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Connecting People with Jesus Christ

WORSHIP CONNECTION

January 21
Morning (8:15 & 10:45)

"Stewardship for All Seasons and Souls"

2 Corinthians 8:1-7
2 Corinthians 9:7-8, 15
Dr. Don Gordon

City With Dwellings

Volunteers are needed to drive our shuttle on Saturday mornings (pick up women at St. Timothy's at 6:30 a.m., take them downtown). People are also needed to stay overnight any night of the week.

Our Mission:

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



Chili Cook-off

The cold temperatures and warm fellowship provided the perfect atmosphere for our annual Ardmore Chili Cook-off. Many thanks go to the Fellowship and Kitchen Teams who coordinated the event and served as great hosts. Our judges, Gustavo Antoniacomi, Chip Brock, Sierra Browning, Brandon Johnson, and Sandy Simmons, selflessly sampled each of the chili and cornbread entries to reveal the winners of this year's Chili Cook-off.



Congratulations to:

- *Best Mild/Moderate Chili* - Ava Lewandowski
- *Best Non-Traditional Chili* - Tammy Stocks
- *Hottest Chili* - Myra Mize and Steve Davidson (tied)
- *Best Cornbread* - Diane Guthrie
- *Honorable Mention/Youth Representative* - Lorna Fowler

Ardmore Connections Spring 2018

The deadline to register is **January 28**. Sign-up sheets will be in the lobby on Sunday mornings. You may also sign up on our website (click on Ardmore Connections graphic on home page). If you have questions or want more details, please contact Carol Spears (766-0955) or Pat Wolfe (608-4710).

Our Pastor Writes...

A Rare and Wonderful Opportunity

Ardmore Baptist Church will have a rare and wonderful opportunity to hear one of the great preachers and church historians in America preach on Sunday, January 28. Bill Leonard, Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History at Wake Forest Divinity School will preach at the 10:45 a.m. service in our sanctuary for New Consecration Sunday. I have considered Dr. Leonard a friend and respected scholar for decades. I am especially grateful that he served as my "Baptist Reader" for my doctoral thesis at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

Dr. Leonard is the author or editor of some 25 books, including *Christianity in Appalachia* (1999); *Baptist Ways: A History* (2003); *The Challenge of Being Baptist* (2010); *Can I Get a Witness?: Essays, Sermons and Reflections* (2013); and *A Sense of the Heart: Christian Religious Experience in the U.S.*, (2014). In March 2015 he delivered the William James Lecture on Religious Experience at Harvard Divinity School and in February 2017 he gave the William Self Lectures on Preaching at McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University. His newest book, *The Homebrewed Christianity Guide to Church History: Flaming Heretics and Heavy Drinkers*, was published by Fortress Press in July 2017. His latest research focuses on a new book, tentatively entitled "*Security or Idolatry?: A History of Religion and Firearms in the U.S.*" Leonard writes a twice-monthly column for Baptist News Global, is an ordained Baptist minister, and a member of First Baptist Church, Highland Avenue (American Baptist Churches, USA) in Winston-Salem.

Dr. Leonard received his BA from Texas Wesleyan University; his MDiv from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and his PhD from Boston University. Prior to serving as Wake Forest Divinity School's first dean he taught church history at Samford University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

You will not want to miss this rare and wonderful opportunity to hear one of the leading voices in the Baptist world.

- Don Gordon

Dane's DownLow

The youth Disciple Now Retreat (also known as D'Now) is almost here! We are excited about the weekend and look forward to how God will speak to each student and adult involved. D'Now is different from other retreats because it is local and students have a unique opportunity to meet adults from our church they wouldn't normally run into. Adults of the church take on extra responsibility to support the students involved. Great intergenerational connections are made and age barriers are broken down. Each year it is exciting to think about all the new adults the students will meet, the great relationships that are fostered, the ways students are challenged, and the love students feel from the entire church. Please be in prayer for the students and adults who are involved in the weekend. We are excited to welcome Shari Madkins as our speaker. Shari has been a speaker for Passport Camps and is currently working on her PhD at Emory University. If you happen to meet her, please welcome her to Ardmore. We appreciate the prayers and look forward to sharing about the weekend.

- Dane Martin

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study

"No Other Gods" by Kelly Minter

January 18; 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join the ladies in the Youth Place for this eight-week video study. *Learn to identify the gods you may be unknowingly serving and the lies they tell you. As you dethrone your modern-day idols, you'll be set free for the more abundant life Jesus gives. You'll discover Jesus can do what no other god can* (from the book). Books are \$15 each and may be purchased at the first session.

Sit A Spell

We would like to send a special thank you to the YAH Club leadership for suggesting the benches that have been placed under the portico.

We also want to thank Bob Spears and Bob Ogden for putting them together and installing them.



Church Conference Report

- **Preliminary Financial Report** – Financial statements are not finalized but it appears we will come in over budget again this year!
- **Ministry Area Reports** – Resource ministers presented accomplishments from 2017 and goals for 2018. Copies of this report are available online at <https://tinyurl.com/yafycqqd> or in print from the church office.
- **2017 Goal Progress** – There were 10 baptisms, 48 new disciples, \$599,442 in missions giving, 502 missional disciples, and 20 stories of transformation.

Deacon of the Week



January 15 - 21
Luella Crumpler
Phone: (336) 945-2064

Youth Choir & Youth Handbell Festivals Coming

Attention youth and youth parents. Please mark these dates on your calendar. The Youth State Handbell Festival will be in Greensboro, February 16 - 17. We usually take both of our youth handbell choirs to this awesome event! Also, March 9 - 10 will be the CBF North Carolina Youth Choir Festival at Wingate. This will be a first for our youth choir. It will be an overnight festival on the campus of Wingate University with youth choirs from all over the state of North Carolina! More information will be provided at our first rehearsals of the New Year!

Weekend Call

January 20 - 21
Gina Brock
Phone: 336-970-9117

Volunteers Needed

At The CBFNC 2018 Annual Gathering!

This year's Annual Gathering will take place March 15 - 17 at Knollwood Baptist Church. This will be three days of fellowship, learning, and growth that you won't want to miss – but we can't do it without you! We need the help of members of our local churches to ensure that each part of our gathering runs smoothly. Ardmore has been asked to provide volunteers for the Meal Team. Team members would set up, serve, and clean up for the meals served on Friday, March 16. Give a couple hours of your time at the Annual Gathering by serving as one of our volunteers! Please contact Lee Ritchie (lritchie@ardmorebaptist.org; 336-725-8767) to volunteer.



Open House

Tuesday, January 23; 10:00 a.m.

The Joy Singers would like to invite anyone who loves to sing and share the love of Christ through ministering in our area retirement and nursing homes to join us in the Choir Room for our January open house. This will be a time to meet other Joy Singers while enjoying a time of food, fellowship, and making music together. No music experience is needed and there are no age restrictions for joining. All we require is a desire to minister and spread a little joy, and availability on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you have been looking for a fabulous, fun-filled, fantastic group of people to connect with and an opportunity to minister to others, then please come and check us out at the open house and discover what *Joy Singers* is all about!

Grace Notes

Save The Date And Register Early

Announcing Ardmore Children's Music & Arts Camp

This past year's Children's Music and Arts Camp was highly successful with a full enrollment of children. The dates for this year's camp are July 23 - 28. We want to make sure that Ardmore Baptist Church's children have an opportunity to register first. Parents, please mark the dates and email kstewart@ardmorebaptist.org to let her know if your children will be attending. Online registration will be available in February. Last year's camp was filled to capacity, so please register as early as possible. We are limited to an enrollment of 70 children.

- David Fitzgerald

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Memorials & Honoraria

H2H BACKPACK MINISTRY

In Memory of Herald Baughman
Susan Harrah

HANDICRAFTERS

In Memory of Jacque Spaugh
Charles & Brenda Lemons
Marilyn Reavis

KITCHEN FUND

In Memory of Jacque Spaugh
Foy & Linda Crouse

MAINTENANCE/FACILITIES FUND

In Memory of Otha Bumgarner
Brooke & Martha Crist

MEDIA CENTER FUND

In Memory of Otha Bumgarner
Tom & Pat Livengood

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

In Memory of Jacque Spaugh
Betty Bowman

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

In Memory of Otha Bumgarner

Bill & Barbara Beattie

In Memory of Otha Bumgarner and

Steve James

Marilyn Reavis

In Memory of Jacque Spaugh

Jerry & Barbara Gray

In Honor of Jonathan Williams

Richard & Karen Cain

In Memory of Bill Ferguson

The Joy Class



The contact for all trips is Beverly Whitfield (336-765-8312). Checks should be made payable to Ardmore Baptist Church and mailed to Beverly.

Thursday, March 22: 9:00 a.m. - We will travel by deluxe motor coach to Mill Creek General Store in Mt. Airy. Next, we'll head to Wohlfahrt Dinner Theater in Wytheville, Virginia for a four-course lunch and the 50s & 60s music show, *Smokey Joe's Café*. Payment deadline is February 22, but you will want to *make your reservation soon* - this trip will sell out. Cost is \$70.

Thursday, April 26: at 8:15 a.m. - Travel to Raleigh by deluxe motor coach to tour the NC State Capitol, NC Legislative Building, NC Museum of History, and the NC Executive Mansion, home of the Governor. Cost: \$30. Return to church around 6:00 p.m. Deadline to register is March 26.

Churchwide E-mails

In order to ensure that you continue to receive the e-newsletter and churchwide e-mails, create a new contact in your email address book.

Name: Ardmore Baptist

Address: (please add both)

- notifications@onrealm.org
- notifications@onrealmmail.org

Some people have been dropped (not by us) that might not have been if these addresses had been in their contact list.

Please pass this info on to anyone who says they aren't getting the e-newsletter or churchwide e-mails.

Also, do **not** click "unsubscribe" on any e-mails that come through Realm. It will block **all** e-mails from us. Call Debra in the church office if you get e-mails you don't want to receive and she will try to help you fix that in a way that won't block you.

For the Record

January 14, 2018

Sunday Bible Study:		445
Morning Worship:	8:15AM	84
	10:45AM	431

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	36,806
Budget Receipts 01/14/18	\$	30,539
Needs-To-Date	\$	73,612
Receipts-To-Date	\$	60,892
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(12,720)

2017 Budget Wrap Up

2017 Total Needs:	\$ 1,866,663
2017 Total Receipts:	\$ 1,954,441
2017 Over Budget:	\$ 87,778