Leave Your Mark

1 Kings 17: 16-24

The Widow of Zarephath Part 2

The widow's "faith-run" intersected Elijah's "faith-run". (vs 8-9)

In her weakest moment, she still served others. (vs 10-11)

She knew of Elijah's Lord God. (vs 12)

She had an "Abraham/Isaac" type of faith. (vs 12-16)

She showed an understanding of the wages of sin. (vs 17-18)

She seems to **understand** the guilt weight of sin. (vs 18) This weight leads her to **question** God's response. (vs 18) This weight leads Elijah to **question** God's response. (vs 20)

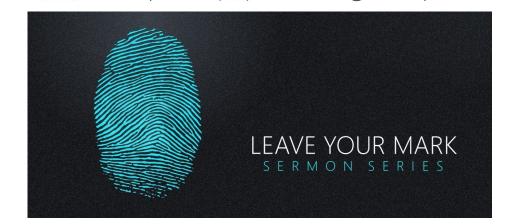
She received miraculous interventions from God. (vs 16-24)

The jar of flour was **not** spent. (vs 16) The jug of oil did **not** become empty. (vs 16) God said "**No**." (vs 22) God brought her son back to **life**. (vs 22-23) She became a **Faith Run** witness. (vs 24)

Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	\$ 12,407.33
Offerings	\$ 45.00
Missions	\$ 314.66
Total	\$ 12,766.99

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I am being so encouraged in studying each week for the *Leave Your Mark* sermon series. As we study some of the unnamed Faith Run witnesses in Hebrews Chapter 11, God is really encouraging me, and I pray He is encouraging you as well.

The ULTIMATE goal of this series is that we recognize the responsibility for us to live by faith in such a way that it encourages other people on their faith run as well.

This morning, we will have a brief information meeting at the end of the worship service (at the front of the Worship Center) regarding our **upcoming Church-wide Prayer Retreat** in October. It is very important that we can gather early on to see the overview of this retreat, understand the deposit and cost of the trip, and get these dates on our calendars before they fill up with other things.

Writing this on Wednesday, I assume I lost **another** Chili Cook Off. Congrats to the winners. I want to say a big THANK YOU for everyone who worked so hard to put together this wonderful Family Picnic and Chili Cook off.

Pastor Mark

LIFE GROUPS: SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Life Groups are our Sunday morning small-group Bible studies at 9 am. The purpose of our Life Groups is discipleship:



- * we teach the Word of God; the Bible
- we learn from Jesus and try to be more like Him
- * and we build relationships and live life together as we follow Jesus.

Please speak with someone at the Welcome Desk or stop by the Information Area next to the Coffee Shop and take a Life Group brochure.

AWANA GRAND PRIX RESULTS AMANA_"_" **CONGRATULATIONS 2024 WINNERS! Grand Final Winner...Keaton Beach ADULTS/YOUTH KIDS** SPEED Molly Parker 1. Keaton Beach 1 Atlas Robinson 2. Becky Beach 2. Amanda Schenfield 3. Steve Baldwin 3.

- 1. Katie Heuslein
- 2. Elliott Thorn
- 3. Annie Corso



- 1. Becky Beach
- 2. Amber Apple
- 3. Todd Sallstrom

MUSIC MINISTTRY NOTE

The Music and Worship ministry is looking for more people to serve God and His church at Ardella Baptist in several areas; most will serve in worship approximately monthly, rehearsal times/frequency varies. We need choir singers, instrumentalists (like brass or woodwinds or



strings for our growing "orchestra"), praise band players like electric guitar, synth keyboard, etc., and substitute ringers for the handbell choir that can read music and play any position when someone is out. We also have tech needs (sound, lighting, lyrics display, etc.) Please speak with or contact Brad Weishaupt (bradweishaupt@ardellabaptist.com) for singers and musicians, or Steve Ullom for tech positions.

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

Wednesday Night Meal Taco Salad and Dessert



5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall /Sign up in the Foyer \$5 per adult, \$3 per child, or \$15 Family (2 adults + kids)

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Please welcome these New Members to our Ardella family. Justin, Sarah, Liam, Finley, Wendy, Molly, and Reagan Parker.

There will be an information meeting <u>today</u> following the service for those interested in finding out more about the Prayer Retreat in October. We will meet at the front of the Worship Center.

CHILDREN'S / STUDENT MINISTRY Wednesdays at 6:30 pm mark your calendar.

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF MARK Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 110

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF JUDGES Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 108

NEW BIBLE STUDY: THE LIFE OF JOSEPH Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

EMBRACE MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY: FINDING I AM Tuesdays at 10 am in Room 101

WOMEN OF THE WORD: WOW MINISTRY For young moms & their children. Friday mornings at 9:15 am.

EMBRACE MINISTRY: VOLUNTEER AT ONE MORE CHILD Friday, February 9th. We will meet at 8:30 am and carpool. Sign up in the Foyer

NEW! MY PRAYER CLOSET TRAINING Saturday, February 24th, 8:30 am-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the Foyer

PRAYER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We strive to be a praying church. We have several opportunities to help you in your prayer life. **Sign-up sheets** are located at a table in the Foyer by the Welcome Desk.

- My Prayer Closet Training (MPC) takes place on Saturday, February 24th at 8:30 am - 2 pm. Childcare will be provided but you must sign up for it by Sunday, February 18th. It will include a light breakfast, large-group sessions, a movie (The War Room), lunch, and of course...prayer. It will be led by Larry Hodges (Prayer Ministry Leader) and Mark Bedwell (Senior Pastor).
- Church-wide Prayer Retreat at the Lake Yale Conference Center, October 10th - 12th, 2024.(See today's insert.)