

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:**

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Nick Bryant	David Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Joshua Brasher	Mark Wright
Closing Prayer	John Henry Long	Steve Foster

**NEXT WEEK:**

Opening Prayer	Sherrill Smith	Nick Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Jacob Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Dylan Holt	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	David Brasher	Nick Bryant

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****SUNDAY:**

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Bible Class 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
(Meet-Eat-Meet each fifth Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:**

Bible Study 6:30 PM

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# The Follower

September 12, 2021

## Lessons We Can Learn from Ezekiel

Ezekiel was called as a prophet of God after the first wave of Israelites was taken captive to Babylon. He would soon be exiled, as well, and his commission would be to prophesy a message of hope to those in captivity. We can learn some lessons from Ezekiel.

*And he said unto me, Son of man... I send thee to the children of Israel...and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God (Ezek. 2:1-4). Ezekiel was sent by God to speak His word to a people described by God as *impudent children and stiffhearted (Ezek. 2:4)* and a *rebellious house (Ezek. 2:5)*. And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear... (Ezek. 2:7).* We are not responsible for their hearing and obeying, but rather that we present the word of God to a lost and dying world.

*Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel (Ezekiel 3:1).* For Ezekiel, the eating of the roll was a figure of consuming the word of God. How can we speak the word of God if we do not know it? We are further challenged, then, by this exhortation: *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God...*

(Heb. 5:12). It is our responsibility to fill ourselves with His word so that we will be prepared to share it with others.

*Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at f my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand (Ezek. 3:17-18).* We, too, are to be watchmen for God by warning the lost to heed His word. If the wicked are warned and yet give no heed to God, then it is solely on them. But if we neglect to warn them, we are also guilty.

May we develop a desire to reach the lost, and may we learn from God's instructions to Ezekiel and prepare ourselves for the opportunities He presents us.

~Freeman

## Remember in Prayer . . .

- Pam's knee surgery has been postponed for at least three weeks due to the Covid situation in the hospital.
- **David Hilliard** has tested positive for Covid, but does not appear to have a bad case.
- Continue to remember the family of **Kayla Hudgens** in her passing on Thursday. The burial will be private, for family only.
- **David Whitlock**, Joe's brother-in-law in Texas, is in serious condition with lung issues.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; John; Edward Ray & Jean; Orvaline; Tracy Hughes (Jeanie's brother); JoAnn Moore; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine; Richard Climer; Gaylon Sydnor (leukemia); the school system as it deals with Covid; residents and staff of area assisted living facilities....

## News and Notes . . .

- **Welcome to our assembly!** We encourage our visitors to stay following services and let us get acquainted with you.
- **Wednesday night devo: Nick Bryant**
- **Gospel Meeting at Cades** beginning today; Chad Ezelle is to speak at 1:30 this afternoon. Evening services begin at 7:00: Will Norrid (Mon), Ken Roberts (Tue), and Tim Fuqua (Wed).

### MEMORY VERSES - John 1:1:

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Go therefore and make *disciples* of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the  
*Father* and of the *Son* and of the *Holy Spirit*,  
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.  
And behold, *I am with you always*, to the end of the age.  
Matthew 28:19-20