

The header image features a grayscale photograph of industrial infrastructure, including a large tower under construction with scaffolding and other tall buildings in the background. The text 'INFRASTRUCTURE' is prominently displayed in orange, with 'SERMON SERIES' in smaller white letters below it. An orange vertical bar is on the right, and a circular arrow icon is in the bottom right corner.

INFRASTRUCTURE

SERMON SERIES

THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE BELIEVER

The **priesthood of the believer** is a doctrine you don't hear taught very often—usually limited to seminary classrooms or an occasional Easter message that highlights the tearing of the temple veil. And yet, it is a beautiful and foundational truth—one that is front and center in the mind of God and woven throughout the Word of God.

Last week we asked the question, “**Does my life really matter?**” We began answering that question, and today we continue by looking at the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer.

Here is the heart of it: **you have direct access to God through Jesus Christ. Period.** There is no need for a human priest or mediator—you already have one: **Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest.** Because of Him, believers not only have access to God, but are also **granted priesthood at the moment of salvation.**

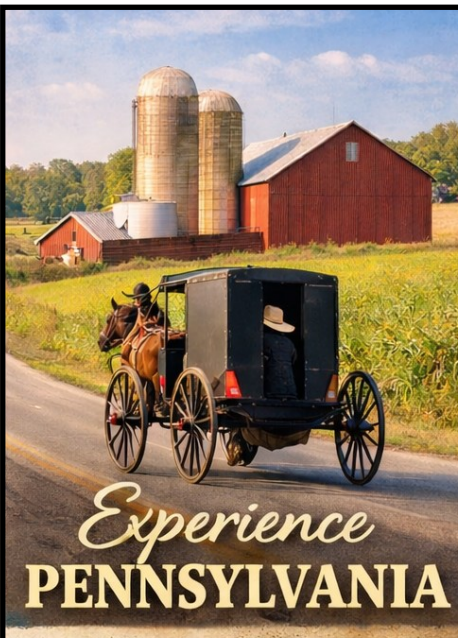
Peter describes this priesthood as both “**holy**” and “**royal.**” What does that mean for our prayers, our worship, and our daily lives? How does this truth help answer the question of whether our lives really matter?

We will explore these truths together today in worship.

Pastor Mark

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January 25, 2026



Experience PENNSYLVANIA

**Adult Fellowship Bus Trip
Lancaster County, PA**

March 23–28 | 6 Days / 5 Nights

Join us for a wonderful Adult Fellowship Bus Trip to **Lancaster County, Pennsylvania!**

We'll experience the all-new **Sight & Sound Theatres** production of *Joshua*, tour **Hershey World**, shop unique local markets, and enjoy some classic Pennsylvania Dutch smorgasbords.

Registration Deadline: February 1
(or when capacity is reached—
whichever comes first)

Deposit: \$500 per person
Please submit your deposit to the church office to reserve your spot.

Questions? Contact **Kim Bedwell**.

Bill Bailey presents

**MARK
LOWRY**
& FRIENDS
2026 TOUR



WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

ENDLESS HIGHWAY AND **RILEY HARRISON CLARK**
FEATURING THE **LOWRY VOCAL BAND**

THIS FRIDAY @ 7 PM
Doors open at 6 pm!!
Ardella Baptist Church
NO TICKETS REQUIRED!

A \$15 cash donation per person will be requested at the door for the concert. A love offering will be received during the concert for "Bill Bailey Concerts." Doors open at 6 pm and all seating is general admission.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

SAUSAGE AND YELLOW RICE, GREEN
BEANS, SALAD AND DESSERT



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

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

TODAY - AWANA LEADERSHIP MEETING -11:45 AM-FELLOWSHIP HALL

TONIGHT - CHOIR REHEARSAL - 4:30 pm - NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER - 6 pm

MEN'S PRAYER

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

EMBRACE WIDOW MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 10 am in Room 101

WED. MIDWEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDIES, KIDS & YOUTH

5-6 pm Family Style Supper; 6:30-8 pm, Bible Studies, Kids & Youth

WOW MINISTRY FOR YOUNG MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Fridays, 9:15 am - 11 am in the Fellowship Hall

MARK LOWRY IN CONCERT

Friday, January 30th, 7 pm (Doors open at 6 pm.)

AWANA PIT PARTY

Saturday, February 7th, 8:30 am

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, February 8th, 9 am - 11 am - Room 108

Sign up in the Foyer/Chapel

QUARTERLY MISSION MEETING - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sunday, February 15th, 4 pm

AWANA GRAND PRIX

Saturday, February 21st, 9:30 am

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MINING EVENTS

**ARDELLA BAPTIST
CHURCH**

**FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP
CLASS**

**Sunday, February 8th
9 am - 11 am
Room 108**

**Attending our church and
wondering about membership?**

There is **no** obligation or expectation to join.

COME AND LEARN

Who we are and what do we believe?

Where is God leading us?

What does God want us to do as His body?

What does God want us to be doing in the

Sign up in the Foyer or the Chapel.

Or call or email the church office;

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YOU'RE INVITED!

AWANA LEADER MEETING... JAN. 25

FELLOWSHIP HALL @11:45AM

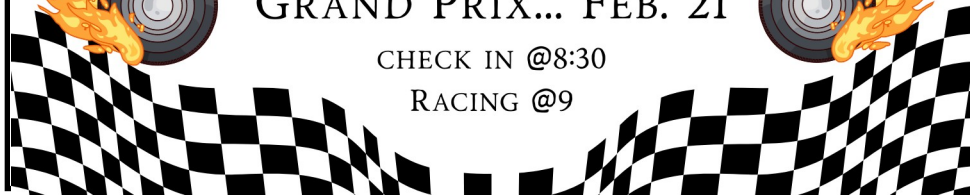
PIT PARTY... FEB. 7

KID'S MINISTRY @9-11AM

GRAND PRIX... FEB. 21

CHECK IN @8:30

RACING @9



Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	16,559.12
Missions	\$513.00
Total	\$17,072.12

Infrastructure: Holy and Royal Priesthood

January 25, 2026 **1 Peter 2:5,9; 4:11**

SERMON NOTES

“My life matters because I am an actively maturing believer, and an interdependent living stone being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy and royal priesthood that offers spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to (and for the glory of) God through Jesus Christ.”

We are being **built up**. **(2:5)**

Into a **priesthood**. **(2:5)**

That is **holy**. **(2:5)**

That is **royal**. **(2:9)**

To offer **spiritual sacrifices**. **(2:5)**

That are **acceptable to God**. **(2:5)**

For the glory of God. **(4:11)**

Through Jesus Christ. **(2:5)**

Reflection

What does the phrase “***being built up as***” suggest about ***the Christian life***? [Philippians 1:6](#); [Ephesians 2:19–22](#); [2 Corinthians 3:18](#)

What does it mean “***to be holy***”? [1 Peter 1:13-17](#)

How does having “***direct access to God***” affect your ***worship, prayer life***? [Hebrews 4:14–16](#); [Hebrews 10:19–22](#)

What kind of ***spiritual sacrifices*** does God want from me? [Psalm 51:16–17](#); [Romans 12:1](#); [Hebrews 13:15–16](#)

How is something “***acceptable to God Through Jesus Christ***”? [John 15:5](#); [Colossians 3:17](#); [Galatians 2:20](#)

What does Peter mean by “***royal***” priesthood? [2 Corinthians 5:20](#); [Matthew 5:16](#); [Revelation 5:10](#)