

“Because Your Heart is Proud”  
Ezekiel 28:1-19; Jeremiah 9:23-26

*“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). “But He turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. **For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.**” (Matthew 16:23).  
“Following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in **the sons of disobedience.**”  
(Ephesians 2:2)*

*“Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” (Matthew 25:41)*

*“The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, **against the LORD and against His Anointed,** saying, ‘Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.’” (Psalm 2:2-3)*

- Ezekiel was called to lament over the king and the people of Tyre. “I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked.” (Ezekiel 33:11)
  - The King of Tyre was Ithobal 2nd, and he was a representative of the pride and self-sufficiency of the people of Tyre.
    - Ithobal and the people of Tyre would have considered him a “god.” God will show him and the people of Tyre that this is not the case.
  - In Chapter 27 there is a strong emphasis on the economic power and success of the city of Tyre. Their abundance and blessings has led to pride (Ezekiel 27:3b,12-25).
  - The Phoenicians like the Israelites practiced circumcision (Ezekiel 28:10).
- The king of Tyre (Ezekiel 28:12-17) & The king of Babylon (Isaiah 14:12-14)
  - “Your heart is proud” (Ezekiel 28:2,17).
  - “You claimed to be a god” (Ezekiel 28:2; Isaiah 14:13-14)
  - “You were a man of wisdom” (Ezekiel 28:3,12)
  - “You were surrounded by great wealth/beauty” (Ezekiel 28:5, 12-13)
    - These stones are associated with the presence of God, both in the description of the priest's garments (Exodus 28:17-20) and in heaven (Revelation 21:19-21).
    - Fire (Ezekiel 28:14) is often associated with being in the presence of God or even with God Himself (Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24; Exodus 3:2; Leviticus 9:24; Acts 2:3-4).
  - “You were corrupted from your proud heart” (Ezekiel 28:2,5-6,17)
  - “You lost your splendor” (Ezekiel 28:7,16-17; Isaiah 14:12)

### **Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of April we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. The goal of their ministry is to glorify God and to bring the greatest possible good to humanity through the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of biblical churches throughout the world by means of equipping and mobilizing indigenous churches and missionaries. For more information about HeartCry, please see the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. You can give your monetary donations on Venmo, please make sure to mark that it is for HeartCry. You can also put your monetary donations into the container on the back table.

★**BAPTISMS:** We are having a Baptism Service THIS Sunday, April 13th. If you have any questions about baptism or if you are interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Zach, Elder Richard, or Elder Jake.

★**EASTER SERVICES:** Easter is a great time to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and loved ones to join you for church to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!

- Good Friday Service: Friday, April 18th, at 6:30pm. ***There will be no service NEXT Thursday, April 17th.***
- Easter Sunday at 10:30am. ***There will be NO Children's Ministry available for the Easter Sunday Service.***

★**MENS BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th, at 7am, at the Big Apple Café — Log Pond location. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Pastor Zach (740)618-0739.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have a couple opportunities for you all to serve:

- The Children's Ministry is looking to add volunteers to their ministry. If you are a church member and are interested in serving in this ministry, or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.
- The Greeting Ministry is also looking to add volunteers to their team, specifically male volunteers. If you are a church member and are interested in serving in this ministry, or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Shawn Bailey.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is THIS Sunday, April 13th, 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.