



# 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

April 9  
Morning (8:15 & 10:45):  
Palm Sunday

**"I Believe in the  
Forgiveness of Sins"**  
Dr. Don Gordon

**Bring a Friend!**



One of the goals the church adopted for the 2017-19 season of our lives is to share 50 "Stories of Transformation" per year. Our mission is "To connect people of all generations to Jesus Christ and one another in life-changing relationships." When this happens, lives are changed. Lives are transformed. This happens all the time at Ardmore Baptist Church but we are not always aware of the stories. Our church is so large, and the lives that interact with our church are so diverse, a large percentage of us don't know the life-changing experiences that are happening. This goal of publishing these transformations is intended to help you know about these movements of God's Spirit in our midst. You will find these stories on the front page of our website. We are deeply grateful to Debra Norris and James Mabe for collaborating to make this page available for all to see. The ministers will receive and review these stories at our weekly staff meetings in order to maintain the integrity of this page on our website, publishing stories that are truly transformative.

The Bible is filled with stories of transformation. Saul meets the Lord on the road to Damascus and his life is changed. A Samaritan woman meets Jesus at a well and becomes an evangelist for him. Timothy is nurtured by his mother and grandmother, leading ultimately to his ministry in the local church. The final transformation, of course, is when the saints are transformed into eternal witnesses surrounding the throne of God.

God continues to work today in the life of people open to his Spirit. The stories on this page tell about the transformative power of God in the lives of people connected to Ardmore Baptist Church. We have made these stories public as a public testimony for what God is doing in and through our congregation today. We hope you will find their stories inspiring and that they will be a prompt to greater sensitivity to what God is doing in your life.

- Don

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OUR MISSION:

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



Join us Friday, April 7, for *Chocolat*. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite chocolate! You may view the trailer at <http://tinyurl.com/m2zcfjn>.

**And the Lord Added**

*Chip, Gina, and Rebecca Brock*



### Family Easter Celebration

Saturday, April 8

10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

All families are invited to join us for a morning of using our five senses to experience Holy Week. Children and parents will step into the sights and sounds of Holy Week and consider Jesus' love for us. We will participate in the retelling of the Easter story in a way that welcomes holy imagination. Families are asked to *bring a snack to share* as we conclude our celebration.

### Palm Sunday

April 9; 10:45 a.m. service

Children are invited to help lead in worship by carrying palm branches into the service as we celebrate Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. Meet in the lobby at 10:40 a.m. to receive palm branches and instructions.

### The Living Last Supper

Maundy Thursday, April 13; 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

One of Christianity's most significant events was brilliantly portrayed by Leonardo Da Vinci centuries ago: The Last Supper. This Renaissance masterpiece is brought to life in "The Living Last Supper," a dramatic musical experience for Holy Week presented by the Adult Choir, instrumentalists, and dramatic monologues of Jesus and the 12 disciples.

### Stations Of The Cross

Good Friday, April 14

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Ardmore Baptist Sanctuary

We will once again offer the "Stations of the Cross." This individual, self-guided devotional experience, also known as the Way of the Cross, will include ten stations with symbols, visuals, scripture, meditation, and prayers for worshipers to use as they meditate on the different scenes from the Passion and death of Christ. You may go through the stations anytime during the day or evening. It usually takes about thirty minutes to go through the stations.

### Put Your "Hospitality Hat" On For Easter!

On Easter Sunday, the Invitation & Hospitality Team would like your help in offering genuine Christian hospitality to our guests:

- ◆ Park in the shuttle lot and ride the Ardmore Express in order to leave the parking spaces around the church free for guests.
- ◆ Move to the middle of your pew so that the ushers will have space on the end to seat guests easily.
- ◆ Smile and speak to those people around you that you do not know. There is joy to be shared on Easter morning!



### Easter Sunday Baptism

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.

### Grace Notes

It is hard to believe that Holy Week begins this Sunday, Palm Sunday. We will recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The children will process with palms as trumpet, organ, choir, and congregation join on the traditional Palm Sunday hymn, "All Glory, Laud and Honor." Worshipers will be given African Palm crosses that have been crafted from dry Palm fronds. These crosses have been made throughout the year by families in villages in Tanzania and East Africa. They are made to help support community projects such as agricultural and vocational education, schools, water systems, and emergency relief.

We will gather on Maundy Thursday to commemorate the Last Supper with Jesus and the disciples in the upper room through the dramatic musical presentation of "The Living Last Supper."

On Good Friday, the church will be open all day for the devotional experience of "Stations of the Cross."

Easter Sunday we will gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior with the "Singing of the Alleluias," the majestic sounds of the choir, organ, and our Ardmore Brass Ensemble and timpani. Worshipers are invited to bring fresh flowers on Easter morning to place on the cross in the courtyard entrance to the sanctuary.

May these special services and events of Holy Week provide us with the opportunity to remember the suffering, sacrifice, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### Ardmore ABCs ...

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

**Darron Walsh** in death of his step-father, **Thomas Rice, Jr.**

**Congratulation to:**

**Van and Emily Cockerham** - 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 28<sup>th</sup>

### Dane's DownLow

Youth Week is coming soon! It's a great time of the year when our students are able to lead the congregation in Bible study and worship for a week. I am glad Ardmore provides this opportunity to our students because it gives them a time to allow God to speak through them. The voice of each student is important and I know that God uses them and their experiences to speak into the lives of other people, both young and old. I am excited and cannot wait to see how God uses the talents of our students through music, words, and other ways, to challenge and let God speak through them. Please be in prayer for our students as they prepare for leading us the week of April 17 - 23.

### No Instant Church Directory

So, you have been using Instant Church Directory on your phone to look up church members' contact information, but now you can't log in. Now that we have Realm (our cloud-based management software), we no longer subscribe to Instant Church Directory.

Realm will allow you to look up contact info, send emails to individuals and/or group members, check your giving record, and more. If you are ready to sign up, contact Debra and she will send you a new invite email. The email will come from "notifications@onrealmmail.org." The link in the invitation is only good for 14 days before it expires. We can always send another invite if you don't connect within 14 days. If you have trouble creating a password, give Debra a call and she will walk you through it.

### Disaster Relief Training

Interested in helping people recover from the effects of natural disaster? Training for mass feeding, recovery/clean-up, childcare, counseling, and support functions is being offered through NC Baptist Men, April 21 - 22 in Rockingham County. This training will lead to certification to serve with the NCBM Disaster Relief Ministry. There is a fee, but check with Mike about support from the church.

Interested persons may visit <http://tinyurl.com/m9uuf5w> for more information or contact Mike to sign up (336-725-8767; [mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org](mailto:mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org))

### Deacon of the Week



April 3 - 9

**Mark Ernestes**

Phone: 336-922-6564

### Weekend Call

April 8 - 9

**Lee Ritchie**

Phone: 706-247-0376

### Ardmore Baptist Neighbors

*For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:*

*"Love your neighbor as yourself."*

– Galatians 5:14

Like doing odd jobs? Want to put handy work skills to good use? Looking for a way to express your love for Christ? Become an Ardmore Baptist Neighbor and help folks who are unable to perform minor, home-based tasks themselves. Jobs may include raking leaves, yard work, cleaning homes (inside or outside), changing bulbs, moving furniture, removing trash or debris, etc. Kindness, helpfulness, and friendliness are the only skills necessary. More involved projects are available as well. Contact Mike (336-725-8767; [mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org](mailto:mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org)) to become an Ardmore Baptist Neighbor!

The **YAH** Club  
YOUNG AT HEART

Join us on Tuesday, April 11, at 10:15 a.m. for Music and Comedy with Mike Sosebee, nephew of Audrey Rhyne. Plan to stay for a delicious lunch (honey-baked ham).



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## Memorials and Honoraria

*Annie Armstrong/Global Missions Offering*

**In Memory of Jerry Morris**

Mary Morris

*Facilities*

**In Memory of Larry Chilton**

Loretta & Steve McLeod

*Handicrafters*

**In Honor of Steve & Linda Cline**

Lynne Atkins

*Memorial Fund*

**In Memory of Evalyn Davis**

George & Carole Moore

*Music Ministry*

**In Memory of Evalyn Davis**

Carl & Sandra Bovender

**In Memory of Evalyn Davis and Mary Ellen Hopper**

Ann Canupp

*Special Ministries*

**In Memory of Marvin Jameson**

The Journey Sunday Bible Study Class

*Vision Fund*

**In Memory of Mary Ellen Hopper**

Clark Hopper

*Unified Budget*

**In Memory of Betsy Harpley**

The Gathering Sunday Bible Study Class

**In Memory of Thomas B. Rice, Jr.**

Adult 6 Sunday Bible Study Class



## Pivot Volunteer Training

If you want to explore volunteering and missed the first training class, here's another opportunity: Palm Sunday, April 9, in FHA; 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Training will cover the ministry overview, match volunteer roles with each person's gifts/interests, and identify next steps. Contact Carol Polk to register (carol@pivotnow.org; 336-725-8767, ext. 131).

## NC Baptist Singers & Orchestra

present

*Songs of Heritage and Hope*

Monday, May 1; 6:45 p.m.

Sanctuary

## Yard Sale

The Sisters of Faith mission group will hold their annual Yard Sale on Saturday, May 6 (rain date is May 13). They are asking for donations of household items, clothes, tools, games and toys - any items that you want to get rid of during your spring cleaning. The collection bin will be in the covered drive stairwell. All proceeds go to fund local mission projects.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Steen (336-403-6776).

## PMBA Senior Adult Luncheon

May 25; 12:00 noon

Old Town Baptist Church

Enjoy a meal, entertainment by pianist Joni Hanna, door prizes, and great fellowship. Meal tickets are \$6.50 each and may be purchased from the PMBA (336-830-8189) by May 18.

## For the Record April 2, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	478
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	84
10:45 a.m.	481

## Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 04/02/17	\$	50,411
Needs-To-Date	\$	493,081
Receipts-To-Date	\$	498,257
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	5,176

## Vacation Bible School 2017

June 26 - 30; 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon daily

Things you should know:

- ◆ To volunteer, contact Lee Ritchie (lritchie@ardmorebaptist.org) or Cathy Irwin (cathy.irwin@ymail.com). We need volunteers to work with preschoolers, elementary aged children, in the nursery, and lead the lessons and activities.
- ◆ Volunteers, mark your calendar now for VBS Training May 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ You may register your children at ardmorbaptist.org/vbs. VBS is open to all children 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Ardmore Baptist children 3 - 5 years old.