KINGDOM & COVENANT II

Chariots of Fire

2 KINGS 2:1-25 • Message #2

1. Elijah's Departure

2. Elisha's New Role as Prophet

TAKE HOME TRUTH

God's work _____.

What are some practical reminders for today?

- ***God's work isn't limited to a _____ in _____.***
- ***God's work involves _____.***
- ***God's work requires his _____.***
- ***God's work demands _____ to his Word.***

Next Week - 2 Kings 3:1-27
Pastor Anthony

Growing Deeper
Questions for Small Groups

1. How would you answer someone who struggles with miracles in the Bible?
2. In what ways do you see God working in the present as he has in the past. How is he working in your life now?
3. Some would hero-worship Elijah but how does James describe him? Ja 5:17. How does this teach us about idolizing God's servants?
4. How can we be filled with the Spirit? Eph 5:18.
5. How did you benefit from the teaching of 2 Ki 2?

Just a Moment with Pastor Fred

Susan and I listened to a podcast by Ken Ham regarding the Lindsey Clancey case. *How should Christians respond?* Let me summarize his comments with my own.

Lindsey acknowledges she strangled her 3 children in January 2023. She then attempted to take her own life by jumping from a window leaving her paralyzed. Her defense argued she was suffering from postpartum psychosis therefore lacked criminal responsibility. Defense argued she planned the killings – she knew right from wrong. After a lengthy trial the jury couldn't reach a unanimous verdict so the judge declared a mistrial. This public case has provoked strong reactions – people have made excuses for Lindsey. But compassion must never be used as an excuse for evil. Toxic empathy. Mental illness does not automatically remove personal responsibility. Medicine and depression can sear the conscience but that doesn't negate our actions. Only God knows Lindsey's heart and mental state perfectly. We must call her act evil – she murdered her children. So, we must demand justice but that doesn't mean we must also abandon compassion. Remember our brains have been impacted by the fall. Disease affects us, but that isn't an excuse. Postpartum depression is a reality. Some are frightened by it. Families must take warning signs seriously. Here I want to highlight our counseling ministry.

Cora, Dawson and Callan were not incidental characters in a debate about mental illness or medication. Each was a unique human being made in the image of God. What happened to them was horrific. They are the true victims of this tragic story.

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YOU HAVE *Exalted* ABOVE ALL THINGS YOUR *Name* & YOUR *Word.*

PSALM 138:2

Prelude
Call to Worship

Rise With The Sun
I Have a Shelter

Ministry Moment

Scripture Reading & Pastoral Prayer

I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say

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I Will Rise

Benediction

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THE LORD'S DAY
September 20, 2026

Corporate worship is designed to remind us of the instability of our own hearts and the eternal stability of God's grace.

Loving God
Loving People

Nursery Schedule

Sunday School - Adult Bible Fellowship
Julie Rizzardi & Amanda Wilson
Worship Service
Nursery: Randi Chaney, Karla Ruest
Toddler: Ronda VanSumeren, Kaylen Elliott, Kali Lange

Small Groups meet today and this week.

Today
9:00am Coffee & Fellowship
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30am Worship

Wednesday, September 16
10:30am Senior Saints Bible Study
7:00pm Praise Team

Saturday, September 26
9:30am Ladies Fall Kick Off

Announcements

Sympathy to the family of Zoey Bricker on the death of her niece on September 11.

Small Groups resume today or later this week. If you are not yet plugged into a small group, please see Pastor Fred.

Ministry Survey. Members are asked to complete the ministry survey before September 30. Two options are available – electronic or paper surveys are available. Results will help with our up-coming strategic plan.

Ladies Fall Kick-Off! Join us this Saturday at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served followed with a time of sharing and prayer. Please consider sharing how someone has encouraged and "made a difference" in your walk with Christ.

Lange's Open House Sunday, **September 27** from 1:00 to 3:00pm at 6598 Otto Rd, Charlotte. Hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. RSVP to Kali at 517.898.9970 to help in planning.

Fall help needed. Saturday, **October 3** will be a work morning from 9am to noon. Sidewalk edging and weeding in the parking lot cracks. See Graig Hayes for more information. Sign up in the foyer.

City Rescue Mission needs volunteers to serve the evening meal Saturday, **October 3** at 5:30 pm. Sign up on the table in the foyer.

Men's Ministries. Breakfast on Saturday, **October 3**. Also, Barakel's retreat will be **October 30 to November 1**. Register at www.campbarakel.org/register. Please sign up on the table in the foyer so we know who's going in regard for transportation.

Coming Up

Planted Kids Club	Sept 30
Bell Senegal Report	Oct 25
Josh Bell Preaching	Oct 25
Fall Work Day	Nov 7
Petkofs Report	Nov 8
Magnify Conference	Nov 13-14

Fall Fellowship
Saturday
October 24

Doug & Kelly Troxell's
2222Mauer Rd
Charlotte



More information coming soon

Mowing This Week
Jim Chaney & Graig Hayes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bryan DeMass	September 21
Ronda VanSumeren	September 21
Michelle Clark	September 23
Jim Carter	September 26
Naomi Lange	September 26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joe & Charlie Cecil	September 20
Joe & Gina Hart	September 23

Prayer Requests

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

General Requests
- Bells & Petkofs on furloughs
- The Clark family - praise
- Counseling Ministry - certification & weekly appointments
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually/to reach out to others

Physical Needs
- Amber Breinling (Lois Martin's niece) - chemo & heart issues
- Eliana Bolthouse (Fromans granddaughter/niece)- surgery Sept 21
- Ethan Cecil - pain management & healing
- Gina Golden - health concerns
- Kara deRoos (Ryan's mother) - health concerns
- Kathy Lange (Anthony's mother) - cancer recovery
- Nic Martin - pain management
- Cheryl Woodruff (Melissa Hurley's stepmother) - cancer

Praying Biblically - Micah 7:7
"Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me." Heavenly Father, I choose to serve You in spirit and truth and to watch and wait expectantly for You. Help me to make the right choices in my life, and thank You that even when I prove faithless, You are faithful and true. Praise Your holy name! AMEN.

Ministry Moment
Fall Fest Contacts

Prayer For Our Government Officials
Governor Gretchen Whitmer

Prayer Person of the Week
Donell Tew

Shut in of the Week
Clayton & Joanne Croy

Greeter Next Sunday:
Barb Bush

Guest Services
Paul Recher