



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 14
Morning (8:15 & 10:45):
Mother's Day

Moses: The Great Leader and Lawyer
"The Call of God"
Exodus 3 - 10
Dr. Don Gordon

Bring a Friend!

Sunday Shuttle Drivers Needed

Limited on-site parking means we need volunteers to shuttle attendees between the satellite lot and church every Sunday morning. Drivers serve one Sunday every three months (only four times per year) from 7:45 a.m. to noon.

Contact Mike Nuckolls (336-725-8767) or Tim Dancy (tdancy32762@gmail.com) if you would be willing to serve.

Ardmore Baptist Church
SENIOR ADULT CHOIR
Presents
LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS
Wednesday, May 10 at 6 PM
SANCTUARY

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

Deuteronomy 33:27

Please join us as the Senior Adult Choir leads us in a time of worship, scripture, and testimony through the songs of Pepper Choplin.

Mother's Day Offering

Our special offering emphasis for May has been a partnership between NC Baptists and Wake Forest Baptist Health since 1924. Every dollar of every gift helps patients pay hospital bills at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, a part of Wake Forest Baptist Health.

The offering helps patients who "fall between the cracks" of assistance. They have a little too much to qualify for government help or the Hospital's charity care program. However, they do not have enough to pay hospital bills they are responsible for. With nowhere to turn for help, they receive a letter from the hospital that says, "Your hospital bill has been paid by compassionate and mission-minded North Carolina Baptists in the name of Jesus Christ and His love." A small portion, around 5% as needed, helps support a subsidy for the hospital bills of Baptist ministers and their families.

A recent recipient spoke for many when he said, "My faith was growing weak and I thought that God had forgotten all about me. The Mother's Day Offering strengthened my faith and let me know there was hope, that God was with us." Another said, "The Mother's Day Offering saved us and changed our lives. What a powerful way to tell others about the love of Jesus."



OUR MISSION:

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

Our Pastor Writes ...

Surprised by Grief

C.S. Lewis published a book in 1955 entitled *Surprised by Joy*, a partial biography of his life and his conversion to Christianity. He was surprised by the joy he discovered in his faith in Jesus Christ, thinking in his earlier years that Christianity was an old stale religion. After he published this book, he met and married Joy Gresham. His friends kidded him about “really being surprised by Joy” when he found love at such an old age.

I had a similar experience last Saturday, but instead of being surprised by joy, I was surprised by grief. I had been invited to the Mount Olive Pickle Festival to sign and sell my latest two books. Driving down I-40 East early on a Saturday morning, I was daydreaming about the day I would have, the old friends I would see, the energy of 35,000 people in a town with a population of 10,000. Suddenly, I saw exit sign 325 near Benson. This was the exit I took to visit my mother for years when she was in the assisted living facility in Dunn, NC. I always felt I was getting close to Moma when I took that exit, her residence a mere 20 minutes down the road.

Out of the blue, I was surprised by grief, feeling a penetrating sadness in my soul. Instinctively, I wanted to take that exit, head to Dunn, and visit her in her room. Our visits were not usually exciting and stimulating. Knowing she depended on me for information about three of her grandchildren, I would rattle off a litany of what Sarah, Hannah, and Rebekah were doing. She was always interested in my churches, so I tried to share stories about the church she might remember and understand. Habitually, I would clean her room a little, dusting tables and dressers, because the cleaning staff didn't do those things. She didn't talk much, especially in the later years. Throat cancer and mini-strokes had taken their toll. Yet, the few words she uttered were almost always gracious, kind, and saturated with love.

I didn't take that exit on Saturday as I was driving to the Pickle Festival. Mother was no longer in Dunn. But I missed taking the exit and grieved that I couldn't see her as I was traveling east. The next few miles were a blur of pleasant memories and heartfelt grief.

That's not an uncommon experience for people who have had a loved one die. The slightest thing can jog a memory and become a catalyst for grief. There's no need to suppress those feelings and crowd them out. Seeing an old picture, smelling the scent from clothing, eating a particular food, listening to a certain song, can all elicit grief. I was surprised by grief Saturday morning, but I was grateful that my heart could still grieve and my mind could still remember. Thanks be to God.

Interest Survey

Novant Health offers free Cardiovascular Screening (BMI, blood pressure, cholesterol, triglycerides, glucose, A1C). We need at least 30 people to sign up in order to host a screening here at the church. If you would be interested, let Debra Norris know (dnorris@ardmorebaptist.org).

Grace Notes

What a blessing we all received Sunday evening as our Preschool and Children's choirs led us in worship with their spring musical program, “Be Strong in the Lord.” My heart and spirit soared with praise and thanksgiving as our children played handchimes, rang handbells, sang biblically-sound songs and hymns, played instruments, read scripture, led us in prayer, and narrated the program. I am so grateful for the exceptional children's and youth music education that Ardmore Baptist has encouraged throughout the years, for parents who realize the musical and spiritual benefits of the program and who involve their children on a weekly basis, and for the twenty-plus leaders who give of their time to teach and share the love of Christ with our children and youth every week. I am especially thankful for Jim Davidson, our Music Arts Educator, for his leadership in overseeing this important ministry. Thank you Jim, leaders, and children for reminding us to be strong in the Lord and to put on the armor of God as we seek to live for Christ, love our God, and share this love with the world around us. In a few weeks the children will share Christ in the community as they minister with their talents at an area nursing home.



A Beautiful Day

Ardmore Baptist Preschool invites you to our spring program, art show auction, and fundraiser dinner on Thursday, May 18; 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dinner order forms are available at the Welcome Desk. Forms and payment for dinner may be given to Susan Griffin - due by Monday, May 15. Proceeds go towards staff development and supplies.

Ardmore ABCs ...

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

John Stevens in the death of his brother, **Charles H. Stevens, Jr.;**
Carolyn Carter in the death of her son, **Stephen Carter**

Congratulations to:

Ed and Jean Landers – 60th wedding anniversary on May 18th

The following participated in our Parent-Child-Church Covenant on May 7, 2017:

Claire and Grant Garber – Proud parents are **Curt and Amanda Garber**

Lessons Learned At The Adult SBS Teacher Academy

Last Saturday, 31 adult Sunday Bible Study teachers engaged in our first Teacher Academy. We talked about why we teach and the state of faith formation at Ardmore. We also had a crash course in how adults learn. As the leader/teacher of this Academy, I learned some important lessons myself. One lesson I learned is Ardmore values Bible study. We are eager to learn what the Bible has to teach about following Jesus and living out our faith. A second lesson I learned is our teachers teach because they love to learn. This committed group of folks has discovered that the best way to learn what the Bible teaches is to teach it to others. They don't teach out of obligation or coercion. They teach because they want to follow the command to "love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself." Thank you, teachers, for your time, your commitment, your care, and for the greatest gift you can give – yourselves.

- Gina

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.

Deacon of the Week



May 8 - 14

Clark Hopper

Phone: 336-631-5424

Weekend Call

May 13 - 14

Don Gordon

Phone: 919-972-1933



Volunteers Needed For Vacation Bible School

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

If you can help with VBS, contact Lee Ritchie (lritchie@ardmorebaptist.org) or Cathy Irwin (cathy.irwin@gmail.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.



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Memorials and Honoraria

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Herald Baughman
 Susan Baughman Harrah

NC Baptist Hospital Mother's Day Offering

In Memory of Ruby Henderson
 Gail Henderson

World Hunger

In Memory of Mary E. Brown and Jim Keith
 Cliff Brown



Children's Summer Music and Arts Camp

July 31 – August 4
9 AM – 3 PM

Ardmore Baptist Church

Thank You!

Dear Ardmore Baptist Church Family,
 Thank you to all who donated items for our yard sale. It was very successful. We made \$615 to use for our mission projects. Thanks again,

- Sisters of Faith Mission Group

This camp is open to all children who will have completed 1st - 6th grades by July 15. 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. You may register online at <http://tinyurl.com/mc7aywb>.

For the Record May 7, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	472
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	85
10:45 a.m.	448

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 05/07/17	\$	48,017
Needs-To-Date	\$	669,181
Receipts-To-Date	\$	677,295
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	8,114



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.*