

## Those To Serve

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Gary Bridgman

Closing: Bobby Smithee

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Chris Ball

Closing: Jim Bangs

Singing: Bobby Smithee

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Randy Harris

## The Record:

### Attendance:

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

AM 53 PM 33

*[Average for the Year]*

AM [56] PM [36]

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

39 *[Average for the Year]* [38]

### Contribution:

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

Actual \$ 1,762.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

*[Year-to-Date]* \$ 89,081.00

*[Average]* \$ 2,407.59

*[+/- Budget]* \$ (738.00)

*[YTD +/- Budget]* \$ (4,217.00)

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## Thoughts from Bill:

### What Happens When a Nation Continues in Sin?

#### Ezekiel 14:12-23

What happens when a nation turns against God and continues to sin? Proverbs 14:34 says: "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people." Isaiah 1:4 tells us that a sinful nation "provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel." The results of a nation living under sin are also evident in the book of Ezekiel where the Holy Spirit, through the words of Ezekiel, reminds Israel of what sin has led them to, including the captivity that they were enduring at the time. Is our country in need of asking: "What happens when a nation continues to sin?" Yes, indeed.

Why did Israel face the wrath of God? They had taken the blessings of God and used them to satisfy their evil desires as seen in Ezekiel 16:15-19. They were even guilty of

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## Plan of Salvation

### Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

### Believe

Hebrews 11:6

### Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

### Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

### Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

## Sermons for September 22, 2024

**A.M.—What Happens When a**

**Nation Continues in Sin?**

**P.M.—Guest Speaker:**

**Praveen Varada**

**Scripture: Ezekiel 14:12-23**

### Schedule of Services

**Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM**

**Sunday AM Worship: 10:00**

**Sunday PM Worship: 5:00**

**Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

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sacrificing their children to the pagan gods, and thus these innocents suffered (Eze. 16:20-21). Are we guilty of "sacrificing" our children because we live a life of sin? Israel committed spiritual prostitution because their heart was weak and degenerate.

What will God do to a nation that continues in sin? The answer is evident in most of the writings of the prophets in the Old Testament. Israel and Judah both were carried away into captivity and lost everything. Ezekiel said Judah would face famine, ruin, wild beasts, and death by the sword (14:1-20). They were already in captivity because of their refusal to repent. God has the right to destroy any nation that will not repent, including America.

What do we need to learn today about Ezekiel's warning to Judah? First, the righteousness of those before us and the present righteousness of some will not save us from the wickedness of a nation. God through Ezekiel said that if Noah, Daniel, and Job were present in his day that they would be spared but their families would not be and neither would Judah be spared by them (vs. 14, 16, 18, and 20). Next, we need to realize there is always hope in repentance. 2 Chronicles 7:24 says: ". . . if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Finally, our nation and world needs to realize that a nation that refuses to repent will be punished by God. Listen to John in Revelation 20:11-15: "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

Can we learn to look beyond economic problems and other things and look to the moral problems we face as a nation? It is vital that we learn what happens to a nation that continues to sin.

### *News and Notes*

**Those We Need to Remember in Prayer:** **Steve Millikin** will have cataract surgery on Tuesday. **Robert Foster** saw a doctor in Little Rock on Tuesday. He is taking medication for a couple of weeks and will see the doctor again on October 1. **Bill Coles** is doing somewhat better but continues to need our prayers. He also had a skin cancer removed from his arm on Tuesday. **Bobbie Smith** has been moved to the rehab part of WRH. **Kinser Tosh** was injured in an accident at work and is in serious condition. He is in Pensacola Trauma Center.

**Others We Need to Remember in Prayer:** Chris Ball (hip replacement October 14), Bonita Bangs, Michelle Cupp, Nancy Duncan, Joann Foushee (Chris Ball's mother), Gary Goodman, Ed Hager, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Pat McGough, Eunice Mize, Jay Slayden (cancer), and Pat Smith

**Gospel Meeting and Homecoming:** Our fall Gospel Meeting and Homecoming will be on October 4-6. Jason Almond will be speaking to us about "Remembering Our Why." On the table in the back, there are invitation letters and envelopes. If you would like to send letters to others, you can bring back the addressed envelopes (with your return address on them), and we will put stamps on them and mail them.

**Work Day:** There will be a work day at the church building on October 5 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**Canned Drinks and Coolers:** We will be needing coolers, canned drinks, and bottled water for Homecoming. If you would like to bring any of these things, it would be appreciated.

**Children's Home Shopping List:** Microwave Popcorn

**Area Events:** There are several area events that are taking place soon. Please see the bulletin board or the announcements on the screen for details about these events.