



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

May 7

Morning (8:15 & 10:45):

“Moses: Fearful Pharaoh and Fearless Women”

Exodus 1:6-11, 15-17

2:1-6

Dr. Don Gordon

KidNecton (10:45)

“The Church Began”

Acts 2

6:00 p.m.

Children’s Choir Program

“Be Strong in the Lord”

Bring a Friend!

Movie Night For Adults

Our next Movie Night is May 5 in the Youth Place. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7:00 p.m. This month’s movie is “Hidden Figures.” View the trailer (<http://tinyurl.com/jmq4r23>) and enjoy a fun time of fellowship!



Handicrafters Presented Governor’s Volunteer Award

On April 19, Linda Cline accepted the 2017 Governor’s Volunteer Service Award for a faith-based organization on behalf of the Handicrafters ministry. The award was sponsored and presented by HandsOn Northwest North Carolina. Each year, individual and group volunteers are nominated by organizations which they serve. Handicrafters was nominated by the Hospice and Palliative CareCenter. In addition to the Governor’s award, Handicrafters was also honored as a gold level President’s Volunteer Service Award recipient.

“Meeting regularly for the past 15 years, this group comes together to hand sew a variety of urgently needed items for patients at Hospice and Palliative CareCenter, including pressure point pillows, emotional-support dolls, and catheter bag covers,” the program noted. “All of these items help ensure the patients’ sense of worth and dignity, letting them know that they are loved and cared for by the community. Giving more than 2,000 hours of time per year, these gifts are delivered on-time each month, marked by the highest quality, and made with obvious care taken with every detail.”

Donations Needed!

Donations are needed for the yard sale being held by the Sisters of Faith mission group. They appreciate any household items, clothes, tools, games, and toys you can donate. Their yard sale is this Saturday, May 6 (rain date, May 13), so *donations are needed ASAP*. Collection bins are in the covered drive stairwell. All proceeds are used to fund local mission projects. If you have questions, please contact Beth Steen (336-403-6776).

And the Lord Added

Wayne and Denise Heidel

OUR MISSION:

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

Our Pastor Writes ...

Did God Murder His Son?

Recently, I had a theological conversation with a skeptic of Christianity whose main argument was, "I could never worship a God who would murder his own son." The idea conveyed in this statement is that God the Father murdered his son Jesus. It is a form of child abuse and clearly something that would be repulsive to anyone. It is a barbaric act for God to "require" the death of his son. Well, how should we respond to someone who makes that argument?

First, it is important to note distinctions between distortions of the Christian faith and the faith in and of itself. Fundamental to trinitarian theology is the conviction that God was in Christ (II Corinthians 5). God the Father did not send the Son against his will into the world to make reparation for sin. It was the Son who voluntarily sought to give of himself, and the Father who responded by sorrowfully providing the way. The two – Father and Son – take on the sins of the world in perfect tandem with the Holy Spirit, so that all three – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – are actively engaged in defeating the unholy trinity of Death, Sin, and the Devil.

Second, it is essential that we not dilute the massive, unparalleled problem facing the world. The sin of humanity was and is not merely a disputed matter of opinion. It's not like someone believes breaking the speed limit by 10 mph is no big deal while another sees it as egregious. The weight of sin led to the separation of humanity from God and created a debt that could not be paid by the defendant – humanity. Reparations had to be made. During the "Dirty War" in Argentina (1976-1983), thousands of political prisoners were thrown out of planes over the Atlantic. The understandable protest shows that the need for reparations runs deep in the psyche. The longing for some sort of payment when there has been a great crime is universal.

The death of Jesus on the cross is payment, or reparation, for the sins of the world against each other and God. The difference is that God doesn't make the guilty party pay. God assumes the payment himself, not by foisting onto his son a terrible death, but by taking on the punishment himself, in trinitarian unity. God, through Jesus, paid the price for the sins of humanity.

Therefore, the death of Jesus on the cross isn't a form of child abuse by a dysfunctional father. It is an unparalleled act of love, so that God could make right a deal gone very bad. It is the very opposite of child abuse. It is pure love absorbing evil for the sake of all God's children.

Children's Choir Program

This year, the theme for our Children's Music Ministry has been "Be Strong in the Lord." All our songs, scriptures, and activities have been focused on helping our children learn to live "strong in the Lord." Join us in the sanctuary this Sunday evening, May 7, at 6:00 p.m. for our children's choirs and handbells final program of the year. Come and worship as our children lead us, presenting "Be Strong in the Lord." You will be blessed as you show them your support. We thank our talented children's music ministry leadership for an awesome year.



Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

– Deuteronomy 33:27

May 10; 6:00 p.m.

Ardmore Baptist Sanctuary
Presented by the
Ardmore Senior Adult Choir

The YAH Club YOUNG AT HEART

Have you ever visited a cemetery and wished you knew the story behind the families buried or entombed in the handsome monuments and vaults with their beautiful and intriguing figures? If so, the Young at Heart Club invites you to join them Tuesday, May 9, as Molly Rawls, Photo Archivist of Forsyth County Public Library, pictorially discusses her latest book, *Images of America – Winston-Salem's Historic Salem Cemetery*. Come and experience the fellowship 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.

Fully Engaged

Imagine trying to change a light bulb on a step ladder with your cane in hand trying to steady yourself, or trying to bend over to pick up sticks with a bad back, or moving a sofa to vacuum underneath with a worn rotator cuff. Members of our church face challenges like this every day. Consider giving an hour of time here and there helping with small tasks that fellow church members and neighbors need done. Contact me if you can help (725-8767, ext. 102; mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org).

Ardmore ABCs ...

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

Becky Ogden in the death of her mother, **Ann Schmidt Jim Keith family**

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

Carroll Haire

Congratulations to:

Jerry & Peggy Isley – 60th wedding anniversary on May 4th;
Bill & Cissy Yates – 40th wedding anniversary on May 7th

The following participated in our Parent-Child-Church Covenant on April 30, 2017:

Braelynn and Hadley Shreve – Proud parents are **Jeremy and Sarah Shreve**

Deacon of the Week



May 1 - 7

Adam Horton

Phone: (254) 652-5962

Weekend Call

May 6 - 7

David Fitzgerald

Phone: 540-915-3839

Grace Notes

I want to share a story about “The Living Last Supper” presentation that came to me this week from one of our church members. This is an edited version of her story. What a wonderful testimony of how music and drama can be a powerful tool for sharing the gospel!

“I went to the Maundy Thursday presentation, arriving later than I wanted. I didn’t have anyone to sit with, and there were no seats still available, so I sat on the very back row. After the overture had started, a woman and her young adult son came and sat beside me. Both of them were totally absorbed in the program, literally sitting on the edge of the benches. Near the end, when people were getting up to go take communion, she looked at me and said, “What does all of this mean?” I explained that this was the Lord’s Supper, and what each element stood for. Then I asked her if she knew Jesus. Her reply was that she had heard of Him, but in her country it was forbidden to speak of Him. She explained that she had seen the advertisement in the paper for this program and she wanted to see ... She asked why everybody was going down to the front to eat the bread and drink the wine. I explained that we do this to remember Jesus and that He died for us. She asked if just anyone could partake. I told her that they should only participate if they had Jesus in their heart. Then I asked her if she had Jesus in her heart. She said that she did not, but she thought that would be a very good thing. Once again I invited her to come to church, and she said that she would. I got up to take communion, and when I got back, she was gone. But I feel like that was a divine appointment that she should come and sit beside me. I was so happy to tell her about Jesus. I wish I knew her name, but I will pray for her and her son anyhow. Hopefully soon she will know Jesus. Isn’t it great that our church does these things and people like her can come and learn about our Lord! Our choir did a great job, and every word was understandable that night.”

May Offering Emphasis

The Mother’s Day Offering has been a ministry of North Carolina Baptists and Wake Forest Baptist Health since 1924. North Carolina Baptists have given to the Mother’s Day Offering to “extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, especially to the needy.” Today your gifts to the Mother’s Day Offering continue that work to assist patients in financial need at Wake Forest Baptist Health.



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.



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Memorials and Honoraria

Facilities Fund

In Memory of Jim Keith
Charles & Susan Griffin

H2H Backpack Ministry

In Memory of Brooks Hunt
Peggy Smith James

Handicraft Ministry

In Memory of Jim Keith
The Joy Sunday Bible Study Class

Unified Budget

In Memory of Jim Keith
Sara Richardson

Volunteers Needed For Vacation Bible School

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

If you can help with VBS, please contact Lee Ritchie (lritchie@ardmorebaptist.org) or Cathy Irwin (cathy.irwin@ymail.com). They will help you find a place of service that fits your gifts. Some examples are:

- ◆ Shepherd a group of children and help them ask faith questions;
- ◆ 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.



Golf Tournament

Friday, May 19

Reynolds Park Golf Course

Sign up *now* 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.

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.

PMBA Senior Adult Luncheon

May 25; 12:00 noon

Old Town Baptist Church

Purchase meal tickets (\$6.50) from Janet Hellard in the church office by May 18.

Samaritan Inn Volunteers Needed

Friday, June 2

6:15 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.

Team of 4 - 6 needed to serve dinner and stay overnight. Call Mike (336-725-8767) to sign up.

Homeland Missions Offering

Annie Armstrong	\$ 3,430
Global Missions	\$ 3,264
Total	\$ 6,694

For the Record April 30, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	458
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	97
10:45 a.m.	430

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 35,220
Budget Receipts 04/30/17	\$ 37,891
Needs-To-Date	\$ 633,961
Receipts-To-Date	\$ 629,278
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$ (4,683)

Ardmore Journeys

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

- ◆ June 1; 3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Cody Creek and the Depot Restaurant - No charge for this trip.
- ◆ September 25 - 27 - Noah's Ark Encounter and Creation Museum trip, Williamston, Kentucky. *Reservations due July 15.*