



# ARDMORE ANNOUNCER

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH JESUS CHRIST.

*Announcing the Mission and Ministries of Ardmore Baptist Church, Inc., Winston-Salem, NC*

**ARDMORE**  
*Baptist Church*

## Worship Connection

March 5

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

**The Apostles' Creed:  
"The Descent of Jesus"**

Dr. Don Gordon

**Bring a Friend!**

## Sound & Light Board Operation 101 Workshop

Thursday, March 2; 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining our  
Worship Media Team is wel-  
come to attend.

## March Is Name Tag Month

Finally, you can be in a place "where everybody knows your name!" Grab a sharpie. Grab a name tag. Write legibly. Wear proudly. We are looking forward to calling you by name in March! Thanks for participating!

## Homeland Missions Emphasis

Sunday, March 5; 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Sandra H. Johnson, founder and director of Triad Ladder of Hope in High Point, will be with us Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for our Homeland Missions Emphasis during the Bible Study hour. We hope you will join us to learn about the Triad Ladder of Hope ministry. Muffins, juice, and coffee will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Sandra was born in Valley, Alabama and moved with her family to North Carolina when she was 13 years old. Today Sandra has a family of her own, which includes three sons, and ten grandchildren. She is very active in her church and has gone on numerous mission trips, nine of these overseas to the Ukraine, Lebanon, and the Lesser Antilles Islands.

In 2004, Sandra began working with human trafficking issues under a federal grant. A year later, she stepped out in faith and founded Triad Ladder of Hope. It is a privately funded, faith-based, grassroots, non-profit organization dedicated to eradicating the exploitation, sale, and enslavement of men, women, and children. Sandra works with the local police, FBI, and ICE to safely rescue victims from their situation. Triad Ladder of Hope works directly with rescued victims to provide food, clothing, safe shelter, medical needs, legal process and more as the healing process begins on their journey of becoming a survivor.

Sandra serves as a Mission Service Corps Missionary through the North American Mission Board. (See article on page 2, *What Is Human Trafficking?*)



## Ash Wednesday Service

Please join us this Wednesday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday Service. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent, concluding with the celebration of Jesus being raised from the dead on Easter. We observe Lent for 40 days because we remember that after Jesus was baptized, he was led into the wilderness by the Spirit and was tempted for 40 days. The season of Lent is the time in the Christian year when we focus our attention toward the cross and prepare our hearts for both Jesus' sacrifice and his defeat of death. We remember how Jesus resisted temptation and how, try as we might, we fail to resist and need God's good grace and mercy. This is a family-friendly service and all are welcome. Children's Choirs (1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades) will end at 5:55 p.m. so that families may attend the service together.

**And the Lord Added**

*Robert & Jenna McCall*

OUR MISSION:

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

### Our Pastor Writes ...

*Gina is Here*

**G**ina Brock has arrived in Winston-Salem and begun her ministry among us at Ardmore Baptist Church. I will venture to say that God has been preparing Gina her entire life for such a time as this, such a ministry as this. Having grown up in that little town south of Winston-Salem – Charlotte – she attended Wake Forest University and graduated with honors. Those were the days of theological upheaval in our Baptist seminaries and a little school was formed in Richmond comprised of many professors from the old SEBTS in Wake Forest, NC. Gina went to the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond under many of the teachers that shaped my own faith seven years earlier. Then, one of the most prominent churches in South Carolina called Gina to be a youth minister where she served in varying capacities for the next 15 years. Most recently God called Gina to Paducah, Kentucky finding rich soil at the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers. While at the FBC of Greenville, SC Gina met her husband, Chip, and eventually added to the family with daughter, Rebecca. All of this has been preparation for Gina to live and work and play and minister among us. She is ready! We are ready!

Gina will serve as the resource minister for two MALTs – Faith Formation and Congregational Care. Through Faith Formation she will lead our church to grow in our faith through Bible study, prayer, worship, and service. In the ministry area of Congregational Care she will equip our congregation to minister to the needs of those who are grieving, sick, lonely, and undergoing crises.

You are going to find that Gina is outgoing and caring, fun and energetic, smart and sensible, spiritual and practical. The other ministers on staff have already had a staff retreat with her and we can see that she is going to fit in very well. She is going to be an excellent minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ in our midst.

She will live here on her own, without Chip and Rebecca, until Rebecca finishes her 5<sup>th</sup> grade school year. In June they will all be in the Winston-Salem area.

Please welcome Gina with that wonderful Ardmore welcome and help her feel at home. You are going to be important instruments of God's grace in her life and she will be the same for you. In all this, we rejoice in our connections with Jesus Christ our Lord.



Saturday, March 4; 8:00 a.m. to Noon

**I**f you have signed up for a project, meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. for a brief prayer service and sending out of the teams. We ask the entire church to be in prayer during this time for Christ to encounter both those we serve and those who are serving.

### Movie Night

**J**oin us Friday, March 3 for “Risen.” Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Place.

### What Is Human Trafficking?

**T**riad Ladder of Hope defines human trafficking as “modern day *slavery*. Clearly defined, it is the recruitment, harboring, obtaining, and transporting of persons by use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjecting them to forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation.”

Did you know?

- ◆ Human trafficking is a multi-billion dollar industry; it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest crime in the U.S.
- ◆ Over 50% of child pornography websites originate from the U.S.
- ◆ At least 100,000 children are victims of commercial sexual exploitation within the U.S. each year.
- ◆ There is a trafficking victim brought into the U.S. every 10 minutes.
- ◆ Human trafficking is rapidly on the rise in NC due to Interstate 95 and 85, coastal ports, the agricultural industry, and a large immigrant population subject to exploitation.

### Fully Engaged

**I** just left a meeting with tears in my eyes. No, it wasn't a staff meeting. World Relief High Point, the agency that supports our two refugee families, is facing a \$400,000 shortfall, or 18% of their budget, based on recent immigration changes. Politics aside, 20% of their staff has already lost jobs. It costs World Relief about \$200 a year to support each refugee. Barring any further changes they need \$150,000 to make this fiscal year. Tonight, Lisa and I decided to write World Relief a check for about what it costs to support a refugee family this year. I invite you to grab a pen and join us.

- Mike

## Ardmore ABCs ...

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

**Hazel King** in the death of her sister-in-law, **Frances Vaughan**;  
**Candice Stonestreet** family

**Congratulations to:**

**Dane and Gretchen Martin** – 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 25<sup>th</sup>

**The following participated in our Parent/Child/Congregation Covenant**, February 26, 2017:

**Tyler Kerley** – Proud parents are **Michael and Jennie Kerley**;  
**Claire and Reeves Beuthin** - Proud parents are **Justin and Alyssa Beuthin**;  
**Caroline McCall** - Proud parents are **Robert and Jenna McCall**

### Ardmore's Homeland Missions Offering

March/April 2017

**D**uring the months of March and April, especially *Pray* for our homeland missionaries. *Give* generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering/Global Missions Offering. Envelopes are available at the display in the narthex. Prayerfully consider *Going/Doing* ministry to share Christ's love with hurting people in our homeland.

### Ashburn Book Collection

**J**ohn and Carolyn Ashburn were members of Knollwood Baptist Church for decades. She was a nurse and he was a high school Spanish teacher (mine, in fact, at West Forsyth). After retiring, she went to Wake Forest Divinity School. She has recently developed severe dementia and moved to a nursing facility near Boone, NC to be near her children. Mr. Ashburn has asked me to find a home for her books. They are in the covered drive stairwell. Please feel free to take any. After a few weeks, we will give the remaining books to the Shepherd's Center.

~ Don

### Grace Notes

*Ardmore Ringers Attend State Bell Festivals*

**F**ebruary has been Handbell Month at Ardmore. Last weekend, our two youth handbell choirs attended the state festival in Greensboro. This weekend, our Adult Bell Choir attended the festival in Shelby. Our very own Jim Davidson oversees the North Carolina bell festivals. He also directed the youth festival when the clinician called in sick at the last minute. I was honored to once again direct one of the Virginia Baptist State Handbell festivals at Eagle Eyrie the first weekend in February. I must say that Ardmore Baptist is very fortunate to have such a thriving handbell program and such wonderful directors like Margaret Todd and Jim Davidson. Did you know that we have five bell choirs and over sixty ringers of all ages who rehearse and ring weekly on three wonderful sets of handbells? I don't know of any church in North Carolina that has such a thriving handbell program! We are uniquely blessed! Not only do our handbells add inspirational music in our worship, but they provide one of the best means for teaching rhythm, music reading skills, and team building. I want to thank Margaret and Jim for the many hours they spend each week working with our youth, children, and adult handbell choirs! These "Ring Leaders" are truly amazing!

## Deacon of the Week



February 27 - March 5

**Chris Turner**

Phone: 336-970-9239

## Weekend Call

March 4 - 5

**Don Gordon**

Phone: 919-972-1933

### February Special Offerings

*Given-to-Date*

Baptist Retirement Homes: \$1,118

Heck-Jones/WMU NC: \$1,959

### Baptism On Easter Sunday

**I**f you are considering professing faith in the presence of our faith community and being baptized as a believer in Jesus Christ, please contact one of our ministers.



**T**hursday, May 4, a motor coach will take us to Raleigh to visit the N.C. Art Museum and the Triad Veterans Field of Honor. Included at the museum will be an exhibit by photographer Ansel Adams, a docent-led tour of 15th century paintings, and the outstanding collection of art. The cost, \$45, is due to Beverly Whitfield (336-765-8312) by April 1.



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## Memorials and Honoraria

### Handicrafters

**In Memory of Kathryn Stones**  
 Marie Charles

### Heck Jones Offering

**In Memory of Larry Chilton**  
 Marvin & Martha Taylor

**In Honor of Sandra Bovender & Patty Stockner**

Jean Phillips Bible Study Group  
**In Honor of Sandra Bovender, Patty Stockner, & the Jean Phillips Bible Study Group**  
 Lynda Phillips

**In Honor of Reg Banner, Barry & Carolyn Tilley**  
 Jack & Helen Baker

### Organ Fund

**In Memory of Ola & Roy Nichols and Jessie & Claude Denny**  
 Anonymous

### Unified Budget

**In Memory of Don & Carolyn Gaither**  
 Martha & Marvin Taylor

### Vision Fund

**In Memory of Larry Chilton**  
 Leon & Lynda Phillips

### For the Record February 26, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	364
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	118
10:45 a.m.	452

### Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 02/26/17	\$	36,682
Needs-To-Date	\$	316,981
Receipts-To-Date	\$	271,493
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(45,487)

## Joyful News From YAH Club

The Young at Heart Club enjoyed a deeply inspiring and highly entertaining program in February led by Reg Banner. Over 100 people attended, including several guests and new members! The enthusiasm is catching.

Mark down Tuesday, March 14, for another tremendous program. Martha Bassett, a widely recognized recording artist with a beautiful Christian spirit, will inspire us with her music. Come and experience the joy that will fill your heart. The menu is Roasted Pork Tenderloin.

The joy of the Lord is blessing the YAH Club. Spread the word, invite your friends, and help this ministry continue to flourish.

## Diaper Drive

The World Hope Mission Group will collect diapers during the month of March for clients of Salem Pregnancy Care Center. All sizes (1-5) are needed, except newborn. Collection boxes will be in the stairwells at the covered drive and just off the main lobby. Gift cards and monetary donations are also useful. Please leave money, checks, or gift cards in the church office with Janet or Susan. Checks should be made out to the church, designated Diaper Drive.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Gordon (elizabethgordon3@yahoo.com) or Barbara Hudgens (bhudgens@triad.rr.com). For more information about Salem Pregnancy, go to [www.salempregnancy.org](http://www.salempregnancy.org).

## Dinner With New Associate Pastor

If you would like to take our new Associate Pastor, Gina Brock, to dinner or have her to your home for dinner while her family is still in Kentucky, please contact Janet Hel-lard in the church office. Beginning Monday, March 6, and running through May, Gina will be available for meals with the Ardmore Baptist family on Monday and Thursday evenings. This will be a good way for Gina to get to know our church family as she awaits the arrival of her family.



The PBIS store at Ashley Academy needs school supplies, toys, etc. for the children to purchase with their compass cash. Visiting the store and making purchases encourages positive behavior and reinforces good decision making practices among the students. All donations are greatly appreciated.