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Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ

WORSHIP CONNECTION

January 7
Morning (8:15 & 10:45)

"A Vision for Ardmore Baptist Church"

Matthew 28:16-20
Dr. Don Gordon

KidNecton
"Josiah and the Lost Scroll"
2 Kings 22:1 - 23:3

And the Lord Added

Dena Sugg

Movie Night

Friday, January 5; Youth Place

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie, *The Christmas Candle*, will start at 7:00 p.m.

Our Mission:

"To connect people of all ages with Jesus Christ and each other in life-changing relationships."

Ardmore Baptist Church Family:

We are again entering a most exciting season at Ardmore Baptist Church, a season when we ask what plans, big or small, does God have in store for us, both individually and as a family of faith. I have said numerous times over the last several years that **now** is truly a most exciting time to be a member of Ardmore. I have also said that Ardmore has unlimited potential to be Kingdom builders and to fulfill our mission: "to connect people of all ages with Jesus Christ and each other in life-changing relationships." What an awesome opportunity. The Lord has truly blessed our Church!

In that regard, Consecration Sunday will soon be upon us. Sunday, January 28th, we will gather together at a joint 10:45 a.m. worship service (there will be no 8:15 service) and express our commitment to the Lord through giving.

As we contemplate and pray about our giving, consider the following:

- Let us each consider our need to give for our own spiritual benefit, not solely based upon the needs of the church;
- Let us ask ourselves specifically, what percentage of our income are we called by God to give, rather than simply considering what is necessary to help the needs of the church and perhaps balance its budget;
- Let us give joyfully (2 Corinthians 9:6-7) rather than feeling negative burden or pressure concerning our church's annual stewardship program; but let us also consider our financial stewardship from a biblical perspective;
- Rather than think about tithing and percentage giving in a legalistic or judgmental way, let's consider these behaviors as a personal faith commitment for which God's grace empowers us.

As each one of us goes to the Lord in prayer, let us ask His guidance and direction in making our important decisions about giving. Let us also pray for discernment that we might seek and know God's will for us concerning these issues. And let us acknowledge and understand that the Lord can work in mysterious ways as we make sacrifices and commitments to live and give in ways that seem beyond our reach and ability at this time. There is no end to what the Lord can do, let us be willing servants!

Please note that immediately following the Consecration Sunday worship service, we will celebrate together as a church family with a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for the luncheon. Please RSVP (yes or no) to Janet Hellard (jhellard@ardmorebaptist.org) by Tuesday, January 16.

With a continuing appreciation for your constant commitment and devotion to Ardmore Baptist Church and looking forward to seeing you on Consecration Sunday, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

- David Niblock, Deacon Chair

Our Pastor Writes...

What Can We Learn From the Homeless?

Friday night, December 15, our ministerial staff served as hosts for 20 women at the overflow homeless shelter at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in the Ardmore Community. (As a side note: This is the home church of Jonathan Williams, our church organist, and his wife Catherine.) We do this because it enables us to see a part of humanity in ways we do not see every day. Most of us, middle class Christians included, hear about the homeless, but do not regularly interact with them. We are the losers in that case. We lose out on meaningful relationships with people whom God loves. Of course God loves everyone. No one is outside the loving concern of God. But Scripture teaches us that God has a heart for the poor, an inclination to hear their cries, a bias in their favor.

Elizabeth and I showed up after most of the women had eaten dinner prepared by our staff. We were preparing to serve as the overnight hosts. I took an early shift (9:30 p.m. - 2:30 a.m.), staying up and acting as a monitor for the evening, and Elizabeth took the later shift (2:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.). When we were not on duty, we tried to get some sleep on a couch in the youth room adjacent to the family life center.

That evening the women were unusually agitated. Their tempers were short, their frustrations were heavy, and their patience was wearing thin. One older lady got into a shouting match with a younger lady and took her shoe off to bash her on the head. Only group intervention interrupted the attempted assault. As I reflected on this I could understand why they were in such a state of mind. It was cold outside and they had nowhere to go during the day hours to keep warm, take a nap, or get away from the crowd. They had to tote almost all of their personal belongings with them wherever they traveled the next day. Most, if not all, of these women were already struggling with mental illness. They are chemically and environmentally limited in their ability to face stress. How often have I needed to get away from the crowd, take a nap, and de-stress with a good workout at the YMCA. I am in a place where those things are possible for me. They are quite improbable for these women. If they have a bad day out in the cold, they still have to come to a shelter with 20 other stressed-out women, sleeping on the floor, waiting for a public shower, and sharing one bathroom with all the rest.

What's the point of all this? I hope to encourage you to join in this, or some other ministry to care for the poor, and I hope you will do more than simply write someone a check. Write a check, certainly, but also find a way to engage with the poor at a personal level. Be intentional about being with them and listening to them. We can learn a lot from the poor and homeless. Jesus was both, and we have certainly learned a lot from him haven't we?

- Don Gordon

YAH Club

Join us Tuesday, January 9 at 10:15 a.m. for our first meeting of 2018. Scott Barker, pianist, will lead us in *Name that Tune*. Lunch: Beef vegetable soup.

Welcome New Childcare Workers

Beginning January 7, you will see some new faces during Worship Care. We will have three paid childcare workers to serve in the baby/toddler room each Sunday to help provide consistency of care. Their names are Brea Suddreth, Jessica Newsome, and Tasha Gaither. Brea is an early childhood teacher in Greensboro. Jessica is currently a stay at home mom and has been an early childhood teacher in Lewisville. Tasha is the lead teacher for the babies class at Ardmore Baptist Preschool. I know you will enjoy getting to know them as they work alongside us in caring for our children. Please welcome them.

- Lee Ritchie

City With Dwellings

Volunteers are needed to drive the church bus each Saturday morning, picking up women from St. Timothy's at 6:30 a.m. and taking them downtown - takes about an hour. We also need overnights for any night of the week. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/sttimoverflow>.



Shine The Light

Ardmore Baptist Preschool shared the love of Jesus by making ornaments for our homebound members. Our preschoolers got so much joy out of doing this. They are learning at an early age to shine the light of Jesus in their community.

Ardmore ABCs...

Our sympathy and Christian concern are expressed to the following in the loss of loved ones:

Frank James in the death of his brother, **Steve James**

Congratulations to:

Mike & Janet Smith – 65th wedding anniversary on January 1st;

Lee Ritchie, Minister with Children & Families, who will celebrate her 3rd anniversary at Ardmore on January 11th. Please express your appreciation to her this week.

Deacon of the Week



January 1 - 7

Ann Canupp

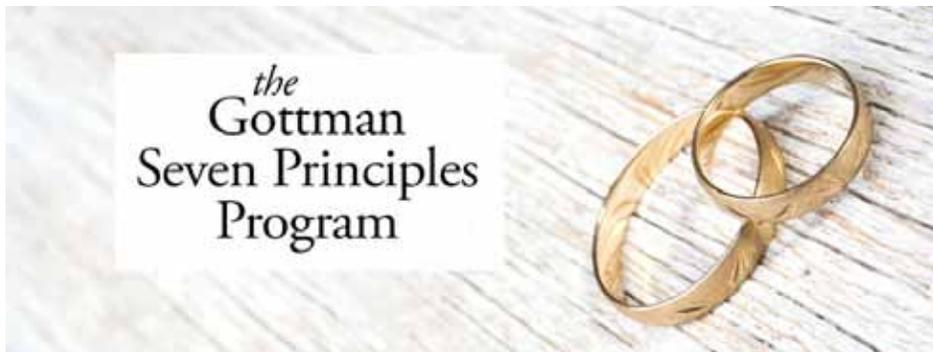
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Weekend Call

January 6 - 7

David Fitzgerald

Phone: 540-915-3839



the
**Gottman
Seven Principles
Program**

Note Date Change!

Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Sundays, February 11, 18, 25 and March 4; 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per couple (includes workbook)

Whether you are newly engaged, been married for decades, or are somewhere in between, all couples need intentional time to refresh, revive, and recommit to their relationship. Local licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Kevin Hampton, will lead us through *7 Principles for Making Marriage Work*. Our time together will be lighthearted and encouraging and help couples create stronger, happier, healthier relationships. **Sign up by Wednesday, January 31** by bringing \$40 to Janet Hellard in the church office. For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yaapxf83>.

Note Date Change!

Bible Sleuths

Sundays, February 11, 18, 25 and March 4; 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

E-209 & E213

All Kindergarten through 6th grade children are invited to Bible Sleuths. We will explore different ways to pray, memorize scripture, learn about Jesus and how he taught us to pray, and play games.

Church Conference

Sunday, January 14; 5:00 p.m.

In addition to regular conference business, we will hear:

- Report on 2017 Church Goals
- Ministry Area Reports from 2017 and goals for 2018



Sunday, January 14; 6:00 p.m.

Our annual chili cook-off is always a great time for intergenerational fellowship. Take out those secret cornbread and chili recipes and bring your concoctions to share. If you want to participate in the judging, you will need to have your creation in the Fellowship Hall by 4:45 p.m. (prior to the start of the Church Conference at 5:00 p.m.). Otherwise, it should arrive by 5:45 p.m. Circle this "Hot" date on your calendar and plan to be part of the fun!

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Memorials & Honoraria

ABC PRESCHOOL & J. L. WILSON GUEST HOUSE

***In Memory of Noelle Thorpe and In
Honor of Nick Thorpe***

Randy & Susan Thorpe

ARDMORE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

In Memory of Otha Bumgarner

Ann Canupp

In Memory of Brent Hall

Bobbie Hall

***In Memory of Wes & Mildred Liv-
engood***

Tom & Pat Livengood

In Honor of Adult 8 SBS Teachers

Tom & Pat Livengood

***In Honor of Sisters of Faith & H2H
Volunteers***

Chester & Susan David

In Honor of Mark Ernstes

Kathy, John, and Jordan Ernstes

For the Record

	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
Sunday Bible Study:	456	381
Morning Worship:		
8:15 AM	125	NA
10:45 AM	544	356

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 12/24/17	\$	68,082
Needs-To-Date	\$	1,831,443
Receipts-To-Date	\$	1,902,355
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	70,912

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 12/31/17	\$	51,664
Needs-To-Date	\$	1,866,663
Receipts-To-Date	\$	1,954,019
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	87,356

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES NC

In Honor of Judy Tull and Melanie Price

Ruby Gentle

GLOBAL WOMEN

In Honor of Ann Canupp

Jon Canupp

H2H BACKPACK PROGRAM

***In Honor of the Physicians of Urol-
ogy Partners***

Brandon & Jennifer Craven

HANDICRAFTERS

In Honor of Steve & Linda Cline

Ron Hunter

KITCHEN FUND (PLATE WARMER)

In Honor of Esther & Kitchen Staff

Tom & Pat Livengood

MAINTENANCE/FACILITIES FUND

In Memory of John Canupp

Jon Canupp

In Memory of Otha Bumgarner

Carl & Sandra Bovender

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of John Jones

Wayne & Marvorene Edwards

In Memory of Emmett Walker Sugg, Jr.

Dena Sugg

MUSIC MINISTRY

In Memory of Otha Bumgarner

ABC Senior Strings

Peggy Trenchard

ORGAN FUND

In Honor of Kathy Steen

Ladies Sunday Bible Study Class

UNIFIED BUDGET

In Memory of Otha Bumgarner

Foy & Linda Crouse

Hil & Landa Cassell

Wayne & Marvorene Edwards

In Memory of Amy Haire

Suzan Wade

In Memory of Tink Hall

Bobbie Hall

In Memory of Randy M. Johnson

Annette Johnson and Steve Oliveira

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

In Memory of Lois Ragsdale

Jan Ragsdale, Beth Eskridge &

Family and Scott Ragsdale

In Memory of Jerry Morris and In

Honor of Mary Morris

Melanie Morris

In Memory of Herman Davis,

Cheryl Davis, and Jim Canter

Golda Canter

***In Honor of Jan Ragsdale and
Teachers/Leaders of The Fellowship***

Joe & Dean Eller

***In Honor of Barry & Carolyn Tilley
and Reg Banner***

Brooke & Martha Crist

VISION FUND

***In Memory of Otha Bumgarner and
Steve James***

The Gathering SBS Class

In Honor of Dr. Gordon and Staff

Joe & Dean Eller

Coat Drive A Success

The H2H coat drive was a success. Led by Chester David, it included Revo North, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, and Ardmore Baptist. A total of 155 coats were collected and distributed to children at Ashley Elementary, Hoops4LYFE, City Lights Ministry, and the Love Out Loud Christmas Gift Mart. Thank you to everyone who gave the gift of a warm coat.

ABC Christmas Offering

Global Missions	\$	11,420.50
Lottie Moon	\$	12,396.50
Total Received	\$	23,817.00