

“How Sick is Your Heart, Declares the Lord God”  
Ezekiel 16:1-34

*“According to some Jewish Tradition this chapter was not to be read or translated in public. Yet no passage of Scripture is more forceful or vivid than this chapter which is a remarkable and unparalleled setting forth of God’s dealings with Israel from the beginning and their response to His amazing love towards them. God offered boundless love and Israel offered unfaithfulness.” (Charles Lee Feinberg)*

*“They answered Him, ‘Abraham is our father.’ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were Abraham’s children, you would be **doing the works Abraham did**.... You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires.” (John 8:39,44a)*

*“For you are a **people holy** to the LORD your God. The **LORD your God has chosen** you to be a people for **His treasured possession**, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.” (Deuteronomy 7:6)*

*“Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken: Children have I reared and brought up, but **they have rebelled against Me**. The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master’s crib, but Israel does not know, My people do not understand.” (Isaiah 1:2-3)*

*“When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, ‘Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for **the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD**.” (Hosea 1:2)*

- *“As for your birth” (16:3-4):* The call of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-9).
- *“No eye pitied you” (16:5):* The Slavery of the Israelites (Exodus 1:10-14).
- *“You grew up and became tall” (16:6-7):* The growth of the Nation (Exodus 12:37).
- *“I made My vow to you and entered into a covenant with you” (16:8-13):* God’s Covenant with them (Exodus 19:1-6).
- *“And your renown went forth among the nations” (16:14):* The peak of the Nation (1 Kings 10:8-9,23-24).
- *“But you trusted in your beauty and played the whore” (16:15-22):* This points to the idolatrous practices of the Nation (1 Kings 11:6-8).
- *“You also played the whore with the Egyptians....you played the whore also with the Assyrians” (16:23-29):* Instead of looking to God for protection they looked to Egypt and Assyria (Isaiah 30:1-7; Hosea 5:13,8:9).
- *“You gave payment, while no payment was given to you” (16:30-34):* They gave the wealth God had given them to foreign nations, again for protection (2 Kings 16:8-9).

**Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of January we are collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats. Heartbeats is a life-affirming pregnancy resource medical center serving the people of our community with the love of Christ. For more information about Heartbeats and what they do, please see the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. You can give your monetary donations on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for Heartbeats. Or you can put your monetary donations in the container on the back table.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, January 12th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, January 18th, at 7am, at the Big Apple Café — Log Pond. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Pastor Zach (740)618-0739.

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism service will be on Sunday, January 19th. If you are interested in being baptized or having any questions about being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Zach, or one of the other Elders.

★**CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our monthly Church Game Night will be on Sunday, January 19th, starting at 5pm, at Andy's house. Please bring your favorite board or card game to play and bring a food item to share with everyone!