

“But Touch No One on Whom is the Mark”
Ezekiel 9:1-11

“At the cross of Christ is where we find the mystery of the infinite **love of God** and the infinite **justice of God** fully exposed for humanity to see.”

“Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate Him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates Him. He will repay him to his face” (Deuteronomy 7:9-10). “The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made” (Psalm 145:8-9). “For I knew that You are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster” (Jonah 4:2).

- Ezekiel 9:1-11:
 - “Bring near the executioners of the city”: The time had come for the people to reap what they had sown (Galatians 6:9-10).
 - These “executioners” are probably the angels that protected Israel and Judah (Daniel 10:20-21; cf. Daniel 4:13,23). The Babylonians are the instrument that God will use to bring His wrath on the city (Ezekiel 5:12).
 - “A man clothed in linen, with a writing case at his waist”: Linen represents high rank or a special service (Daniel 10:5; 12:6); it also is a part of the priest's wardrobe (Leviticus 16:4).
 - “Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub on which it rested to the threshold of the house.”: It is for God’s glory that God judges sin and it is for God’s glory that God saves sinners.
 - “For Your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.” (Psalm 25:11)
 - “But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity...” (Ezekiel 3:19)
 - “Put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.”: It is normative in God’s economy to mark his people as a sign of rescue from judgment (Exodus 12:23; Revelation 7:1-3; Ephesians 1:13-14).
 - “Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain”: Dead bodies were a great defilement to God’s people, it made them unclean, keeping them from the worship of God (Numbers 19:11-13).
 - “Ah, LORD God! Will You destroy all the remnant of Israel....?”: It is normal Biblically for a man of God to plead for the people as Judgment is coming (Abraham – Genesis 18:16-33; Moses – Exodus 32:11-14; Paul – Romans 9:1-3).
 - “I will bring their deeds upon their heads.”: They had chosen justice instead of mercy.

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Our donation collection for November is a little different this year. We have partnered with Licking County Job & Family Services and the Salvation Army to sponsor 15 children for this Christmas Season. As you probably saw, there is an Angel Tree at the back of the sanctuary. We ask that if you want to participate that you would PLEASE read the instructions for this donation collection BEFORE taking an Angel Tag off of the tree. These instructions can be found on the November Newsletter, or you can see Krystal directly for these instructions. This donation collection will run from November 3d to December 8th. If you have any questions, please see Krystal.

★**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.

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

★**HEARTCRY MISSIONARY REPORT:** THIS Sunday, November 10th, we will have a representative from HeartCry Missionary Society joining us for our worship service. He will be sharing updates from the missionary field at the end of the worship service.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, November 17th, 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.

★**FRIENDSGIVING:** We will be having our annual Friendsgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 23rd, at 5:30pm. There are TWO sign-up lists hanging on the wall in the entryway. If you plan on attending, we ask that you please sign-up, so we can get an idea of how much food we will need. Even if you aren't 100% sure if you will be able to attend or not, we would ask that you still sign-up, we would rather have too much food than not enough! The second list is the food list, please sign-up to bring something for the Friendsgiving Dinner! As always, EVERYONE is invited to join us for this wonderful time of food and fellowship! We also ask that you bring your favorite board/card game to play and plan to stay after the meal to play games together!

★**THANKSGIVING:** We will NOT be having a worship service on Thursday, November 28th!

★**CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND FELLOWSHIP:** On Friday, December 6th, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. We will be starting at 6pm, refreshments will be provided. We would love for you all to join us for music, decorating, fun, and fellowship! Please let Kathleen Riley know if you are interested in participating in this!

★**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** On January 5th we are going to offer a Sunday School for all people at Legacy from 9-10:15am each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall to see what kind of interest there might be for teaching the Scriptures before the worship service at 10:30am. We will be studying the book of Daniel, "God's Sovereignty over Nations and Israel and the Future Millennial Age." The book of Daniel is the most comprehensive prophetic revelation of the Old Testament, giving the only total view of world history from Babylon to the second coming of Christ. There is more information about this class in the November Newsletter. Please let Elder Richard know if you are interested so he can prepare notes for each one attending. There will be coffee and donuts each Sunday for class.