



Spiritual Disciplines Guide

Chart the Course

Old Testament

Week of January 30, 2022

Having recently finished reading through the Old Testament, allow me to suggest a “flex week” while we gear up for our next reading campaign. Next Monday, February 7, we will launch our corporate efforts to read through the New Testament over the next 5-6 months. Meanwhile, let’s take five days this week to highlight five big events or focusses from the pages of the Old Testament. These are five highlights that occur to me. There are many more and probably several that you would also suggest. Monday let’s reread the story of Creation and the Fall of Mankind. Tuesday we will review the covenants that God made with Noah, Abraham and David. Each of these covenants are also influential for us as Christians today. Wednesday we will go to the book of Deuteronomy and look at the Summary of Moses’ Moral Law and Israel’s responsibility to obey. Thursday we will highlight the Old Testament chapters that predict the future suffering of Christ, his resurrection and glory. Then Friday, we will look at two chapters in Isaiah that point to the final fulfillment of the Kingdom of God as it is also spelled out in Revelation 21. What other Old Testament themes or highlights would you recommend?

Enjoy the week!

Monday, January 31: Read [*Genesis 1-3*](#)

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.

Tuesday, February 1: Read [Genesis 9:1-17; 12_1-3 and 2 Samuel 7](#)

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, February 2: Read [Deuteronomy 5-6](#)

*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.

1. 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*”.
2. 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, February 2: Read [Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53](#)

*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 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.

Friday, February 4: Read [*Isaiah 60 and 65*](#); Sermon Text: [*Luke 12:13-48*](#)

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries

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