

News & Prayer Requests

Today is Fellowship Meal & Devo

VBS is scheduled for Tues., July 23-Thurs., July 25. Please put this date on your calendars.

The Ladies Bible Study will be every 2nd and 4th Monday at 5:30 PM.

Family & Friends Day-June 2, 2019; please see the flyer on the back bulletin boards and put this date on your calendars.



For The Record

March 31, 2019

Bible Class.....31

A.M. Worship....51

P.M. Worship....12

Contribution.... \$3057.00

Preacher's Corner

Church Family,

In the last lesson Sunday morning, we saw that "**Chesed**" is the Old Testament word that describes the **special actions that are performed within the covenant bond that are meant to nurture and honor that unique covenant**. One of the verses that we read from was from Hosea 6 where the Lord says that the "chesed" of Israel had become like the morning dew, something that evaporates quickly (Hosea 6:4). In other words, God told them that although He had been faithful to nourish the covenant bond that He had with them, they had failed to return the same honor to Him. In fact, the theme of the book of Hosea is marital unfaithfulness (Chapters 1-3). All this caused the Lord to say, "There is no **chesed** in the land, there is only swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and adultery..." (Hosea 4:1-2).

Another prophet that preached a similar message to the nation of Israel was Micah. By the time Micah had arrived, worship to God had become a burden to the children of Israel and the sacrifices had become a drudge. The Lord asked them, "What have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer Me!" (Micah 6:3). The Lord goes on to name ways that He nourished their covenant bond, but still, they saw their relationship with the Lord as a chore. Finally, the Lord tells them that it is no mystery what He has desired all along, "to do justice, to **love chesed**, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). To "love kindness (chesed)" means to be zealous at the opportunity to nourish and honor the covenant that we are in with the Lord. Every day is a gift and an opportunity to demonstrate to the Lord how we feel about the New Covenant of Jesus Christ. What a blessing and privilege it is to be called a child of God! May the Lord bless you and keep you always! – Ismael Berlanga