

"Others" quenched the power of fire. Hebrews 11:34

Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah

They were asked to make **THE** decision

"Which God (god) will you worship and serve?" (vs 4-5)

We (they) should not be surprised when there are consequences of choosing to **worship and serve the One True God.** (vs 6-8)

Three accusations were **maliciously** made against these "*certain, King appointed Jews.*" (vs 12)

They did not **show respect** to the King. (*false*)

They refused to **bow down** to the golden image. (*true*)

They refused to **serve and worship** the false gods. (*true*)

They were **pressed** on their decision. (vs 13-15)

"Is it **true**?"

"I'll give you **another chance.**"

"Who is the god that will **deliver you** out?"

The pressure only **strengthens** their resolve. (vs 16-18)

Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	\$	10,690.80
Offerings	\$	100.00
Missions	\$	217.50
Total	\$	11,008.30



Every day, whether we realize it or not, we are constantly dealing with the question "**Which God (god) will you worship and serve?**" And this is going on moment by moment, even in the ordinary, mundane parts of our day.

There are only two answers to this question: God, or something else that we have put in front of Him. There is no other answer.

This morning, we will be looking at three "*others*" in Hebrews Chapter 11 who chose to worship God! Their faith actually quenched the power of fire.

They have really encouraged and challenged me. I pray that their "faith run" testimony will speak to us in a mighty way this morning.

I want to encourage you to stop by the Prayer Table on your way out of worship today and consider registering for our My Prayer Closet Training and our Church Prayer Retreat. These will be great opportunities for us to grow in our prayer lives.

Pastor Mark

February 4, 2024

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.

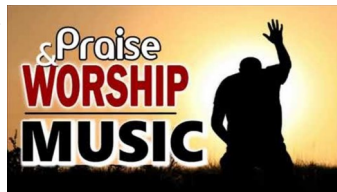
MEN'S GRILLIN N CHILLIN

Attention Men!! On **Saturday, March 2nd at 3 pm** you're invited to our next Men's Grillin N Chillin. We'll have a great time eating some delicious pulled pork, fried chicken, (provided) along with some great side dishes and desserts (that you will bring). It will be a wonderful time of fellowship, food, games, and fun. **Please Sign up at the Welcome Desk** so we can prepare enough meat for everyone and let us know what side dish and or dessert you will bring. Men, this is a great opportunity for you to invite and bring some family, friends, or work associates with you (**sign them up**) and bring your own chairs.



MUSIC MINISTRY 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

Chicken, Yellow Rice, 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.

CHILDREN'S / STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

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 / AM

Tuesdays at 10 am in Room 101

EMBRACE MINISTRY: VOLUNTEER AT ONE MORE CHILD

Friday, February 9th. We will meet at 8:30 am and carpool.

ARDELLA WORKDAY

Fitzgerald Cemetery: February 17th at 8 am. Bring tools for trimming, raking, etc.

NEW! MY PRAYER CLOSET TRAINING

Saturday, February 24th, 8:30 am 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.)
- **Other prayer opportunities** including Prayer Cells, Visitation Prayer Teams, and Men/Women Prayer Breakfasts.