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colossians chapter three sermon series

“Let’s roll up our sleeves and get to work.”

We have some heavy lifting to do this morning. Starting in verse 5 of Colossians chapter three, God encourages us to begin living our new life in Christ by leaving behind the sinful practices of our former lives.

We will see how this transformation impacts both our internal attitudes and our outward actions. While God is doing the work, we are called to actively participate in this sanctification process. In other words, we must roll up our sleeves and daily work on becoming more like Christ.

This will lead to a life that is characterized by holiness, unity, and a renewed devotion to Christ above all else. This is a message that will only impact us if we are open to hear it. I have been praying all week for our hearts and our eyes to be open to receive this *“putting off”* message from God this morning. I am praying for a wonderful response to this call.

I encourage you to come to church-wide prayer meeting tonight at 6:00 pm. We will dive a little deeper into Colossians 3:5-9 as we begin our time of prayer, praise, and testimonies.

Pastor Mark

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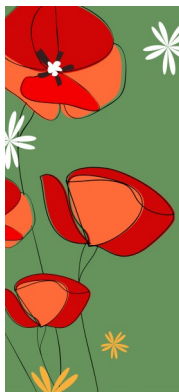
ARISE2READ TRAINING

Ardella Baptist has partnered with Medulla Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year to teach at risk 2nd graders by providing fundamental literacy skills for them. All supplies and training are provided.



Training for Arise2Read volunteers will be **Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 1 PM** in Room 105 here at Ardella Baptist Church. **All volunteers** are to come if possible. Training is required for those who are new to the program. Contact Sally at 678-699-1177, if you have any questions.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



CALLING ALL ADULTS!

If you are 55 plus, please join us on;

Thursday, September 11th at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall as we gather for fellowship, fun and a delicious meal! Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert and invite a friend!

Sign up in the Chapel or the Worship Center Foyer to RSVP and let us know what you will bring.

Invite a friend!

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

GRILLED HAMBURGERS, COLESLAW,
BAKED BEANS, AND DESSERT



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

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

TODAY!

FLO ELLIOTT'S-90th Birthday Drop In-all invited-2 pm

CHURCHWIDE PRAYER, 6 pm-FELLOWSHIP HALL

**upcoming
& events**
discipleship
opportunities

MEN'S PRAYER

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION WITH CECIL BEACH

Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

MEN'S/ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (Men in Room 108-Women in Room 110.)

WOW - A MINISTRY FOR YOUNG MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Fridays, 9 am - 11 am in the Fellowship Hall

LABOR DAY-OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, September 1st

ARISE2READ TRAINING FOR NEW AND EXISTING VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, September 10th, 1 pm in Room 105

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday, Sept. 11th at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in Chapel or Foyer.

MEN'S PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

"If you love praying, drinking coffee, and building stronger friendships, we have just the place for you.

Join us at 10 am every Tuesday in the conference room. This group has been meeting for years, and we love it when new men join our time together. And drinking coffee is optional. ☺"

Pastor Mark



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Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	10,935.66
Missions	1,237.45
Total	12,173.11

If/then week two
August 31, 2025 Colossians 3:1-4

sermon notes

Put **off** the old self. (vs 5-9)
Put **on** the new self. (vs 10-17)

Put off the old self.

Put to death what is earthly in you. (vs 5-6)

Sexual immorality (vs 5)

Impurity (vs 5)

Passion (vs 5)

Evil desire (vs 5)

Covetousness (*which is idolatry*). (vs 5)

Why? (vs 6-7)



reflection

What are the ***“motivations”*** found in Colossians 3:5-17 for ***“putting off”*** and ***“putting on”***?

How does ***(should)*** Colossians 3:6-7 impact your daily life?

How does James 1:15 explain **the progress of sin**?

Colossians 3:6 talks about **the wrath of God**. How do **these verses** help explain this?

John 3:3

Romans 1:18

Revelation 11:18

Colossians 3 brings up thankfulness again. What did we learn about ***“thankfulness”*** in Colossians chapters 1 and 2?

How is Titus 3:3-7 a great ***“thanksgiving”*** prayer for us?

What stands out **to you** the most in Titus 3:3-7?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10. Do you see how you could use this text to **share the “truths”** you learned today?

After today’s study, why do you think Colossians 3:1-4 is a needed introduction to this section of scripture?