

JESUS & the HOLIDAYS

JESUS & CHRISTMAS: WHY THE NATIVITY?

This morning, we will be looking at Question 13 in David Jeremiah's book *Why the Nativity?* That question is "Why Did Jesus Come As A Baby?" Hebrews 2:17 gives us a precise answer to that question. I encourage you to mark this verse and have this question ready to start discussions around the season of Christmas. It's a great open-ended question just to see what people think, and then turn their attention to the truth found in Hebrews 2:17.

Christmas Eve Service is a great time to bring a guest with you. People are always looking for something "Christmassy" to do around Christmas. Trust me. I just drove 10 hours to see Christmas lights in Georgia with a bus full of adults. This service will contain Christmas music, the Christmas story, and Silent Night with candle light. You might be surprised by who will say "yes" to an invitation to join you. Since Christmas Eve is on Wednesday night, this will obviously take place of all our normal Wednesday night programming.

If you do not have somewhere to spend Christmas, Kim and I would love to invite you to our home on Christmas Day. We will gather at 4:00 pm and eat Christmas Dinner at 5:00 pm. Please sign up in the foyer/chapel so that we will know how much food to prepare. We would love to have you. I am praying that you all have a wonderful Christmas week. I am honored to be your pastor and I love you all very much.

Pastor Mark

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December 21, 2025



Join us for our annual ***Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service with Communion***. It is going to be a beautiful night of music, worship, Scripture reading, cocoa, cider, and of course candle lights. Make plans to join us and invite people to come with you. The **Family Candlelight Service begins at 6 pm**. There will be no child care. This is a great time to invite family, friends, and neighbors to church. The Coffee Shop opens at 5 pm.

YOU ARE INVITED!
Christmas with the Bedwells



Pastor Mark and Kim do not want anyone to not have a place to celebrate Christmas. If you are a single or a couple without family to spend the day with, please sign up in the Foyer or the Chapel and let them know you are coming by
Sunday, Dec. 21st.

Time: 4 pm with dinner served at 5 pm

Location: 4901 San Antonio Drive



MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY SUPPER
AND BIBLE STUDIES RESUME ON JANUARY 7TH.

TONIGHT - NO CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER. RESUMES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th.

MEN'S PRAYER

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES UNTIL JANUARY 7th, 2026

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

Wednesday, December 24th, 6 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY WITH THE BEDWELLS

Please sign up by today.

NEW YEAR'S GOSPEL MUSIC SPECTACULAR CONCERT

Saturday, January 3rd, 2 pm

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday, January , 8th, 11 am - Please sign up in the Foyer.

EMBRACE WIDOW'S MINISTRY NEW BIBLE STUDY "ANGELS"

Tuesday, January 13th Please sign up in the Foyer.

WOW MINISTRY FOR YOUNG MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Friday, January 16th, 9 am - 11 am

ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, January 24th, 3 pm in the Worship Center.

Register your entry online and to bring a side dish.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS, DEC. 26th & JAN. 2nd.



FAMILY PICNIC &

CHILI COOK OFF

Saturday, January 24



Scan **QR Code** to
enter your chili.



Bill Bailey presents
**The New Year's Gospel
Music Spectacular!**

**SATURDAY
January 3rd
2026 – 2:00pm**

~Please note early starting time!~



**ARDELLA
BAPTIST CHURCH**
709 West Pipkin Road.
LAKELAND, FL

NO TICKETS REQUIRED!

A \$15 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 1pm, and all seating is general admission.



TRIUMPHANT QUARTET



GREATER VISION



KAREN PECK & NEW RIVER



ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH

11 AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

**POT LUCK MEAT WILL BE
PROVIDED.**

INVITE A FRIEND!

Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	\$13,653.57
Missions	\$1,238.00
Total	\$14,891.57