

The banner features a grayscale image of a construction site with a tall building under construction on the left and several modern skyscrapers on the right. The text 'INFRASTRUCTURE' is written in large, bold, orange letters at the top, with 'SERMON SERIES' in smaller, gray letters below it. A small orange circle with a white arrow pointing right is located in the bottom right corner of the banner.

# 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](mailto:donnancypatten@gmail.com) for any questions. Please note, a **love offering** will be taken. **Invite Friends to come!**



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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

UPC  
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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$59,278.63</b>

## 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**