



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 16
Easter Sunday
Morning (8:15 & 10:45):

“I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body and Everlasting Life”

Dr. Don Gordon

Bring a Friend!

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 On Your “Hospitality Hat” 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 ushers will have space on the end of the pew 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!



Holy Week Readings

Monday:	Mark 12:17	Friday:	Mark 15:1-47
Tuesday:	Mark 12:18-34	Saturday:	No reading. Be still.
Wednesday:	Mark 13:1-37	Sunday:	Mark 16:1-20
Thursday:	Mark 14:1-72		

Schedule Reminders
Wednesday, April 12: No Fellowship Supper, Missions Education, or Children’s Choirs. We *will have* PPP, Adult Choir Rehearsal, and Finance Committee Meeting.
Friday, April 14: Office closed.

Easter Sunday

Please bring fresh flowers with you to place on a cross in the courtyard.

OUR MISSION:

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

And the Lord Added
Jeremy and Sarah Shreve

Our Pastor Writes ...

Our Christian Hope

As we approach Easter Sunday, it is helpful to recall the hope we have as Christians. This is especially true as despair is spreading across the land. The New York Times recently reported the U.S. suicide rate was at a 30-year high. The overall suicide rate rose 24 percent from 1999 to 2014. It tripled for girls ages ten to fourteen and rose for every racial and gender category except African-American men. Experts disagreed about the reason for this. One attributed the trend to diminishing job and economic prospects, yet the suicide rate of black men, perhaps the most economically excluded population of all, was not rising. Robert Putnam, noted sociologist from Harvard University used the word “hopeless” in his analysis. The question begs to be answered: “Why do modern people feel more hopeless when, arguably, our lives are more comfortable than any previous generation?”

The Christian hope is that injustice will not finally prevail over justice, nor will poverty outlast prosperity, nor will death be the last word. The Christian hope is based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who promises that we will follow him into this glorious place. Our ground for assurance in the resurrection of Christ is the historical evidence, quite formidable, as demonstrated by Wolfhart Pannenberg, N.T. Wright, and others. This is no claim for absolute, empirical proof, but it does demonstrate this is not a hope based on blind faith in the presence of overwhelming evidence.

Another ground for our hope is the foretaste of the future we get right now. Christians catch a glimpse, sometimes it’s called a down payment of the glorious life to come. We experience God’s love through prayer, worship, and daily encounters in the world. The Apostle Paul wrote, “And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us” (Rom. 5:5). With Paul, we hold on to a hope that does not disappoint and does not put us to shame. It is manifest in our lives through the Holy Spirit, our constant companion and divine comforter.

As we approach this Easter Sunday, I invite you to meditate and reflect on this great hope that is ours and the one we proclaim with a billion Christians around the world. There is a hope we carry with us that is a great source of power in our lives and our world. It is the reason we face the future with confidence and not despair.

Samaritan Ministries Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event

Sunday, April 23; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

520 Summit Street, Winston Salem, NC 27101

Anyone from Ardmore who has volunteered at Samaritan Inn during 2016 or 2017 is invited.

Diaper Drive Results

The World Hope Mission group has been working closely with Salem Pregnancy throughout this year. Many of our members volunteer on a weekly and/or monthly basis. For the month of March, we sponsored a diaper drive for the center. I am happy to report that we collected 1,891 diapers! *That is a lot of diapers!* I am grateful for the many donations by church members.

— Elizabeth Gordon

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) to become an Ardmore Baptist Neighbor!



Monday, May 1; 6:45 p.m.
Ardmore Baptist Sanctuary

Ardmore ABCs ...

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

Frank Moyer, in the death of his sister, **Betsy Harpley**

Gracious notes of appreciation have been received from the following and are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall:

Peggy Trenchard

Joe Eller

Congratulations to:

Janet Hellard, Administrative Assistant, who will celebrate her 5th year at Ardmore on April 16th. Please express your appreciation to her this week.

Family Easter Celebration

Please enjoy the pictures from our Family Easter Celebration. Families read scripture and smelled nard and myrrh, acted out the Easter story with finger puppets, decorated stones to remember what happened on Easter, and more.



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 is 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).

Deacon of the Week



April 10 - 16

Jay Crumpler

Phone: 336-945-2064

Weekend Call

April 15 - 16

Gina Brock

Phone: 336-970-9117

Maintenance

Special thank you goes to Steve Cline for helping Russell McBride with the big ladder in the sanctuary.



Golf Tournament

Friday, May 19

Reynolds Park Golf Course

Registration brochures are at the Welcome Desk in the main lobby. Complete the form and return it, along with your fees, to Susan Griffin in the church office. If you have questions, contact Jeff McIntyre (jeff@mcintyre mfg.com). Net proceeds benefit our H2H Ministry at Ashley Academy.

This year, a complimentary lunch will be served 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration and practice will begin at noon. There will be a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.



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Memorials and Honoraria

Music Ministry

In Memory of Evelyn Davis
Marilyn Reavis

Pivot Ministry

In Honor of Carol Polk
Barbara Mowery

Unified Budget

In Memory of Betsy Harpley
Marilyn Reavis

Vision Fund

In Memory of Betsy Harpley
Doug & Brenda Sprinkle

World Hunger

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Brown
Cliff Brown

Vacation Bible School

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

Are you ready for a week of exploring how we can be heroes for God? I sure am! Vacation Bible School provides time for children to be empowered to serve God and grow in God's strength. I know you will want to be a part of this important week in helping with faith formation for these children.



- ◆ Contact Lee Ritchie or Cathy Irwin to volunteer. We need preschool guides, elementary guides, rotation leaders, registration helpers, and more.
- ◆ Pray for the adults as they prepare to teach and learn with the children. Pray that they will grow stronger in their faith through VBS. Pray for the children that they may experience God's love for them.
- ◆ Come help on a VBS Workday. We meet in the Conference Room 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and tackle tasks ranging from administrative to decorating. These prep days are all Wednesdays: May 24, June 7, 14, and 21.
- ◆ Volunteers, mark your calendar for VBS Training May 21st at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall B.
- ◆ Parents, register your child at ardmorebaptist.org/vbs. All children in kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome. Ardmore Baptist Church and Ardmore Baptist Preschool families may register 3 - 5 year-old children.

Admore Journeys

Noah's Ark Encounter/Creation Museum

September 25 - 27

Williamston, Kentucky

The recreated, dimensionally correct Ark is the largest timber frame structure in the world, built from standing dead timber, in part by skilled Amish craftsmen. It is an architectural and engineering wonder, containing three decks of world-class exhibits. Contact: Beverly Whitfield (336-765-8312) to sign up - deadline is July 15. *All trips are open to all ages.*

Children's Summer

Music and Arts Camp

Many Voices - Many Lands

July 31 - August 4; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This celebration of music, art, and dance from many lands is open to all children, *rising 2nd to 7th grades*. Camp experiences will include art projects from many cultures, global fun and games, multicultural music, handbells, guitar, recorder, orff instruments, African drumming, creative movement, and special features with guest performing artists. Registration Fee is \$50.

For the Record April 9, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	470
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	80
10:45 a.m.	461

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 04/09/17	\$	32,250
Needs-To-Date	\$	528,301
Receipts-To-Date	\$	530,507
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	2,206