

Friday, August 5: Read [2 Peter 2-3](#)

*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

New Testament

Week of July 31, 2022

The Apostle Paul writes his epistle to God's elect, scattered abroad. He is likely meaning the Jewish believers who have been scattered across Asia Minor and Europe due to persecution. His basic theme is suffering in the Christian life and the glory that will be ours through Christ. He is calling Christians to gear up for adversity because we belong to Jesus, who also suffered. At the same time, Peter is exhorting believers to live up to their calling as Christians, to live moral and upright lives as a testimony to their adversaries.

1-2 Peter are instructive for us today who are increasingly facing opposition to our message and our way of life. We live in a culture that is in moral decline. Our assignment from Jesus Christ himself is to be salt and light. Peter's epistles give us simple and practical ways to do just that. He concludes both letters by reminding us of biblical prophecy and the second coming of Christ which he refers to as the day of the Lord. On that day, God will right all wrongs and reward all his people who have been faithful to him in the face of opposition.

Monday, August 1: Read [1 Peter 1-2](#)

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 summer season.

Tuesday, August 2: Read [1 Peter 3](#)

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Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, August 3: Read [1 Peter 4-5](#)

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*A key passage for me:

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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, August 4: Read [2 Peter 1](#)

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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 time of 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 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.