



ARDMORE ANNOUNCER

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH JESUS CHRIST.

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

2017 Youth Week Staff



(From left to right) Front row: Emily Graves, Pili Swanson; Middle Row: Jacob Simpson, Katie Bryant, Matthew Pegg, Tom Driscoll; Back Row: Grayson Fowler, Grant Daniel, Bobby Lemons, Matt Wright)

ARDMORE
Baptist Church

Worship Connection

April 30
Morning (8:15 & 10:45):

**“Living on Both Sides
of the Rainbow”**
Genesis 45
Dr. Don Gordon

KidNecton (10:45)
“The Ascension”
Acts 1:4-11

Bring a Friend!

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).

Out Of The Mouths Of Babes

Last Sunday we celebrated Easter. Each year when we come to this most important holy day in the Christian faith, I recall and reflect on something Rebecca said when she was four years old. At that time I was serving a congregation in Greenville, SC. After the worship service on Sundays, Chip and Rebecca would typically find themselves waiting on me to finish conversations with parishioners (such is the life of a minister’s family). To pass the time, Rebecca would lead Chip back into the sanctuary where she would meander around looking at the

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OUR MISSION:

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

Peru Missions Team

April 28 – May 6

Pray for the following Ardmore folks as they travel to Peru to minister in Christ’s name:

Joanne and Kirk Buckner, Luella Crumpler, Mac Jones, Robert Kelly, Cheryl Morrison, David Newsome, Yen Nguyen, Brent and Jennifer Willard, and Lauren Willard.

Piedmont Chamber Singers Concert at Ardmore

Saturday, April 29

We have 20 tickets. If you would like to attend, contact Janet in the office and tickets will be held at the door for you.

Re-Drawing Conclusions

I want to share a story with you about St. John's Episcopal Church in Huntington, West Virginia. My father and step-mother attend there.

The Monday after Easter, around 9:00 p.m., someone broke in and set fire to the altar. Early Tuesday morning, I saw Facebook posts of pictures of the church beautifully decorated for Easter, and then photos after the fire. Like many others, my first reaction was what a terrible thing this was to happen, hoping nobody was hurt, and hoping the damage wasn't extensive. But there was anger, too. Is nothing sacred? I read through many reactions that were full of sadness and anger, frustration and hurt. Those who go to that church felt violated and sad about the damage to their holy space. Some thought it might be a hate crime, while others thought it might have been done by a stranger they saw wondering around the church on Saturday; perhaps an addict in a city with an opioid-addiction epidemic had done this by accident. And then came the news. Police had arrested a 12 year old girl who was being charged with the crime.

More comments came. "Kids today have no respect!" "Senseless act of violence!" "Young people don't understand the implications of their behavior!"

Then we learned more. The young girl had broken into the church, planning to commit suicide there. Both of her parents are deceased and she was clearly troubled and profoundly sad.

That is when the tenor of the remarks began to change. Suddenly, there was the realization that all of the items damaged can be replaced or repaired. What if she had succeeded? That would have been the real tragedy. We don't know all the details of what happened Monday night, but as one person remarked, "If this whole tragic story ends with the healing of this troubled child, the altar will have served its purpose."

- Elizabeth Lopina

Church Conference Overview

Several important items were presented at church conference last night. With just under 120 voting members attending, the following decisions were voted into favor:

- ◆ Kim Whitaker, finance chair, presented first quarter statements which showed giving at just \$262 under budget!
- ◆ DeNeal Fowler, longtime member of ABC, was called as our new Minister of Invitation & Hospitality. DeNeal brings marketing and communications skills, a longtime member's relationships, a heart for serving Christ, and a warm, welcoming nature to this position.
- ◆ Requests for distribution of excess 2016 funds were approved for Administration/Support, Faith Formation – Children/Families, Faith Formation – Youth/College, Missional Engagement, Worship/Music/Arts, and pastor requests totaling \$229,525. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
- ◆ The pursuit of the sale of the Missionary House was approved on recommendation from the Properties Committee based on joint meetings with the Missional Engagement MALT and the Missionary House Team. Use of the Missionary House has been waning for years due to changes in missionary travel. No SBC or CBF missionaries have stayed in the home for six years. Other alternatives were explored and considered, but a sale with the use of the funds for other missional purposes was decided to be the best route. Many people shared wonderful stories of how this and previous houses have meant so much to missionaries.

Dane's DownLow

Youth Week was again a great time to celebrate the youth of the church. They were able to have some special moments together as they played games, had root beer floats, and challenged their parents and adult leaders to relay races. It has been a good week. But the week wasn't good because of the games and the food. It was good because we were able to hear from our students. It was good because the students led us in worship, Bible study, and in sharing stories of mission work. We were able to learn from them, hear their experiences, and be impacted. I think it's great that our students are provided the opportunity for their voices to be heard. Each student has so much to share, and I appreciate everyone encouraging them, building them up, and continually investing in them. I look forward to great years ahead and the ways the youth and adults of the congregation can connect and grow from those experiences.



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

The NC Baptist Singers and Orchestra includes ministers of music, music directors, accompanists, and other church musicians from across North Carolina. Striving for choral and musical excellence, the choir presents sacred choral music that represents many styles. They offer their musical gifts to God as others are led to worship God. In all they do, they seek to reflect Christ's love and to give God the glory through their worship together.

Ardmore ABCs ...

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

Peggy Isley in the death of her sister, **Dorothy Ball**

Congratulations to:

Larry & Gail McAlister – 30th wedding anniversary on April 25th

Dane Martin, Minister with Students, who will celebrate his 1st year at Ardmore on April 24th. Please express your appreciation to him this week.

Joni Hanna, Formation and Music Assistant, who will celebrate her 2nd year at Ardmore on April 27th. Please express your appreciation to her this week.

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colorful windows. Among the windows in that sanctuary are three which highlight the holiest days of the Christian year – Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. The Easter window depicts the empty tomb, the angel, and the women standing awestruck and amazed. One Sunday Rebecca stopped before this window, looked at Chip, and said, “Daddy, that’s an angel. He’s saying, ‘Don’t worry. Everything is gonna be alright.’”

Such is the message of Easter. Jesus’ resurrection means death no longer is the end. Life is. No matter what deaths we face – emotional, spiritual, physical, the death of a marriage, career, or dreams – the message of Easter being death is not the end. Life always triumphs. Everything is going to be alright. What good news!

Easter frees us to look beyond death – because there is a beyond! It frees us here and now to live the way Jesus teaches us – joyfully with compassion, kindness, and forgiveness towards one another. Easter opens the door to life – and life abundant right now! Let us go forward as Jesus’ disciples living as Easter people!

- Gina

Vacation Bible School

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

Did you know it takes about 60 adult volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School each year? This is an important week in the lives of the children who attend. They step into the sacred stories of scripture and learn truth about who God is, as well as who they were created by God to be. This year we hope to empower our children to see that God is calling them to have heart, courage, wisdom, hope, and power. We want them to see how they can serve God. We know you will want to be a part of this amazing week of building relationships with the children so they can see themselves as children of God who can work on God’s behalf. Please consider serving in one of the following areas:

- ◆ Shepherd a group of children and help them ask faith questions about what they are learning;
- ◆ Lead one of the rotation stations such as the Bible story, crafts, missions, recreation, or music;
- ◆ Work the registration table and help orient families as they arrive;
- ◆ Not sure where to serve? Ask Lee Ritchie (lritchier@ardmorebaptist.org) or Cathy Irwin (cathy.irwin@ymail.com) and we will help you find a place that fits your gifts.

We look forward to working with you in this special week of VBS.

Deacon of the Week



April 24 - 30

Jim Camp

Phone: 336-231-2847

Weekend Call

April 29 - 30

David Fitzgerald

Phone: 540-915-3839

Yard Sale

The Sisters of Faith mission group will hold their annual Yard Sale on Saturday, May 6 (rain date, May 13). They are asking for donations of household items, clothes, tools, games and toys. 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).

A Beautiful Day

Ardmore Baptist Preschool invites you to our spring program, art show auction, and fundraiser dinner on Thursday, May 18; 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dinner order forms are available at the Welcome Desk in the lobby. Order forms and payment for dinner may be given to Susan Griffin - due by Monday, May 15. The proceeds will go towards staff development and supplies.

PMBA Senior Adult Luncheon

May 25; 12:00 noon

Old Town Baptist Church

Meal tickets (\$6.50) may be purchased from Janet in the church office by May 18.



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Memorials and Honoraria

Unified Budget

In Memory of Don & Carolyn Gaither
 Leon & Lynda Phillips

Kitchen Fund

In Honor of the Kitchen Staff
 Foy & Linda Crouse

Golf Tournament

Friday, May 19

Reynolds Park Golf Course

It's time to sign up for this H2H event! 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. Contact Jeff McIntyre (jeff@mcintyremfg.com) if you have questions. Net proceeds benefit our H2H Ministry at Ashley Academy.

Grace Notes

The sanctuary was empty. The set from the Living Last Supper was still on stage. I had completed half of the "Stations of the Cross" devotionals and was praying one of the prayers when all of a sudden I heard this beautiful soprano voice. The voice grew louder as the person entered the sanctuary and moved up the center aisle singing "Jesus Remember Me When You Come into Your Kingdom." As the person continued to sing, she moved around the set of the "Living Last Supper," picking up the bread and the cup. The sweet sound of the musical prayer continued in a repetitive and expressive outburst as the person moved from station to station touching the objects at each station. She did not know that I was hidden at one of the stations. I became emotionally overwhelmed as I witnessed this beautiful personal act of worship and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Later that afternoon I encountered several church members in tears as they left the stations. I also overheard several visitors commenting on the beauty of our sanctuary and how meaningful this devotional experience was for them. I am grateful that we can offer our church and community this type of worship experience during Holy Week and I am more than ever convinced of the value of this personal worship experience. I want to say a special thank you to Sarah Carver for helping to organize and set up the "Stations of the Cross" for the past three years.

For the Record April 23, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	447
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	136
10:45 a.m.	451

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 04/23/17	\$	35,119
Needs-To-Date	\$	598,741
Receipts-To-Date	\$	591,387
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(7,354)



All trips are open to all ages. Make reservations with Beverly Whitfield (336-765-8312).

- ◆ September 25 - 27 - Noah's Ark Encounter and Creation Museum trip, 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. The Ark is an architectural and engineering wonder containing three decks of world-class exhibits. *Reservations due July 15.*
- ◆ June 1; 3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Cody Creek and the Depot Restaurant – No charge for this trip.