciples, his healing ministry and much of his teaching on the kingdom of God. About chapter 11, the Pharisees and religious leaders of Israel begin to turn up the opposition to his miracles and teaching. You will notice quite a few less miracles in our reading this week and quite a few more parables. Apparently Jesus began to tone down his public outreach in order to hone in on training and preparing his disciples for his coming absence with them physically. Read pensively. Allow the words of Christ to penetrate your soul and to increase your faith (*Romans 10:17*). We will finish this week's ten chapters with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the coming passion of Christ during his last week of ministry.

Monday, February 14: Read *Luke 11-12*

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 winter session.

*A key passage for me:
*One point of application from today's reading:
Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.
Wednesday, February 16: Read <u>Luke 15-16</u>
*Chapter highlights:
*A key passage for me:
*One point of application from today's reading:

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

Tuesday, February 15: Read Luke 13-14

*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, February 17: Read *Luke 17-18*

*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.
- 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.
- <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.