

“Then They Will Know That I Am the Lord”
Ezekiel 5:1-4; 6:1-14

“The **sorrows** of those who run after another god **shall multiply**” (Psalm 16:4a). “Those who pay regard to vain idols **forsake their hope of steadfast love**” (Jonah 2:8). “Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods; therefore I will save you no more. Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen; let them **save you in your time of distress**” (Judges 10:13-14). “And there is no other god besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides Me. **Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!** For I am God, and **there is no other**” (Isaiah 45:21b-22).

“But you, O mountains of Israel, shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people Israel, for they will soon come home. **For behold, I am for you**, and I will turn to you, and **you shall be tilled and sown**” (Ezekiel 36:8-9; cf. Ezekiel 36:1-15). “That the creation itself will be **set free from its bondage to corruption** and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now” (Romans 8:21-22).

- **“And you shall know that I am the LORD**, when their slain lie among their idols and around their altars, on every high hill, on all the mountaintops, under every green tree, and under every leafy oak, wherever they offered pleasing aroma to all their idols.”
 - The mountains were where Israel practiced idolatry. (**Leviticus 26:30-33**; Isaiah 65:7; Jeremiah 3:6)
 - There was also Baal worship that took place in the valleys. (Isaiah 57:5; Jeremiah 2:23; 7:31-32)
 - When Judah had godly kings they would tear down these places of idolatry, but Israel would return back to their idols. (2 Kings 18:4; **23:4-5**)
- “And say, ‘You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD God.’”
 - The land (and the earth) is the Lord’s and is used for the Lord’s purposes. (**Leviticus 18:24-28**; 25:23)
- “Yet I will **leave some of you** alive....”
 - The people of Jerusalem will either die from the sword, from disease, or from famine. But God will save a remnant so that His purposes for Israel are accomplished. This is because of grace and mercy. (**Ezekiel 5:1-4**; 6:12)
 - **A Remnant** (a leftover amount from a larger portion or piece) has been a normative practice in God’s economy. (Isaiah 10:20-21; 1 Kings 19:18; Matthew 7:13-14; **Romans 9:27-28**; **11:4,26**)
- “How I have been broken over **their whoring heart** that has departed from Me and over their eyes that go whoring after other idols.”

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We would like to shower our pastor with love and encouragement during the month of October. Feel free to write a note of thanks or encouragement to Pastor Jeremy, and if you would like, feel free to include a gift or a gift card with your note. All notes and gifts can be given to Lauren Abdalla anytime throughout the month, she will collect them all and present them to Pastor Jeremy at the end of the month. We are also taking a special collection throughout the month of October for Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to give a monetary gift, you can either use the donation container on the back table, making any checks out directly to Pastor Jeremy Scarberry, or with Venmo, by sending it directly to Lauren Abdalla (Church Treasurer). Please contact Lauren Abdalla with any questions and/or if you need her personal Venmo (740)624-7921. Lastly, we would also encourage you to be praying for Pastor Jeremy and Krystal throughout this month. There are specific prayer requests from them on the back table. Please feel free to take those home with you and to set aside time to pray for them throughout this month.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have two different ministries that are in need of some volunteers:

- The Maintenance Ministry** is looking for two to three people to join the ministry to help with the set-up and teardown for services and fellowship meals. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Hunter Ardrey.
- The Children's Ministry** is also looking for some volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member, if you have any questions about Church Membership, and/or if you are interested in learning more about the Church By-Laws and Statements of Faith, we are having a New Members' Class in November! This is a 2 week class that will be offered on Sunday, November 3rd, and Sunday, November 10th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions about the New Members' Class, please see Elder Zach Adams.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, October 20th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour and a half of prayer.

★**FALL GET-TOGETHER:** We are having a Fall Get-Together on Sunday, October 27th, at Andy's house, starting at 5pm. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, as all festivities will be outside! Hotdogs and s'mores will be provided, but plan to bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** If you are currently a Church Member, please mark your calendars and plan on attending the Members' Meeting on Sunday, November 10th, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting we will be presenting the 2025 Budget as well as voting on Elder Zach for the Associate Pastor position.