



ARDMORE ANNOUNCER

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

ARDMORE
Baptist Church

Worship Connection

April 23

Morning (8:15 & 10:45):

Youth Sunday

"Freedom in Life and Death"

Isaiah 40:28-31

Ardmore Baptist Youth

Bring a Friend!



Youth Week 2017

Youth Week 2017 is here. This year's theme is "Freedom in Life and Death," based on Isaiah 40:28-31 which states, "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Make plans to be present at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, as the youth lead Prayer, Praise, and Proclamation in Fellowship Hall B, and Sunday, April 23, as they teach Sunday Bible Study classes and lead in both morning worship services.

In addition, all youth are invited to join us for:

- ◆ Terrific Tuesday, April 18; 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - root beer floats at the church
- ◆ Our on-going small Group Bible Studies Friday, April 21; 7:45 a.m.
- ◆ Youth vs. Parents/Adult Leaders Game Night, Friday, April 21; 6:00 p.m. at Clemmons First Baptist Church gym.

Former Vietnam POW Speaks

April 23; 2:15 p.m.

Creekside Terrace in Winston-Salem
Brigadier General Norman Gaddis, USAF (R), spent six years as a POW in Vietnam. His family lived in Winston-Salem and attended Ardmore Baptist during that time. After his retirement from the Air Force, they returned and became members here at Ardmore. His memoir, *Dagger Four is OK*, was published in 2015. General Gaddis currently lives in Raleigh.

Adult Sunday Bible Study Teacher Academy

Saturday, April 29

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Includes breakfast catered by Cagney's Kitchen

We will consider the 'why' of teaching, explore how adults learn, and share some of our hopes and dreams for Faith Formation at Ardmore. Please RSVP to Gina by Wednesday, April 26, so we know how much food to prepare.

Questions? Contact Gina (336-725-8767, ext. 107; gbrock@ardmorebaptist.org).

OUR MISSION:

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

Our Pastor Writes ...

*Personnel Council Recommends DeNeal Fowler
as next Minister of Invitation and Hospitality*

The Personnel Council of Ardmore Baptist Church will be recommending at the April 23 Church Conference that DeNeal Fowler be called as our next Minister of Invitation and Hospitality. This regularly scheduled Church Conference will be held in the evening at 6:00 p.m. Upon receiving this recommendation and hearing a brief testimony from DeNeal, the church will vote by ballot to affirm this recommendation. The Invitation and Hospitality MALT conducted the search and interviews for this process, bringing their unanimous recommendation to the Personnel Council, who in turn are unanimously recommending DeNeal to the congregation. The members of the Invitation and Hospitality MALT are: Luelle Crumpler, Jack Gentry, Leslie Hege, Eddie Hampton, Holly Martin, Bob Spears, and Jim Sullivan (liaison from the Personnel Council).

DeNeal, along with her husband James, has been a member of Ardmore Baptist Church for 21 years. During her time at Ardmore, DeNeal has been a preschool choir leader, Missions Friends leader, member of the Strategic Planning Team and Personnel Council, a Sunday School teacher for youth and adult classes, as well as being part of many other important ministries. She has been an active PTA member at her children's schools and a Girl Scout leader. Her professional career has been in marketing, working for Estee Lauder, Greensboro News and Record, and Belk. She is a graduate of Appalachian State University with a B.S. in Communications and minor in Marketing. DeNeal and James are the parents of three Ardmore Baptist Church children: Grayson, Samuel, and Lorna.

The Personnel Council and the Invitation and Hospitality MALT have been most impressed with DeNeal's genuine Christian commitment evidenced in her personal walk with the Lord, as well as communal connection to Ardmore Baptist Church. She has a winsome and sweet personality which will help shape a ministry geared toward reaching out to new people. Her organizational and marketing skills will be key components in helping our church connect to our neighborhood and surrounding region. DeNeal's strong writing and speaking skills will help her communicate the mission of the church effectively, as well as organize the work of the Ministry of Invitation and Hospitality, to help us accomplish this mission.

I join the Personnel Council and the Invitation and Hospitality MALT in their enthusiastic support for the call of DeNeal Fowler. We ask that the congregation prayerfully consider her as our next Minister of Invitation and Hospitality.

Praise Him With Tambourine And Dance; Praise Him With Strings And Pipe! (Psalm 150:4)

What a joy it is to offer praise to God here at Ardmore! Saturday, March 18, my spirit was strangely warmed and my heart overjoyed while performing on our magnificent pipe organ. The attendance of so many of you filled my spirit with great joy and the gifts you so generously gave spoke to your support of my ministry. Thank you. Words cannot express how much your support has meant to me this past year during my service at Ardmore and I pray that I will be able to continue to serve you as a good and pleasing servant in God's eyes.

- Yours faithfully, Jonathan

Alleluias

The children colored beautiful *alleluia* butterflies and we placed them in the tomb on Ash Wednesday, burying them for the season of Lent. This reminds us of Jesus' death and asks us to lay aside celebrating, thus focusing our attention on self-reflection and penitence. During Lent, the sanctuary choir did not sing a single *alleluia*. In fact, they crossed the *alleluias* out of their music and wrote in some other turn-of-phrase in its place. Now that we have celebrated Easter, we can again praise God to the fullest with our *alleluias*! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! *Alleluia*!

Now that we've celebrated Easter, I can confess to you that I never buried the *alleluias* that were in my office. You see, after the children colored those *alleluia* butterflies, I had many left over and put them in my office. When your son finds *alleluia* butterflies and loves to color, the result is a swirl of *alleluias* every day of Lent! He colored at least two *alleluias* every time he came into my office.

What I have learned from this is that my son has kept the joy and hope of Easter with him this entire season. We may have talked about laying aside that which separates us from God during Lent, but nothing would keep him from praising God with his whole self! My prayer for us, who live as Easter people in a world where so many circumstances want to leave us at Good Friday, is that we will live out our hope and joy trusting the God who gives us life! *Alleluia*!

- Lee



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

Ardmore ABCs ...

Congratulations to:

Sherrill and Kathryn Hudspeth – 30th wedding anniversary on April 19th

Give your prayerful support to **Seth Cockerham** who was baptized in the 10:45 a.m. worship hour Sunday, April 16th.

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 donate 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).

Golf Tournament

Friday, May 19

Reynolds Park Golf Course

Registration brochures are at the Welcome Desk in the main lobby. Return completed registration form, along with fees, to Susan Griffin in the church office. If you have questions, contact Jeff McIntyre (jeff@mcintyremfg.com). Net proceeds benefit our H2H Ministry at Ashley Academy.

Complimentary lunch will be served 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration and practice begin at noon. Shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m.

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 ardmorbaptist.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.

Deacon of the Week



April 17 - 23

Jen Chancey

Phone: 954-600-1238

Weekend Call

April 22 - 23

Dane Martin

Phone: 336-403-3221

Children's Summer Music and Arts Camp

Many Voices - Many Lands

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

This camp is open to all children, rising 2nd to 7th grades. 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.

Registration coming soon!

Fully Engaged

City With Dwellings Wrap-up

I want to thank all who were involved in the City With Dwellings overflow shelter at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church this winter season. We served anywhere from seven to twenty-four guests every Friday night from December through March. I had the pleasure of driving them back downtown several Saturday mornings and was able to hear how they appreciate having a place to stay and people to serve them dinner and provide snacks. For all those involved, know that as you have served these, you have served our Savior.

Memorials and Honoraria

Unified Budget

In Memory of Betsy Harpley
Bill & Barbara Beattie

World Hunger-Gaza

In Honor of Debra Norris
Carol Polk

Youth Ministry

In Honor of Donna & Bob McEwan
Jason Ritchie

Ardmore Baptist Preschool Spring Program

A Beautiful Day

Children's Art Auction and Dinner
Thursday, May 18
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study

Detours, by Dr. Tony Evans
Thursdays, April 20 - May 25
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Youth Place

For the Record April 16, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	508
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	129
10:45 a.m.	629

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 04/16/17	\$	25,760
Needs-To-Date	\$	563,521
Receipts-To-Date	\$	556,268
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(7,253)

Grace Notes

The Living Last Supper



What a blessing we received on Maundy Thursday with the powerful presentation of "The Living Last Supper!" The beautiful music by the choir and string ensemble created the perfect backdrop for the poignant monologues of the disciples as they expressed their innermost thoughts. The service concluded with a deeply moving experience of Holy Communion as Jesus and the disciples served the congregation the bread and the cup. I am so grateful to Donna Bissette for directing the drama, to all of the cast and choir who spent numerous hours learning and rehearsing music and monologues, and to all the many volunteers who served behind the scenes preparing the set, props, costumes, sound and lighting, and other aspects of the evening. I am amazed that a little over 100 persons gave of their time and talents to create such a powerful and inspirational Holy Week experience for our congregation and community through music and drama. Thank you again to all who glorified God and honored Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, through this powerful worship experience!