



## WE ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION.

This week's message does something quite unique.

Often, we read Scripture to be reminded of who we are—and then we look in the mirror and ask whether who we are is actually shaping how we live. Last week was that kind of message.

But the text this week does something different. After God shows us who we are, He shows us exactly what that identity looks like in everyday life. He shows how it shapes our relationship with Him, with our church family, with those in authority over us, and with everyone around us.

And He does all of this with one short sentence.

I love that. God doesn't waste words.

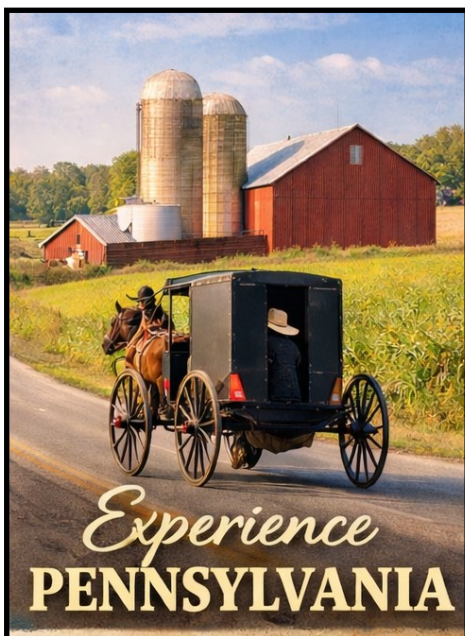
I'm already praying for you—for us—because God wants to do great things in and through His people. That's what Peter's letter is all about.

I also want to encourage you to attend prayer tonight. I'll spend a little time walking through some deeper-dive questions from this text. We'll meet in the **Chapel tonight instead of the Fellowship Hall.**

*Pastor Mark*

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February 1, 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**.



## NEED TO CONTACT OUR STAFF?

Meet our staff members who strive to serve you, the people we love and serve.

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# WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

BAKED POTATO BAR  
AND DESSERT



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

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

**TONIGHT** - CHOIR REHEARSAL - 4:30 pm - NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!  
CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER - 6 pm CHAPEL TONIGHT ONLY.

## 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

## AWANA PIT PARTY

Saturday, February 7th, 9-11 am

## FAMILY MEMBERSHIP CLASS

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

Sign up in the Foyer/Chapel

## EMBRACE WIDOW MINISTRY TO SWEET MAGNOLIA TEA ROOM

Friday, February 13th - Sign up in the Foyer

## QUARTERLY MISSION MEETING - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sunday, February 15th, 4 pm

## AWANA GRAND PRIX

Saturday, February 21st, 9:30 am

## ANNIE ARMSTRONG WEEK OF PRAYER-NO. AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

Sunday, March 1st—Sunday, 8th

UPCOMING 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!**

**PIT PARTY... FEB. 7**

KID'S MINISTRY @9-11AM

**GRAND PRIX... FEB. 21**

CHECK IN @8:30

RACING @9



**Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week**

Tithes	15,788.86
Missions	788.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,995.01</b>

## Infrastructure: Chosen Generation

February 1, 2026 **1 Peter 2:9,17**

### SERMON NOTES

You are a **chosen generation**. **(2:9)**

A **chosen generation**:

**honors all people** without compromise. **(2:17)**

**loves their church** without isolation. **(2:17)**

**fears God** without the fear of man. **(2:17)**

**honors authority** without surrendering truth. **(2:17)**

## **Reflection**

According to **1 Peter 2:9**, what is **the purpose** of being chosen?

How does **knowing who you are** affect how you respond to pressure, criticism, or injustice?

**Deuteronomy 7:6–8**

**Ephesians 1:4–5**

**Titus 2:14**

According to **1 Peter 2:15**, what role do **good works** play in a hostile or skeptical culture?

**Jeremiah 29:7**

**Matthew 5:16**

**Romans 13:1–7**

How does **1 Peter 2:16** redefine **freedom**?

How do verses **1 Peter 2:13–16** challenge the idea that **faith is only private**?

How does **1 Peter 2:17** protect believers from both **isolation** and **compromise**?