



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 12
Morning (8:15 & 10:45):

**"I Believe in the
Reappearance of Jesus"**

Dr. Don Gordon

KidNecton
"Jesus Went to the Temple"

Luke 2:40-52

Bring a Friend!

The YAH Club
YOUNG AT HEART

Next Tuesday, March 14, the Young at Heart Club invites you to join them for a great time of fun and fellowship. 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. Plan to stay for lunch (roasted pork tenderloin). Spread the word, invite your friends, and help this ministry continue to flourish.



The 40 days of Lent give us the gift of time to reflect on the life and sacrifice of Jesus and to renew our commitment to him and living in his way. In order to live like Jesus, it is imperative we know and reflect on how Jesus lived. Reading our gospels links us to the best source of information and inspiration.

During this Lenten season, we are encouraging folks to read through the gospel of Mark, our earliest and shortest gospel. To assist you in your reading, we've prepared a guide with scriptures for each day and some direction on how to spend a few minutes daily in scripture reading and prayer. The guide is included as an insert in this issue of the *Announcer*. Copies may also be found at the main Welcome Desk.

Let us use this holy season of the Church to move towards being a more mature disciple of Jesus.

- Gina

Ardmore's Homeland Missions Offering

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

CBF Global Missions Offering

Our special offering emphasis throughout March and April is the Ardmore Homeland Missions Offering. During this time, we ask you to:

- ◆ **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.

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!

Baptism On Easter Sunday

If 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.

OUR MISSION:

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

Our Pastor Writes ...

What I'm Reading

My daughter, Sarah, who is a children's minister at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh, has a blog called "Things that Shine." A section of her blog contains a list of the books, articles, and blogs she is reading along with brief commentary on each. There are two things I know about this daughter; she loves books and babies. I didn't know my reading books to her every night would lead to this kind of bibliophilic lifestyle. In any case, I thought some people might be curious about what their pastor is reading during Lent.

Books about The Apostles' Creed:

The Apostles' Creed Today, John Killinger

What Christians Ought to Believe, Michael Bird

The Apostles' Creed for Today, Justo Gonzalez

I Believe in the Living God, Emil Brunner

*Each of these books has its own personality, theological perspective, and genre. Killinger's book is sermonic, Bird's is evangelical in doctrine, Gonzalez's is historical in nature, and Brunner's book is the oldest and therefore has an elegance of language most writers don't have today. I enjoy Brunner the most because his neo-orthodox perspective has always been very compelling to me.

The Crucifixion, by Fleming Rutledge

Christianity Today named this its book of the year in 2017, and for good reason. Fleming Rutledge has been an Episcopal priest in a church in New York City for two decades. Not many evangelicals exalt a female Episcopal priest to such a laudatory status, but Rutledge is deserving. You've probably heard me quote her in some of my sermons already and you will hear me do it again. This is the definitive book on the meaning of the cross for our generation and I know I will turn to it again and again for the rest of my life.

Les Miserables, Victor Hugo

I am trudging through this 1300 page tome that has been converted into movies and screen plays in multiple languages. The language is exquisite and the theological depth of these characters is riveting.

Kierkegaard: A Single Life, Stephen Backhouse

There is no theologian or philosopher from the 19th century with more impact on the modern and post-modern world than Soren Kierkegaard. If you want to know what lies behind the movements of the 21st century, you need to know the genius of this 19th century Dane. He rescued me in seminary from the trap of academic study and confronted me with the need for personal and existential faith that captures all of one's being.

I call these authors "my friends" because I find myself in conversation with them on a daily basis. I invite you to befriend St. Mark, and read his gospel throughout the season of Lent as Associate Pastor Gina Brock has recommended. These friendships can really change our lives.

Ardmore Baptist's Music & Arts Series Presents

Organist Jonathan Williams in Concert

Saturday, March 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Ardmore Baptist Sanctuary

Dane's DownLow

Hospitality through Beans

A couple of weeks ago, the youth assisted in grinding and packaging coffee. This coffee isn't Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts. It is fair trade coffee from the other side of the world, Indonesia. We heard the story from Todd H. of the missionaries who are investing in the local farmers of Indonesia and ministering to them through the relationships they create. We heard how this Indonesian coffee came to us from those missionaries. Then we broke into groups; grinding and packaging the coffee. Through this action our students continued the work of these missionaries and assisted in their ministry in Indonesia. But our work does not stop there. In the coming months, youth will share this coffee with neighbors of the church, provide it to the Invitation and Hospitality MALT to give to guests who come to the hospitality room after services, and give it to other people of the church we may visit on a given Wednesday night. Our hope is that through our efforts, people will hear and experience God's love through these simple coffee beans.

- Dane



Thursday, May 4, a motor coach will take us to Raleigh to visit the N.C. Art Museum and the Triad Veterans Field of Honor. The cost, \$45, is due to Beverly Whitfield (336-765-8312) by April 1.

Ardmore ABCs ...

Congratulations to:

Dottie Petree on the birth of her 18th great-grandchild, **Zachariah Steven Kaylor**, son of **James and Jeannie Kaylor**;
Eddie Haire on the birth of a granddaughter, **Eden Teresa Pruitt**, daughter of **Rebecca and Josh Pruitt**. Proud big sister is **Emery Pruitt**, proud uncle is **James Haire**, and proud great-grandparents are **Carroll and Beth Haire**;
Laura Onks, Kitchen Assistant, who will celebrate her 2nd anniversary at Ardmore on March 11th. Please express your appreciation to her this week.

Youth Dinner Theater

It's here! The Youth Dinner Theatre and Silent Auction tickets are now available. This entertaining fundraiser, which will take place on Sunday, March 26, at 5:00 p.m., is a special event for everyone! It will be an evening of mystery, a delicious dinner, and a silent auction full of wonderful items. Come with your friends and family, or make it a date night - there's free child care for children four years old and under!

During the week, you may make your reservation by purchasing tickets in the church office from Elizabeth Lopina (mornings) or Janet Hellard (afternoons). Tickets will also be available at the table in the lobby on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings (before and after Sunday Bible Study). Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

The youth continue to work hard on the performance, decorations, and the overall atmosphere for this special event. The theme is *Mystery*, and the audience will be utilized throughout the production to assist in discovering evidence and solving the mystery. We hope you will join us for this fun evening!

*What We Learned From Ardmore Neighbor Day:*

- ◆ 117 church members braved the coldest morning in several weeks to serve our neighbors
- ◆ 31 out of 391 homes donated food to the Neighborhood Food Drive
- ◆ Steve Cline, Charlie Bumgarner, Brad Preslar, Sierra Browning, and Jesse Cockerham win the award for most time involved in a project with their porch/stair replacement
- ◆ Six homeowners received much needed work
- ◆ The neighborhood doesn't wake up until 11:00 a.m. according to the neighborhood police officer who came to both of our hot chocolate stands
- ◆ Referrals from the water giveaways brought in the most cars to be washed
- ◆ Participants reported good interactions with each other and the community

Deacon of the Week



March 6 - 11
Ralph Kindred
 Phone: 336-760-3824

Weekend Call

March 11 - 12
Lee Ritchie
 Phone: 706-247-0376

Dinner With
New Associate Pastor

If you would like to take Gina Brock to dinner or have her to your home for dinner while her family is still in Kentucky, contact Janet Hellard in the church office. Gina will be available for meals with Ardmore Baptist folks on Monday and Thursday evenings, now through May. This will be a good way for Gina to get to know our church family as she awaits the arrival of her family.

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 are in the stairwells at the covered drive and just off the main lobby. Gift cards and monetary donations may be given to Janet Hellard or Susan Griffin. Checks should be made out to Ardmore Baptist Church, designated Diaper Drive.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Gordon (elizabethgordon3@yahoo.com) or Barbara Hudgens (bhudgens@triad.rr.com).



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Memorials and Honoraria

Handicrafters
In Honor of all Handicrafters
 Anonymous

New Name And Call For Volunteers

Forsyth Christian Job Corps is now named *Pivot Ministry: For a new approach to life & work*. We will launch a small pilot class of women who need a hand up once volunteers are recruited and trained in the coming weeks. If God is nudging you, there are still opportunities for you to be involved. We need mentors for our first class. We also need Bible study leaders and teachers of various skills to empower participants for success in life and on the job. If you would like to share work/life skills, topics, or values that have enriched your life, contact Carol Polk (336-725-8767, ext. 131; 336-971-4878; carol@pivotnow.org).



Items For Ashley Academy

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.

Creation Justice Pathways

Friday, March 24 - Sunday, March 26
 Parkway United Church of Christ

This conference is presented by the Creation Justice Network of the United Church of Christ, Southern Conference and co-sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches.

The conference begins at 6:00 p.m. Friday with a potluck supper, small group discussion, and activities for community building. On Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., presentations will be given by Marilyn Marsh-Robinson, Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler, Daniel Vermeer, Ph.D, Nicole Johnson, and Susannah Tuttle. A free lunch will be served (donations welcome). Then Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler will lead in worship. Register online: <https://creationjusticepathways.evetbrite.com>.

Ardmore Baptist's Music & Drama Ministry Presents

The Living Last Supper
 Maundy Thursday, April 13
 7:00 p.m.

Missing

If you have borrowed the leader guide and DVDs for the Beth Moore study, "Entrusted," please return them to the church office. Thank you!

For the Record March 5, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	455
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	110
10:45 a.m.	420

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 03/05/17	\$	55,756
Needs-To-Date	\$	352,201
Receipts-To-Date	\$	327,249
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(24,951)

Save The Date

4th Annual H2H Golf Tournament
 May 19; Reynolds Park