- A. God didn't ask Joseph and Mary He told them.
- B. God's plan for Mary and Joseph was not an easy one.
- C. Though things were difficult, God did bless.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23 ESV

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 ESV

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 ESV

⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10:9-10 ESV

Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Total	\$ 18,070.11
Missions	\$ 432.86
Tithes	\$ 17,637.25





Kim and I want to thank you for the way that you showered us with love last Sunday as we celebrated our eighth anniversary at Ardella Baptist Church. We are so honored and humbled to be a part of this wonderful church family.

This Sunday, we are in Louisville, Kentucky celebrating Kim's 50th birthday. In my absence, I have asked Pastor Leon Hurley to preach. We are blessed to have a few pastors who are a part of our church family. They not only preach, teach, and minister to our church body, but they also give me wise counsel, love, and support. Leon is one of those pastors. I am so thankful for him, and his sweet wife, Linda. I know that he has a special word from God for you today.

I also want to take this time to welcome back Pastor Max Braddock. He and Heidi have been in Arkansas visiting family the past two weeks, and we are glad to have them back home.

I will be back in the office tomorrow. I love you church family. #toHimbeGlory

Fastor Mark

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

On Sunday, May 5th at 6:00 pm, we are having a special evening service featuring our entire Music Ministry - the choir, handbells, orchestra, praise team vocalists, band, congregational singing, and a couple of solos and scripture readings, for a very special "year-end" NIGHT OF WORSHIP.

"Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy!" (Psalm 33:3) We hope you'll make plans to be here and join your voice with others in worship!



Come and bring a friend!

WRITTEN IN RED

On Wednesday, May 8th, we will begin a **NEW** Bible study, Written in Red, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. The words of Jesus, written in red in the Word of God have led many people to experience the saving grace of Christ. Jesus offered Himself for us on the cross in the greatest message of love written in red, His



own blood. We look at His words and pray that they will give hope to those who have not received Him and wisdom to those who have, to hear and obey. His Word is alive and calls for our decision.

MISSION FAIR AND CAKE AUCTION

Join us Sunday, May 19th at 5pm for an donate to the auction, please interactive fair showcasing Ardella's sign up in the Foyer so we can incredible global & local mission know how many desserts we partners, and ministries at Ardella Baptist Church. You might be surprised by how many different ways there are to **pray**, **give**, and **go** at our church.

We will also be raising funds for missions as we share our beloved Cake Auction! If you are willing to bake a cake (or other scrumptious dessert) to

have to auction off. Come and be ready to bid on your favorite cake for a great cause. It will be a fun night that you won't want to miss.



OUR MISSION

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

*Wednesday Night Meal Sloppy Joes, Fries, Cole Slaw & 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) Please note;

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

*Meals will end on May 15th to give workers a break for the Summer.

CHILDREN'S / STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 108

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 110

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: LED BY PASTOR MARK

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

GRIEFSHARE: LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Wednesday, May 1st at 6 pm in Room 101. Sign up in the Foyer.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 5th at 6 pm in the Worship Center (Rehearsal at 4:30 pm for all involved)

CHRISTMAS POST WRAP PARTY FOR CAST, CHOIR AND CREW-POT LUCK

Saturday, May 11th, 5-8 pm

BABY/CHILD DEDICATION IS ON MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 12th Today is the last day to sign up. info@ardellabaptist.com

NEW EMBRACE BIBLE STUDY - THE LIFE YOU LONG FOR WITH CHRISTY NOCKELS Begins Tuesday, May 14th-A 4-week Study. Cost is \$5. Sign up in the Foyer.

MISSION FAIR & CAKE AUCTION

Sunday, May 19th, 5 pm in the Worship Center. Sign up today in the Foyer!

NO ACTIVITIES OR SERVICES ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND.

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER RETREAT: LAKE YALE CONFERENCE CENTER - IN FOYER October 10th—12th. Stop by the Welcome Desk for more information.

GRIEFSHARE: LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Living through the death of a spouse is one of the toughest things in life to go through. **Loss of a Spouse** is a video-based program to help the widowed on their grief journey. This is a onetime two-hour session that offers practical advice to help men and women rebuild



their lives after the death of a spouse. You will get to hear from many experts as they help you on your grief journey. Please sign up in the Foyer and join us on Wednesday, May 1st from 6 to 8 pm in Room 101. No cost!