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Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ

WORSHIP CONNECTION

February 4
Morning (8:15 & 10:45)
Lord's Supper

**The 7 Last Words
of Jesus on the Cross:
"Father, Forgive Them"**
Luke 23:32-38
Dr. Don Gordon



WMU Focus Sunday

February 11
Guest Speaker: Linda Cooper
National WMU President

Our Mission:

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

Heck-Jones® Offering

Named after two past, beloved leaders of WMU NC, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck and Mrs. W. N. Jones (Sallie Bailey), this offering is vital to the missions and ministries of WMU NC.

Fan the
Flame

In addition to national and global missions and education, this offering supports the following ministries: Camp Angel Tree, Christian Men & Women's Job Corps®, Military Wives Ministry, Ministers' Wives Support Groups, NC Baptist Nursing Fellowship, Restorative Justice, and Women Builds. Help support WMU NC by giving to this offering throughout the month of February.

Movie Night

The movie this Friday, February 2, will be *Queen of Katwe*. You may view the trailer at <https://tinyurl.com/ycyuybnp>. The doors to the Youth Place will open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 7:00 p.m. Come and bring a friend or two to enjoy this uplifting movie.

Pathways Launch



Our Children's, Youth, and Adult Faith Formation MALTs have worked to develop a faith formation plan that answers the question – "What does a mature disciple of Jesus look like as a child, as a youth, and as an adult?" The result is a compilation of scriptures and opportunities called *Pathways*. This plan will guide us in planning all aspects of mission and ministry at Ardmore.

All adult Sunday Bible Study classes are invited to join us on Sunday, February 4, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the unveiling of Ardmore's *Pathways* Faith Formation Plan. There will be muffins, coffee, and orange juice. We'll go over the plan together and then have some time for Q&A. Join us as we discuss the future of faith formation at Ardmore for you and your family!

(Children and Youth SBS teachers are asked to come at 8:30 a.m.)

Pray For Puerto Rico Team

Please pray for the Ardmore disaster recovery team that left today, January 29, for Puerto Rico. They will be gone through February 3. Team members are Mark Ernestes, Jeff McIntyre, Mike Nuckolls, Kathy Stewart, Henry Walters, and Paul Young. Continue to pray for the people of Puerto Rico as they are still trying to recover from Hurricane Maria.

Our Pastor Writes...

Missions Giving at Ardmore Baptist Church

At our recent church conference on Sunday, January 14, we heard so many good reports from our six MALTs that I didn't have time to share more good news about missions giving at Ardmore. One of our church goals for 2017 was to give away a half million dollars for mission causes. I'm very pleased to inform you that we surpassed this goal and gave away right around \$600,000 for missional causes. Mike Nuckolls supplied me with the details of this, but they are too cumbersome to disclose in a short newsletter article such as this. However, I would like for you to know some of the key components of this extraordinary level of missions giving. The numbers included below are not all the missions giving, but are representative of much of what we do.

**All numbers have been rounded off for ease of reading.*

Designated Missions.....	\$93,000
<i>(CBF Global Missions Offering, Lottie Moon, Disaster Relief, etc.)</i>	
Budgeted Missions Dollars	\$300,000
<i>(percentage giving to SBC,CBF, PMBA)</i>	
Overage from 2016 Budget.....	\$75,000
Pivot Ministry.....	\$33,000
Handicrafters	\$11,000
H2H	\$22,000
Youth Mission Trips and Local	\$41,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$10,000
Mission Ventures (mission trip support)	\$13,000

When you consider the fact that our church had total receipts of a little over two million dollars, it is a phenomenal and unusual fact to recognize that our missions giving was around 30 percent. You know the math. It means that close to one out of three dollars coming into the church was used for missions support. I praise God that he has put in our heart a love for missions and that such missions are supported with our finances. God is blessing the world through the giving of Ardmore Baptist Church. I just thought you should know.

- Don Gordon

New Young Adult Sunday Bible Study Class

If you are in your 20s - 30s, married or single, we invite you to join us Sunday, February 11, at 9:30 a.m. in room E-306. We'll have breakfast and get to know one another. Our teachers are Leslie and Will Hege and Sarah and Paul Young. Our Community Leaders are Terri and Henry Walters. Together we'll encourage one another as we live into being Jesus' hands and feet in this world. Hope you can join us!

Dane's DownLow

Summer Missions Experience

The summer is a time for fun, relaxing at the pool, participating in a variety of activities, working a part-time job, and so much more. Before we realize it we have been consumed by the busyness of life, and the encouragement to be involved in so many activities. Students love the summer because they are out of school; and who wouldn't enjoy that! In the youth ministry it's prime time because students don't have homework and school activities to take them away from trips and activities. It's also a time we can go on longer trips, diving deeper into missions experiences and allowing students to put faith into action.

This summer our group is going to Big Stuf. Since this does not focus on missions, we will also offer a summer missions experience. This year we are connecting with Baptists on Mission and attending the Red Springs Mission Camp (NC). We will connect with area neighbors who have a variety of needs. We will work hard, construct, listen, and do whatever might be needed.

All youth-aged students are invited to join us as we live out God's mission to care and love those around us. I encourage students to be part of an amazing, and life changing trip.

Adults are welcome to come as leaders. Please contact me if you are interested (dmartin@ardmorebaptist.org). We can use people with any expertise or simply a desire to serve.

The cost of the trip is \$90 for students and \$70 for adults (includes food and housing), due upon registration by May 23. You may register and pay via Realm (<https://tinyurl.com/ycf69k9g>). We leave July 17 and return July 20.

- Dane Martin

Ash Wednesday Service

Join us Wednesday, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for this meaningful Service. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The 40 days of the Lenten season remind us of the 40 days Jesus was in the wilderness as he reflected on his mission and prepared for his ministry. During these 40 days, we, too, are called to reflect on our own commitment to follow Jesus.

This is a family-friendly service; all are welcome. Children's Choirs (1st - 6th grades) will end at 5:55 p.m. so that families may attend the service together.



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 registering and paying via Realm (<https://tinyurl.com/yclxw5x>) or by bringing \$40 to Janet Hellard in the church office. For more information, go to the home page of our website and click on the Marriage Enrichment slide.

Childcare will be available for children, birth - 4 years old. Children in K - 6th grade are encouraged to attend Bible Sleuths (see article on this page).

Deacon of the Week



January 29 - February 4

Curt Garber

Phone: (336) 416-0635

Weekend Call

February 3 - 4

Don Gordon

Phone: 919-972-1933

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.

Grace Notes

I am so excited about some wonderful new additions and happenings in our Worship, Music, and Arts ministry as we begin 2018. Our orchestra continues to grow and we have been able to purchase a beautiful new tuba! With our piano upgrades we have been able to replace one of our older pianos with a beautiful Baldwin 7' concert grand piano that we will be able to use for Keyboards at Christmas this year. We have also signed a contract to begin the Reuter pipe organ completion project with the first addition of the 32' Bombarde (more on this in a future article). Our handbell equipment has been upgraded with much needed new tables, pads, pad covers, and rolling cases. In the area of our Worship Media, a new media computer and worship presentation software have now been installed and a new digital soundboard will be coming in a few months. The Media Team continues to grow and new training opportunities are around the corner. All of these additions and upgrades will allow us to minister more effectively through our worship, music, and arts programs and ministries at Ardmore. What a blessing! We have so much to be thankful for as we start this new year.

- David Fitzgerald



Senior Adult Banquet

Sunday, February 18; 12:00 noon

Fellowship Hall A

The Christmas Banquet had to be cancelled, so we are making it up. If you would like to come but did not purchase a ticket for the Christmas Banquet, please contact Audrey Rhyne (336-748-0975) to sign up. If you did buy a ticket, let Audrey know you will attend.



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Memorials & Honoraria

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In Memory of Jacque Spaugh

Bob & Linda Smith

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Music & Arts Camp

Ardmore Baptist Church

July 23 - 28

We want to make sure that the children of Ardmore Baptist Church have an opportunity to register first. Parents, please contact Kathy Stewart (kstewart@ardmorebaptist.org; 336-725-8767) to let her know if your child(ren) 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

Lent/Easter Reading Group

Wednesdays, February 21 - April 25

6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Conference Room

Lent is an opportune time to gauge our commitment to follow Jesus' way. If you're searching for meaningful daily readings and/or a discussion group, I suggest *Bread and Wine: Reflections for Lent and Easter*. Join me on Wednesdays and we'll discuss what we've read. You may sign up/pay for the book on Realm (<https://tinyurl.com/yajw8c2k>) or bring \$15 to Janet in the church office. Sign up by Monday, February 11. Let's learn to follow Jesus together.

- Gina Brock

Fit Church: Nurturing Healthy Congregations

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

of NC Annual Gathering

March 15 - 17

Knollwood Baptist Church

Everyone is invited to attend the CBF NC Annual Gathering. Learn more on their website (<http://www.cbfn.org/events/fitchurch>).

We need volunteers from Ardmore Baptist to set up, serve, and clean up for the meals on Friday, March 16. Contact Lee Ritchie (336-725-8767; lritchie@ardmorebaptist.org) if you can help.



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: Travel to Mill Creek General Store in Mt. Airy and the Wohlfahrt Dinner Theater in Wytheville, Virginia for a four-course lunch and the 50s & 60s music show, *Smokey Joe's Café*. Cost is \$70, due by February 22.

For the Record

January 28, 2018

Sunday Bible Study:		410
Morning Worship:	8:15AM	NA
	10:45AM	469

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	36,806
Budget Receipts 01/28/18	\$	35,422
Needs-To-Date	\$	147,224
Receipts-To-Date	\$	122,352
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(24,873)