

## C3: My Praying Church

### John 4:24

Pray that we will worship God in spirit and in truth.

### 2 Timothy 4:2

Pray that we will preach the Word of God without apology.

### Colossians 1:28-29

Pray that we will strive to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

### Ephesians 4:11-12

Pray that we will equip saints for the ministry.

### Matthew 9:37-38

Pray that we will be counted among the harvest laborers.

### Revelation 2:4-5

Pray that we return to our first love.

### Matthew 6:18

Pray that we will trust Jesus to build us.

### Colossians 4:2

Pray that we will devote ourselves to prayer.

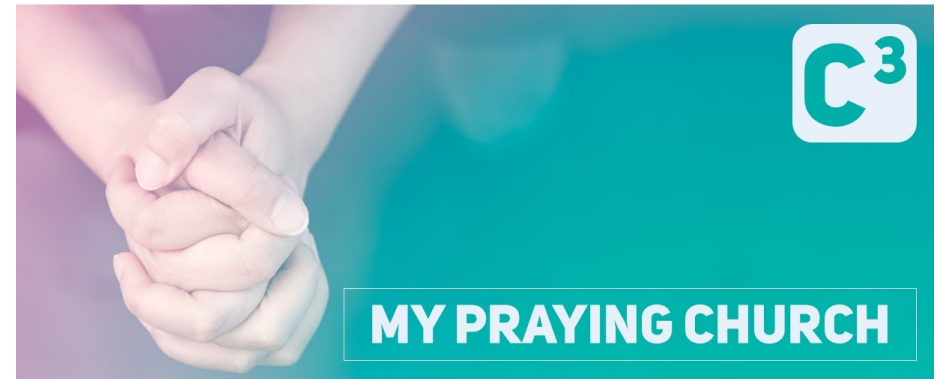
## Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	\$	9,445.29
Missions	\$	225.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,670.29</b>



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## “Who killed the prayer meeting?”

*I am currently reading a book called **A Praying Church** by Paul Miller. In the book, he shares the story of an East Indian evangelist who visited an American mega-church that was known for the pastor’s outstanding preaching.*

*The evangelist was thrilled when the pastor invited the three thousand Sunday worshippers to the midweek prayer meeting. He attended the meeting with great anticipation. The prayer meeting started late. Only seven church members showed up, and the pastor wasn’t one of them.*

*The meeting consisted of a short devotion and one prayer. When it was over, the evangelist left stunned.*

*The prayer meeting, which use to function at the heart of a praying church, is all but dead. This is the reality of the church, but it isn’t supposed to be, and it doesn’t have to be.*

*This morning, we will look at what the Bible says about becoming a praying church. I look forward to seeing what God does as He reveals, moves, and ministers to us today.*

*Pastor Mark*

July 30, 2023

## ARDELLA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR IS COMING SOON!

Once again it's time for a fun time of shopping and fellowship as we welcome crafters from all over our community. Come out for a morning of indoor, air conditioned shopping for unique gifts while raising money for the 2023 Christmas Musical held at Ardella Baptist Church in December.



ARDELLA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR  
August 12th 9 am - Noon

## GRIEFSHARE: YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

If you have 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, August 16th at 6 pm in Room 101.** All other sessions begin at 6:30 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.



## WOMEN OF THE WORD: WOW MINISTRY

We invite you to join us Friday mornings for **WOW** beginning **August 25th from 9:15 to 11 am.** To kickoff our new semester, we will have a special **Splash Day on Friday, August 18th at 9:30 am.** We'll have an inflatable water slide, toddler pools, with hotdogs and more for lunch.



**WOW** is a Bible based program for moms of preschoolers 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, craft days, and more. For more information, contact Heidi Braddock at [wow@ardellabaptist.com](mailto:wow@ardellabaptist.com). Please **pre-register at [ardellabaptist.com](http://ardellabaptist.com).**

## Wednesday Night Meal Pizza, Salad and Dessert



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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY/STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** Drive Thru History: Acts to Revelation  
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 108

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY **New! 1 PETER**

Begins Wednesday, August 9th at 6:30 pm in Room 110  
Men's Fellowship this Wednesday, August 2nd. All men welcome!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** Prayer Sessions w/ Pastor Mark  
6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

### ARISE2READ INTEREST MEETING

**TODAY AT 11:40 am** in the Fellowship Hall - See Sally Young.

### AWANA VOLUNTEER KICK OFF DINNER

Tuesday, August 8th 6:30 pm Room 105- RSVP [chrissallstrom@ardellabaptist.com](mailto:chrissallstrom@ardellabaptist.com)

### EMBRACE MINISTRY **NEW BIBLE STUDY - WHEN YOU PRAY**

Begins Tuesday, August 8th, 10 am in Room 101-**Sign up in Foyer.**

### ARDELLA CRAFT FAIR AND MARKET

Saturday, August 12th, 9 am - 12 noon

### PRAYER CELEBRATION AND COMMUNION

Sunday, August 13th , 10:30 am

### GRIEFSHARE: YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

Begins Wednesday, August 16th at 6 pm. **Sign up in the Foyer.**

### MEN'S GRILLIN N CHILLIN

Saturday, August 19th at 5 pm. **Sign up in the Foyer.** No Cost!

### WOMEN OF THE WORD: WOW MINISTRY

For young moms & their children; Begins Friday, August 25th, 9 am - 11 am

## MEN'S GRILLIN N CHILLIN

**Attention Men!!** On **Saturday, August 19th at 5 pm** we'll have a great time eating some delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, and "whatever", great fellowship, and fun games.. **NO COST!! Sign up in the Foyer** so we can prepare enough burgers and dogs for everyone. Please sign up for "whatever" side dish and or dessert you will bring. Bring a buddy with you (**sign him up**) and bring your own chairs.

