

God's Blessings of Christmas

Isaiah 9:1-2

Now

They are in **gloom**.

They are in **anguish**.

They have been brought **into contempt**.

They walk in **darkness**.

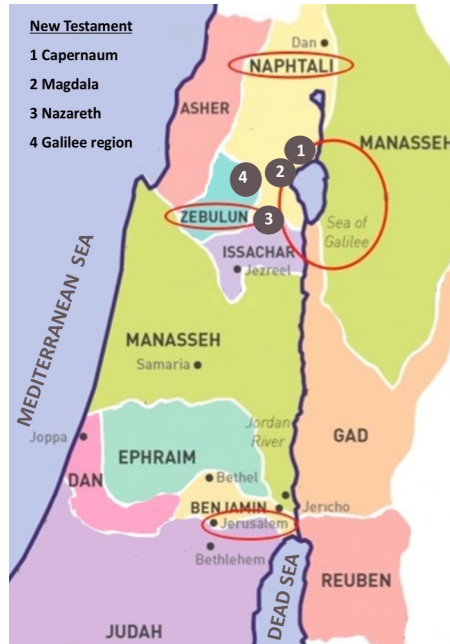
They **dwell** in the land of deep darkness.

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He **has made** her glorious.

The people **have seen** a great light.

On them light **has shone**.



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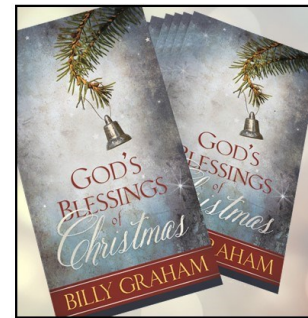
FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT/ PREVIOUS WEEK

Tithes	\$	23,284.73
Missions	\$	2,783.00
Total	\$	26,067.73

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==== BAPTIST CHURCH ====



Sermon Series starts *today*.

Devotionals available at the Welcome Desk.

This morning, we will start a new series, *God's Blessings of Christmas*. These messages will be inspired by the devotionals in the Billy Graham devotional booklet, *God's Blessings of Christmas*. These devotionals are available at the Welcome Desk. I encourage you to pick some up, and give them to family and friends.

As we prepare for worship today, I want you to think about the word "hope." If you were to look up this word in the dictionary, it would be defined as a feeling of expectation, desire, or want for something to occur.

While this definition is true, it does not define the "hope" that we possess as followers of Jesus Christ. Our "hope" does not imply **uncertainty** or **lack of assurance**. Instead, our hope is a **confident expectation** built upon a promise of God.

This "hope" is so true that Biblical authors often wrote about future events in *past tense* to exemplify the confidence that they had in God's Word. I cannot wait to discuss the "hope" of the promised Messiah in the ninth Chapter of Isaiah this morning.

Pastor Mark

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December 11, 2022

LIFE GROUPS: SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Life Groups are our Sunday morning small-group Bible studies. Our **Life Groups meet each Sunday morning at 9 am** for fellowship, light refreshments, prayer, and Bible study.



These groups are made up of people who are single or married of all ages; people like you and me, living life together based on **Acts 2:42-47**. The focus of Life Groups is to teach the Bible, help disciple people to Christ, help them grow in Christ, build relationships, and live life together as we follow Jesus. Please stop by the Welcome Desk, take a Life Group brochure and speak with someone about a Life Group just for you. ~ *Pastor Max*

WOMEN OF THE WORD: WOW MINISTRY

We invite you to join us Friday mornings for **WOW** beginning **January 6th** from 9:15 to 11:30 am.



WOW is a Bible based program for moms of pre-schoolers and school age children designed to help young moms grow spiritually, encourage them in their role as a mother, and provide a safe community with other moms. You will be blessed by great Bible teaching, a variety of topics by our guest speakers, craft days, and more. If you would like additional information, contact Heidi Braddock at wow@ardellabaptist.com.

GRIEF SHARE: YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

If you've been grieving over the death of a family member or close friend for weeks, months or years, you can find help at GriefShare. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. GriefShare groups meet weekly for 13 weeks to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. We will **begin a GriefShare group on Wednesday, January 11th at 6 pm**. You can get more information and **sign up for the group today in the Foyer**. The cost of the 13 week program and Participant Workbook is \$20.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DESSERT

5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall / **Sign up in the Foyer**
\$4 per adult, \$2 per child, or \$10 Family (2 adults + kids) **Please note beginning January, prices will be as follows; \$5/adult, \$2/kid's meal (12 & under), \$15 Family**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2023

Pick up a Chronological Bible Reading Plan at the Welcome Desk. You can also read daily online; <https://www.youversion.com> or read through the Bible on our Ardella App.

AWANA CHILDREN'S MINISTRY / STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 108

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 110

ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING AND DESSERT FELLOWSHIP

Tonight at 6 pm - Please bring a dessert and/or pre-packaged home-made cookies. (If sugar free, please label.)

CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Tomorrow night at 5:30 pm. (We will bring pre-packaged cookies.) **Families are welcome! Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in Foyer.**

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AND COMMUNION

Saturday, December 24th; Service at 6 pm. Invite a friend. Coffee Shop opens at 5 pm with cocoa and cider.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE WILL BE AT 10:30 AM

No Children's Ministry, Student Ministry or Life Groups.

NEW! EMBRACE MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY; ISAIAH –STRIVING LESS AND TRUSTING GOD MORE. COST FOR STUDY GUIDE IS \$10. SIGN UP IN FOYER! Starts Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 10 am (For widows and single ladies.)

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"We strive to be a healthy family where all generations grow as disciples of Jesus Christ."