

if/then



We have spent the last seven weeks looking at the reality of being grounded, built up, and established in Christ. This morning, we are going to begin a new series that actually picks up exactly where we left off last week.

Colossians chapter three starts with this phrase- *"If then you have been raised with Christ..."*. After that initial phrase, the entire chapter speaks to our new identity in Christ in this way: *"If I am complete in Christ, and if I am alive in Christ, and if I am growing in Christ, then there should be some very real changes taking place in my life. This chapter shows exactly what those changes should look like. It is a practical, roll up your sleeves, and get to work chapter for the believer who has received Christ and is striving to walk in Him."* I look forward to starting this NEW series today.

We have been working months preparing to launch a new podcast-**Lies the Truth**. Here is a summary statement of the podcast: *We are just two love birds who know that in satan lies the lies and in Christ lies the truth. This should impact every area of our life. This pursuit is our journey. We don't just want to live it, we want to share it with you. The ups, the downs, the lessons learned, the tears, and the laughter. Kim and I invite you to join us on this journey.* Scan the code on the back of the worship guide to subscribe to **Lies the Truth** podcast.

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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.

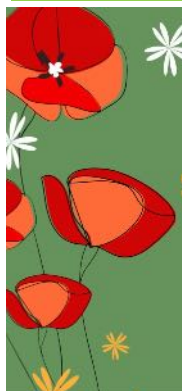
ARISE2READ TRAINING

Ardella Baptist has partnered with Medulla Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year to teach at risk 2nd graders by providing fundamental literacy skills for them. All supplies and training are provided.



Training for Arise2Read volunteers will be **Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 1 PM** in Room 105 here at Ardella Baptist Church. **All volunteers** are to come if possible. Training is required for those who are new to the program. Contact Sally at 678-699-1177, if you have any questions.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



CALLING ALL SENIORS!

If you are 55 plus, please join us on;

Thursday, September 11th at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall as we gather for fellowship, fun and a delicious meal! Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert and invite a friend!

Sign up in the Chapel or the Worship Center Foyer to RSVP and let us know what and what you will bring.

Invite a friend!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

SAUSAGE, YELLOW RICE, PEAS
AND DESSERT



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

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

TODAY!

CHOIR, 4:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

CHURCHWIDE PRAYER, 6 pm-FELLOWSHIP HALL

**upcoming
& events**
discipleship
opportunities

MEN'S PRAYER

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION WITH CECIL BEACH

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

MEN'S/ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (Men in Room 108-Women in Room 110.)

WOW - A MINISTRY FOR YOUNG MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN

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

LABOR DAY-OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, September 1st

ARISE2READ TRAINING FOR NEW AND EXISTING VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, September 10th, 1 pm in Room 105

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday, Sept. 11th at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in Chapel or Foyer.



LIESTHETRUTH

PODCAST



SCAN ME

LAUNCHING TOMORROW!!!

Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	9,782.86
Missions	616.00
Total	10,398.86

If/then week one

August 24, 2025 Colossians 3:1-4

sermon notes

My Reality in Christ

The (Present) Reality.

"I have died, been raised with Christ, and my life is hidden in Him." "He is my life!!"

The Responsibility.

"Therefore, I should seek and set my mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

The Resource.

"I am confident that what I need is there."

The (Future) Reality.

"I know that I will share in his resurrected life, His glory, His reign, and His inheritance."



reflection

How do **these verses** help me better understand **Colossians 3:1**?

Philippians 3:20-21

2 Corinthians 4:18

Romans 6:4-5

Matthew 6:33

What does it **practically** mean to “*seek and set your mind on things above*”?

What are some **barriers** that keep me from doing this?

How does **Colossians 3:5-11** define “**earthly things**”?

How does **Colossians 3:12-17** define “**above things**”?

What does it mean to be **hidden with Christ in God**?

How do **these verses** help explain this?

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

Galatians 2:20

Romans 6:4-11

John 10:28-30

Ephesians 2:4-7

What is **the main point of Colossians 3:4**?

How do these verses help explain this?

1 John 3:1-3

Romans 8:18-25

Titus 2:11-13

Bullet point everything about “**Christ and life**” found in **Colossians 3:1-4**.