

Bible Reading 2021

## Chart the Course

Old Testament Week of March 14, 2021

This week will finish up the book of Leviticus and then start up our reading in Numbers. The book of Numbers pretty much picks up where Leviticus leaves off. It is named for the two censuses that occur -- one leaving Sinai and one taken 40 years later before entering the promised land. God has rescued his people from Egypt, given them his law at Sinai and now governs them in the desert through Moses, supernaturally guiding and providing for them over a period of 40 years. There are many notable elements of Numbers, but one is the assignment of tasks -- everyone has work to do. This is true for us as well in the church. We, as God's people, are responsible to build up the church and extend his Kingdom. A counter theme in Numbers is how quickly people can become dissatisfied and grumble against one another and God. Because of this repeated failure, a trip that should have taken them three weeks to arrive in Canaan ends up taking them 40 years!

Monday, March 15: Read Leviticus 21-24

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

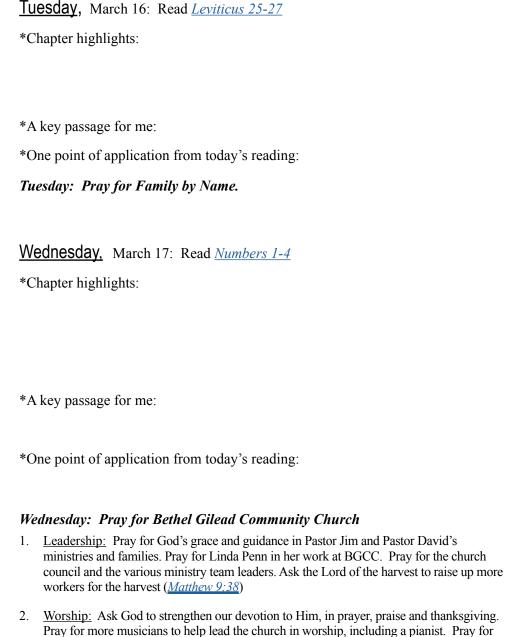
## Monday: Pray for yourself:

My relationship with God

My life roles and responsibilities

My personal needs/weak areas

My goals and objectives for 2021



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.

time to pray through this past Sunday's congregational prayer requests.

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

the development of a youth praise team.

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- 1. <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*".
- 2. <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, March 18: Read Numbers 5-8

\*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 quarantine.
- <u>Pray for the community parachurch ministries</u> serving our county, including Beginnings Care for Life Center, Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Center, Damascus Road Ministry, Family Promise, Forgotten Man Ministries, God's Choice Church, Jacob's Well Ministry, Presbyterian Free Health Clinic, Shelterhouse, 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.

