

# JESUS & the HOLIDAYS

## Thanksgiving Through Suffering

*"Surely, this is not what You want me to do."* That was my initial thought when I realized that God wanted me to preach about suffering as we prepare for the Thanksgiving season. But as I found myself reading through a commentary on the book of Job as I traveled through Germany following the life of **Martin Luther**, I quickly realized that *"preaching about suffering"* was exactly what God had in mind.

As we look at the life of **Job**, we have the amazing benefit of seeing what Job, nor his wife, nor his friends could see-and that is what God was doing behind the scenes. We also have the benefit of seeing the end result. Sometimes, we forget this amazing vantage point of life that God gives believers as we study His Word with the Spirit's guidance. I believe that God is going to do some miraculous work in our hearts through the life of Job.

I want to invite you tonight for (a unique) **church-wide prayer meeting**. I will be sharing some personal testimony about God's work in my heart while we were gone to Europe over the past few weeks. We will also have a time of prayer, praise, and testimony. Join us for 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to teach, preach, lead, or serve during my absence. We have a wonderful church family. I am so proud to be your pastor and I love you all very much.

*Pastor Mark*

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November 9, 2025

Operation Christmas Child boxes, supply list, & more are available **TODAY**.

Return boxes by next Sunday, Nov. 16th. We will pray over them & bring them to **TBA Church** on Monday, Nov. 17th.



***It is time to tee it up!! Saturday, December 6th, 2025, 8:00 am***

**Hope Project International (HPI)** is one of our mission partners and helps kids in the areas of nutrition, education, shelter, and spiritual development. **HPI's** Annual Charity Golf Tournament is **Saturday, December 6th, 8 am at the Cleveland Heights Golf Course.**

**You can help in three ways:**

1. You can **sponsor** a golf team, or become a tournament sponsor.
2. You can **volunteer** to help on the day of the tournament.
3. You can **put together a golf team and play.**

Cost to play is **\$125 per golfer**. Stop by the *Hope Project* table in the Foyer or Chapel for more information or contact Chad Braddock at 863-978-8886.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

CHICKEN & YELLOW RICE, PEAS

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*

## TODAY!

CHOIR: 4:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

CHURCHWIDE PRAYER: 6 pm, Fellowship Hall



## MEN'S PRAYER

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

## A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION W/ 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)

## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Wednesday, November 12th, 6:30 pm—Please sign up in the Foyer or Chapel.

## 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR BRUCE AND BARBARA WIGGINS

Saturday, November 15th, 4-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

## QUARTERLY MISSION MEETING - OCC BOXES DUE

Sunday, November 16th, 4 pm in Room 110. All are welcome!

## EMBRACE MINISTRY POTLUCK CHRISTMAS BRUNCH-FOR WIDOWS

Tuesday, December 2nd, 10 am in Room 101-Please sign up in the Foyer.

## CHRISTMAS LADIES' EVENT

Friday, December 5th, 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Sign up by Nov. 30th!

# The Wonder of Christmas

## Ardella Baptist Ladies' Event

Friday, December 5th

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Ardella Baptist Chapel

**Christmas Mug Exchange:** Bring an unwrapped Christmas mug and a friend! We will be serving up some cozy Christmas treats; and remember to wear whatever is YOUR Christmas best!

Be sure to **sign-up by November 30th** to save a spot!



## Wed Nights In December: Ardella Mission Partners

Dec 03: Hope for Brazil

Dec 10: Idols Aside Ministry

Dec 17: One More Child



## Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	16,572.52
Missions	363.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,935.52</b>

# JESUS & THE HOLIDAYS: WEEK ONE

November 9, 2025 Job 1:1-22

## sermon notes

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#### God knows Job.

He is **My servant**. (8)

He is **blameless** and **upright**. (1, 8)

He **fears Me** and **turns away from evil**. (1, 8)

#### God allows the suffering of Job.

Job loses his **livestock**. (14-17)

Job loses his **servants**. (14-17)

Job loses his **children**. (18-19)

#### Job reacts to his suffering.

Job **mourns**. (20)

Job **worships**. (vs 20)

Job **makes a declaration of faith**. (vs 21)

Read **Job 1:1-22**, and write down **the verses** where we learn each of these truths about the **character** of Job.

Blameless, upright.

Fears the Lord and turns away from evil.

Greatest of all the people in the east.

Spiritual leader of his family.

Servant of God.

No one like him on the earth.

Blessed by God.

What do we know about Job's suffering in **Job 1:6-12** **that he does not know**?

What is satan *doing* when he is "walking to and fro and up and down" according to **1 Peter 5:8-9**?

What does satan want to **prove** about Job?

What **role** do each of these play in Job's suffering?

Satan

The Sabeans

Lightning

The Chaldeans

Wind storm

Sores

What does **Job 1:22** tell us about Job? What would the opposite of this verse read?

How does satan respond to Job's faithfulness in **Job 2:1-6**?