



INFRASTRUCTURE

SERMON SERIES



A Word as We Prepare for Worship

Talking about suffering is no joke. Last Sunday, I only made it through half of my notes—and that turned out to be a good thing. This week's text deserves a full worship service to unpack.

As Peter walks us through what it looks like to live as a *holy nation in an unholy world*, he reminds us of an important truth: **not all suffering is persecution.**

Suffering *for Christ* is persecution—and it is honorable.

Suffering *for sin* is something else entirely. What we feel in those moments is conviction, not persecution.

When we are persecuted, we should **rejoice**.

When we are convicted, we should **repent**.

This is a difficult conversation—but a necessary one. It was needed then, and it is needed now. I am already praying that God would open our hearts to receive this truth.

This Afternoon

- **Missions Meeting** — 4:00 PM
- **Choir Rehearsal** — 4:30 PM
- **Church-wide Prayer** — 6:00 PM

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THE CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY CHORALE



Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Ardella Baptist Church is excited to present to our community, on **Sunday, March 8th, 4 pm**, The Cornerstone University Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Kent Walters. The University Chorale performs a broad spectrum of choral pieces for national and international audiences. Each public performance is a means of worship through heartfelt, artistic expression. They will be joining us beginning Sunday afternoon and leave on Monday morning. We need **host families** to provide one night of housing, a breakfast and a sack lunch. There will be two students per household. Please sign up in the Foyer or Chapel and contact donnancypatten@gmail.com for any questions. Please note, a **love offering** will be taken. **Invite Friends to come!**



THE CORNERSTONE
UNIVERSITY
GRAND RAPIDS,
MICHIGAN
BUILT ON THE WORD
OF GOD

Join with us in Welcoming this World Renowned Chorale!

Sunday, March 8th, 4 pm.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

Goulash, Salad, Garlic Bread
and 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 - 4 PM MISSION MEETING - ROOM 110

4:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

6 PM CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER

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



QUARTERLY MISSION MEETING - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

TODAY- 4 pm

AWANA GRAND PRIX

Saturday, February 21st, 9 am

RECONNECT DONOR APPRECIATION DINNER

Friday, February 27th, 6:30 pm

DAYTONA BIKE WEEK

Feb. 28th - March 8th

ANNIE ARMSTRONG WEEK OF PRAYER-NO. AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

Sunday, March 1st-Sunday, 8th

CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY CHOIR IN CONCERT AT ARDELLA

Sunday, March 8th, 4 pm

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MING EVENTS

Grand Prix Feb. 21



**Compete
in design or speed
as Awana kid or
Youth/Adult**

Registration 8:30-9 am Racing begins @ 9 am

LET'S FOCUS ON MISSIONS



We have several upcoming mission opportunities to share with you to keep in prayer.

Tonight at 4 pm in Room 110 we will share the needs of our Mission Partners and the North American missionaries; keeping in mind the week of Prayer beginning on **Sunday, March 1st - March 8th**. We will also share more about Ardella Mission Trips coming in 2026. Prayer guides for NAMB (North American Mission Board) will be available, beginning **Sunday, March 1st**.

Daytona Bike Week is celebrating their 85th anniversary the week of **February 27th - March 8th**. Pray for this outreach to bikers from all over the country and if possible, make plans to attend. Watch for details or email, info@ardellabaptist.com for more information.

We hope to see you tonight! Everyone is welcome!



Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	\$58,929.77
Missions	\$348.86
Total	\$59,278.63

Infrastructure: Holy Nation

February 8, 2026 **1 Peter 2:9,4:14-16**

The Suffering Contrasts

If I suffer for Jesus, (4:14)

I am under **persecution**.

I should **rejoice**.

His Spirit **rests** on me.

If I suffer for sin, (4:15)

Like murder, stealing, evildoing, meddling

I am under **conviction**, not persecution.

I should **repent**.

If I suffer as a Christian, (4:16)

I should **not** shrink back.

I should use it as an opportunity to **glorify** God.

Reflection

In **1 Peter 4:14**, what kind of suffering is Peter talking about?

1 Peter 4:13; 1 Peter 2:20; Matthew 5:11-12

According to **1 Peter 4**, why should I **rejoice in suffering**?

In 1 Peter 4:15, where is the **implied call** to repentance?

1 Peter 4:2; 1 Peter 4:3; Acts 3:19

What does it look like to “**shrink back**”?

Luke 22:54-62; Acts 13:13; John 12:42; Heb. 10:39

What does it look like to use suffering as an opportunity to **glorify God**?

Acts 7:54-60; Acts 16:22-25; 1 Peter 2:23

How do we glorify God “**in the name Christian**”?

Matthew 5:16; Philippians 1:27-30; 1 Peter 2:12