



“Like it or not, the world is on their phone.”

This is a conversation that we should have had years ago. But, to be honest, it seems that like the church struggles with the idea of, the need for, and the implementation of keeping up with technology. So, this is a conversation that simply hasn't happened....until now.

This year, we have been steadily moving in the direction of becoming more intentional about upgrading our technology, working to improve our live worship broadcasts, and we have even created a permanent studio space where editing, production, and recording have begun to take place on a week to week basis. As of today, there are over 30 volunteers who have been trained are volunteering in these areas. Yet, there is still more work to do.

While I am typing this article, I am preparing for a meeting with Steve Ullom and our NEW Social Media Director Kellie Gilkeson tonight. Over the next few months, Ardella will become much more visible on social media platforms to all those people who are on their phones.

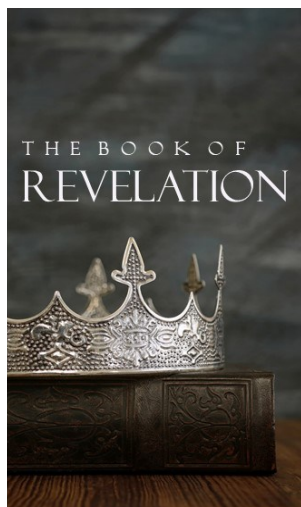
More good news. On **Monday, August 25th**, Kim and I will launch our new podcast “Lies the Truth.” It will be available bi-weekly on all podcast platforms. Steve Ullom has been working hard videoing, editing, and doing everything needed to launch this podcast. We are very excited.

Pray for our church in all these new ventures. To Him be glory.

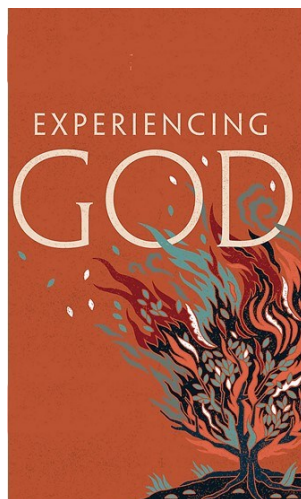
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"The theme of the **book of Revelation** could be described as the majesty and glory of the Warrior Lamb, King Jesus, who is coming again to rule and reign forever." (Aiken, Daniel L.) More specifically, "*He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.*" (Joy to the World). Our study is scheduled for 13 weeks beginning on **Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. It will be led by Cecil Beach. There are about 12 citations from Daniel and Ezekiel in the first two chapters, so these lessons will expand our spring study on the book of Daniel.



Experiencing God is a time-tested Bible study that guides you to experience the kind of relationship with God through which you come to know and do His will. In this study, you will explore seven realities or biblical truths that will change your life. ***Experiencing God*** is a 13-week Bible study that **begins on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 pm in Room 105**.

The cost of the course study guide is \$15. [Please sign up in the Foyer this morning.](#)



We will begin a ***GriefShare*** group on **Wednesday, August 20th at 6 pm in Room 101**. All other sessions begin at 6:30 pm. The cost of the 13-week class and Participant Workbook is \$20. [Please sign up in the Foyer this morning!](#)

If you're grieving over the death of a family member or close friend, you can find help at ***GriefShare***. Each week ***GriefShare*** groups begin with a video featuring respected experts on grief-related topics and helpful stories from people who have experienced loss, which will help you walk through the grief process.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

Taco Salad and Dessert



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

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

TODAY! MISSION MEETING, 4 PM IN ROOM 110

CHOIR, 4:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

CHURCHWIDE PRAYER, 6 pm-FELLOWSHIP HALL

MEN'S PRAYER

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY: NATURE AND FORM OF SCRIPTURE

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

ARISE2READ INTEREST MEETING FOR NEW AND EXISTING VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, August 17th, 11:45 am in Room 105. **TODAY!**

GRIEFSHARE: YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

Begins Wednesday, August 20th at 6 pm. **Sign up at the Welcome Desk.**

EXPERIENCING GOD BIBLE STUDY

Begins Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 pm. **Sign up at the Welcome Desk.**

AWANA MINISTRY BEGINS

Wednesday, August 20th, 6:30 pm

WOW SPLASH DAY

Friday, August 22nd, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

**upcoming
& events
discipleship
opportunities**

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION WITH CECIL BEACH

Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

WOW - A MINISTRY FOR YOUNG MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Friday, August 29th, 9 am - 11 am in the Fellowship Hall

NEW FALL EVENTS

WOW MINISTRY **NEW STUDY!**



WHEN FAITH BECOMES SIGHT

WOW MINISTRY begins on **Friday, August 29th** 9 am - 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a ministry for young moms and their children. Childcare from Nursery - 5th grade. Please sign up at the **Welcome Desk**.

IF YOU KNOW A MOM WHO COULD
USE SOME ENCOURAGEMENT AND A
MORNING OUT, INVITE HER!

WORSHIP ENSEMBLES TO BEGIN REHEARSALS

Our **group** music ensembles start up again this month. These groups practice weekly and lead in the 10:30 am service approximately monthly. We would love to have new people join us! Talk to Brad about joining! (bradweishaupt@ardellabaptist.com).

- ◆ Choir resumes **Today, Sunday, Aug 17** at 4:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited!
- ◆ Handbells resume **Tuesdays, Aug 19** at 6 pm.
- ◆ Orchestra resumes **Thursday, Aug 21** at 6 pm. We also could use people to work in tech or play guitar, bass guitar, drums, electric guitar, keyboard, trumpet, clarinet, oboe, strings, or other instruments! All serve on a rotation basis.



Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	22,932.21
Missions	425.86
Total	23,358.07

MENTOR ME: WEEK SEVEN
August 17, 2025 Colossians 2:9-19

sermon notes

Response to False Teaching

I am complete in Christ. (Col. 2:9-10)

In Him the **whole fullness of deity** dwells bodily.

And **I have been filled** in Him.

Who is the Head of all rule and authority.

I am alive in Christ. (Col. 2:13-14)

I **was** dead.

Then **God made** me alive with Christ.

Having **forgiven me** all my trespasses.

I am growing in Christ. (Col. 2:19)

I **hold fast** to the Head.

From whom we (the whole body) **are nourished**.

From whom we **are knit together**.

From whom **we grow** with a growth...



reflection

own it. live it. teach it.

Go back and review the **four goals of false teaching found** in **Colossians 2:4; 2:8; 2:16; 2:18**.

All of these verses in Colossians speak to being “complete in Christ.” What do they say?

Col. 1:27-28; Col. 2:1-3; Col. 2:9-10

How does **baptism** symbolize the spiritual transformation (***spiritual circumcision***) that we experience through Christ according to **Colossians 2:11-12**?

According to **Colossians 2:14**, what **specifically** did Christ do with **the record of debt** that stood against us?

Why (***how***) is **Colossians 2:15** important as part of Paul’s **response** to false teaching?

How does **1 John 1:3-9** help explain **why** we confess our sins since He has **already forgiven all** of our trespasses according to **Colossians 2:13**? Hint: Key word is ***“fellowship”***.

What **specifically** does God do for the ***“body”*** according to **Colossians 2:19**?

Why do you think it was important for Paul to write ***“with a growth that is from God”***?