

“Take Care Lest You Forget the LORD Your God”
Ezekiel 3:22-4:17

“For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, **in which you will lack nothing**, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land He has given you. **Take care lest you forget the LORD your God** by not keeping His commandments and His rules and His statutes, which I commanded you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them....**and all that you have is multiplied**, then **your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God....**” (Deuteronomy 8:7-14)

- Ezekiel 3:22-27: A Private Ministry (Ezekiel 8:1;33:21-22)
 - “Go, shut yourself within your house.”
 - “You cannot go out among the people.”
 - “So that you shall be mute and unable to reprove them.”
 - “He who will hear, let him hear; and he who will refuse to hear, let him refuse, for they are a rebellious house.”

- Ezekiel 4:1-17: The Coming Destruction of Jerusalem (**588-586 BC; 2 Kings 25:1-21**)
 - Ezekiel is a “visible sign” to those who are spiritually deaf (4:3).
 - The brick or “soft clay” was what was used by the Babylonians and Assyrians for writing down information.
 - Because Ezekiel was a “true prophet” he was to be listened to, and his words were to be “feared” (Deuteronomy 18:21-22).
 - The “iron griddle” was a tool used by the priests/Levites to prepare some of the offerings in the worship of God (Leviticus 2:5; 6:21; 7:9).
 - Ezekiel is suffering along with God’s people, he is “bearing their sins” so to say.
 - From Rehoboam to Zedekiah it was 390 years, beginning after the 3 years Rehoboam had followed the LORD (2 Chronicles 11:16-17).
 - From Josiah to the destruction of Jerusalem was 40 years (2 Kings 22:16-20).
 - Ezekiel having his “arm bare” pointed to the arm of the LORD being against Israel/Judah (Jeremiah 21:5;Ezekiel 20:33-34).
 - “Thus shall the people of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations where I will drive them.”
 - **2 Chronicles 36:11-16**

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.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship THIS Sunday, October 6th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal! EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism Service will be on Sunday, October 13th. If you are interested in being baptized or if you have any questions about baptism, please see Pastor Jeremy or one of the other Elders.

★**COMMUNION:** We will be celebrating and partaking of Communion together as a church body THIS Sunday, October 6th.

★**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.