

Friday, August 19: Read [*Revelation 5*](#)

*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 August 14, 2022

We've finally come to the end of the New Testament as we tackle the salty book of Revelation. Because of the apocalyptic style of writing, let's slow down and read one chapter a day over the next four weeks. You'll need to think carefully about each chapter's content. You'll encounter some straight forward narrative, but much of the material is written in figurative language which requires discernment and some extra background information.

Primary to the Apostle John's book of Revelation is the person of Jesus Christ. Notice the first verse of chapter one. We often refer to the book as Revelations (plural), but there is no S on this word in verse one. It is singular. It is the revelation of Jesus, a greater disclosure to his identity, his glory and his mission to administer history in the last days. So we must consistently ask as we read, "What am I learning about Jesus? What greater insights can I gain as to his nature, his attributes, his prerogatives as divinity?"

Don't back down from our assignment over the next four weeks. Jump full in! Expect God to reveal more to you about Jesus and God's plan for all creation. Let's get started. I'll check in each week with some more suggestions for your reading. Take heart in God's promise to us in chapter one, verse three -- He will bless you for reading this book if you apply its truths to your own life.

Monday, August 15: Read [*Revelation 1*](#)

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 16: Read [Revelation 2](#)

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, August 17: Read [Revelation 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, August 18 Read [Revelation 4](#)

*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.
- 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.
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