

The Chili Cook-Off is this Saturday!

Join us at **3:00 pm** in the Worship Center for a relaxed afternoon of great chili, friendly competition, laughter, and fellowship. Bring your family—and invite some guests!

It's not too late to enter your chili—just scan the QR code above. We also still need a few more sides and desserts, so please sign up in the Chapel or Worship Center foyer and let us know what you'll be bringing.

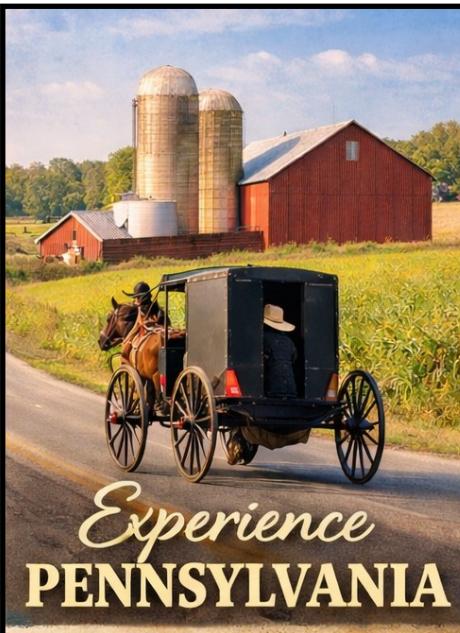
If you're praying about becoming part of the Ardella family, please consider our **Family Membership Class, Sunday, February 8th, from 9:00–11:00 am**. We love our church family and would love—*love, love*—for you and your family to join us.

This morning we'll look at why our lives—and our church—matter. Then we'll gather again tonight at **6:00 pm** for church-wide prayer, fellowship, and a few hymns.

Pastor Mark

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January 18, 2026



Experience PENNSYLVANIA

Adult Fellowship Bus Trip
Lancaster County, PA
March 23–28 | 6 Days / 5 Nights

Join us for a wonderful Adult Fellowship Bus Trip to **Lancaster County, Pennsylvania!**

We'll experience the all-new **Sight & Sound Theatres** production of *Joshua*, tour **Hershey World**, shop unique local markets, and enjoy some classic Pennsylvania Dutch smorgasbords.

Registration Deadline: February 1
(or when capacity is reached—
whichever comes first)

Deposit: \$500 per person
Please submit your deposit to the church office to reserve your spot.

Questions? Contact Kim Bedwell.

Bill Bailey presents

MARK LOWRY & FRIENDS
2026 TOUR



WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
ENDLESS HIGHWAY AND RILEY HARRISON CLARK
FEATURING THE **LOWRY VOCAL BAND**

Friday, January 30th 7 pm
Ardella Baptist Church
709 West Pipkin Road
Lakeland, Florida

NO TICKETS REQUIRED!

A \$15 donation per person will be requested at the door for the concert. A love offering will be received during the concert for "Bill Bailey Concerts." Doors open at 6 pm and all seating is general admission.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

HOME MADE VEGETABLE SOUP,

GRILLED CHEESE & DESSERT

[SIGN UP](#)



\$5 per adult, \$3 per child, or \$15 for family (2 adults + kids)

***sign up in worship center foyer or chapel*

TONIGHT - CHOIR REHEARSAL - 4:30 pm - NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER - 6 pm

MEN'S PRAYER

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

EMBRACE WIDOW MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

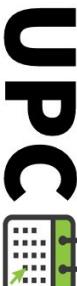
Tuesdays, 10 am in Room 101

WED. MIDWEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDIES, KIDS & YOUTH

5-6 pm Family Style Supper; 6:30-8 pm, Bible Studies, Kids & Youth

WOW MINISTRY FOR YOUNG MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Fridays, 9:15 am - 11 am in the Fellowship Hall



ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, January 24th, 3 pm in the Worship Center.

MARK LOWRY IN CONCERT

Friday, January 30th, 7 pm (Doors open at 6 pm.)

AWANA PIT PARTY

Saturday, February 7th, 8:30 am

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, February 8th, 9 am - 11 am - Room 108

[Sign up in the Foyer/Chapel](#)



QUARTERLY MISSION MEETING - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sunday, February 15th, 4 pm

AWANA GRAND PRIX

Saturday, February 21st, 9:30 am

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MING EVENTS

**ARDELLA BAPTIST
CHURCH**

**FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP
CLASS**

**Sunday, February 8th
9 am - 11 am
Room 108**

**Attending our church and
wondering about membership?**

There is **no** obligation or expectation to join.

COME AND LEARN

Who we are and what do we believe?

Where is God leading us?

What does God want us to do as His body?

What does God want us to be doing in the

Sign up in the Foyer or the Chapel.

Or call or email the church office;

863-646-2473 / info@ardellabaptist.com

We are pleased to announce that **Alexis Corso** has joined our staff as our **Preschool Director**. Alexis and her husband, **Alfred (Al)**, have been part of the Ardella family for several years. She has faithfully served in our **AWANA elementary class, Vacation Bible School missions class, and preschool ministry**.

One of Alexis's goals for our preschool is to integrate more music, helping children more easily memorize Scripture while learning God's Word in a joyful way.

Alexis and Al live in Lakeland and are blessed with three children—**Arabella, Arthur, and Annalise**. Please take a moment to encourage Alexis as she begins this important role on our **Kids' Ministry Team**.



Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	\$18,652.43
Missions	\$588.86
Total	\$19,241.29

Reflection

How does this statement (***Therefore, the end of all things is at hand***) make you feel? **1 Peter 4:7**

What does Peter mean by “***for the sake of your prayers***”? **1 Peter 4:7**

What does “***love covers a multitude of sins***” mean?
How do **these verses** speak into this?

Proverbs 10:12

Proverbs 17:9

James 5:19-20

Colossians 3:13-14

How do we show hospitality? **1 Peter 4:9**

What additional truth does **Philippians 2:14-15** add regarding ***a spirit of grumbling?***

What **advice** are we given **re: serving?** **1 Peter 4:11?**

What is the ***ultimate goal*** for my life **and** the life of my church? **1 Peter 4:1**

Infrastructure: Interdependent Living Stones

January 18, 2026 **1 Peter 2:5; 4:7-11**

SERMON NOTES

My life matters. **(2:5)**

My time matters. **(4:1)**

My focus matters. **(4:7)**

My love matters. **(4:8-9)**

My role matters. **(4:10-11)**

My church matters. **(4:11)**