



ARDMORE ANNOUNCER

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

ARDMORE
Baptist Church



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.

Laura Clark was a healthy working mother of two daughters and wife to a police detective, until the day her heart rate soared to a dangerous 220 beats a minute. A week in Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Intensive Care resulted in the diagnosis of a potentially deadly heart condition.

“The doctors told me I have what’s causing young athletes to drop dead on playing fields,” Laura said. “They couldn’t say why I didn’t die. But I knew: God saved me!”

So did the Mother’s Day Offering. Her overwhelming medical bills were paid by mission-minded NC Baptists. “For so many years, you see the video in church and think, ‘Oh, it’s another Mother’s Day Offering.’ You give and don’t think anything of it,” Laura concluded. “But when you’re the one who receives, it opens your eyes and you realize this is the best offering ever. I can’t thank everyone who gives enough.”

Worship Connection

May 21

Morning (8:15 & 10:45):
The Lord’s Supper

Moses: The Great Leader & Lawyer
“The Exodus”

Exodus 12
Dr. Don Gordon

Bring a Friend!

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.

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.



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.

Wednesday Summer Schedule

- ◆ Mission Friends ends May 24.
- ◆ Children’s activities (RA/GA race) and Fellowship Suppers end May 31.
- ◆ Prayer, Praise, and Proclamation and Youth activities will continue.

Pray For Ukraine Team

Please be in prayer for our team as they serve at the Village of Hope in Kiev, May 20 - 29. Members are: Steve Cline, Sandy Simmons, and Kathy Stewart

OUR MISSION:

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

Our Pastor Writes ...

Our Need for Pruning

This past Saturday I was mowing my yard when my neighbor walked across the street to say “Hello” and talk about the “best tree man in Winston-Salem.” The tree man was cutting down a number of cedar trees that had overgrown their original intention and were causing a number of unwanted outcomes. The “tree man” (whose name will be withheld to protect his innocence or guilt) had some advice for me trying to decide what to do about my own overgrown tree problems.

You see, my foremost cedar tree that divides my property from my neighbors had a good number of lower branches dying and turning brown. The tree man said I could cut the whole thing down, but the next cedar tree would be even uglier because its branches had been hidden from the sun’s rays. The newly exposed branches would look puny in contrast to their upper cousins. Finally, we decided to simply cut out the dead branches jutting out at the bottom of the tree. I took some branch clippers and began my work, supplemented by a small handheld ax, to prune out a large chunk of the cedar’s lower branches. The result of this pruning was a tree that looked like a beaver had taken a bite out of it. The ugly brown was gone, but the tree was clearly wounded.

Arborists (tree specialists) will tell you pruning a tree is a necessary practice for the tree’s good health. Pruning rids a tree of dead or unproductive branches, making way for newer branches to grow and flourish.

The Bible refers to God as an arborist, pruning our lives to make us more productive Christians: “My father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” (John 15:2)

The world sends toxins into our systems that retard our growth and hinder our fruitfulness. A constant prayer in our lives is asking God to remove that which is holding us back from a stronger relationship with God. For some people it might be the reduction or end of social media, television, or computer games. Social media is filled with toxins that can infiltrate our systems and control our moods. For others it could be the ending of a toxic relationship that does little but bring you down and fill you with negativity. Of course, prescribed and non-prescribed drugs could be something that is hindering your walk with God. Regardless, there is a persistent need we have for God to take away some things in our life so he can reinvigorate us with his Spirit and prepare us for greater service in his orchard. Ask God to prune your life so that you can thrive in the kingdom of his righteousness.

Grace Notes

We had just finished singing the words to “Be Strong” in our last rehearsal. I had skipped over this song unintentionally and the Senior Adult Choir quickly and emphatically reminded me that we needed to go over it. It was then that I realized how important this song was to them. We finished singing the words, “Be strong, be strong for the Lord is forever with you. Be bold, be brave
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Disaster Relief

The first weekend in May, Kathy Stewart and I attended a two-day orientation for the NC Baptist Disaster Relief ministry and were certified in Basic Recovery. In addition to attending classes on mission, policies, and procedures, we received hands-on training in maintaining and using a chain saw, tearing out dry wall, fogging for mold, and making temporary roof repairs. I was impressed with the organization, the camaraderie among volunteers, and most of all, their desire to share Christ’s love with people who have found themselves in very difficult circumstances. While there, teams were forming to assist with clean-up from the tornado that hit Eden.

Rebuilding is underway in five areas of our state that were impacted by Hurricane Matthew. Teams are needed to help repair floors, walls, doors, cabinets, etc. You do not need training or specific skills to participate – there are plenty of unskilled tasks. Youth who have finished sixth grade are welcome to participate with a parent/guardian. Lodging and meals are provided.

If interested in going with a team or learning more, contact Mike Nuckolls (mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org; 336-725-8767).

- Debra Norris



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 are willing to serve.

Ardmore ABCs ...

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

John Candillo in the death of his wife, **Mary Ellen Candillo**;

Greg Lackey in the death of his mother, **Geraldine Lackey**; grandmother of **Justin and Madison**;

Bob Ogden in the death of his grandson, **Jeremiah Gustafson**

Congratulations to:

Ryan and Casey Elrod on the birth of their daughter, **Emory Elizabeth Elrod**, born on May 9th. Proud big brothers are **Coleman and Wyatt**; grandparents are **Kim Reed, Tommy and Nancy Elrod**; great-grandmother is **Mary Doby**.

Blake Tarvin and Taylor Griffith who were married at Ardmore Baptist Church on May 13th. The couple will live in Winston-Salem.

Steve and Linda Cline – 53rd wedding anniversary on May 17th;

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

Teacher Helps

Adult Sunday Bible Study Teachers: Are you teaching the June unit of the Smyth & Helwys Formations literature? Join us Tuesday, May 30, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room for resources and pertinent points to consider as you prepare your lessons.

Please let Gina know you will be attending (gbrock@ardmorebaptist.org; 336-725-8767, ext. 107).



Vacation Bible School

June 26 - 30

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Volunteers Needed: Contact Lee Ritchie (lritchier@ardmorebaptist.org) or Cathy Irwin (cathy.irwin@ymail.com) to volunteer. We need leaders for the rotation stations (Bible story, crafts, missions, recreation, or music), people to work the registration table and help orient families as they arrive; and assistants for classes.

Volunteer Training: May 21 at 6:00 p.m. - All volunteers are asked to join us for training in the Fellowship Hall.

VBS Work Days: Wednesdays, May 24, June 7, 14, and 21; 9:00 a.m. - noon. Join us in the Conference Room for VBS prep.

Register Your Children: VBS is open to all children rising 1st - 7th grade, and Ardmore Baptist children 3 - 5 years old. You may submit your registration online at ardmorebaptist.org/vbs.

Deacon of the Week



May 15 - 21

Greg Irwin

Phone: 336-815-8483

Weekend Call

May 20 - 21

Lee Ritchie

Phone: 706-247-0376

Grace Notes

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be true. I am ever faithful. I'll forever be with you," when one of our choir members gave a powerful testimony of how God provided the strength she needed to get through a crisis in her family's life. The testimony ended and there was complete silence. I tried to speak, but couldn't. I looked at the choir and they could not speak. With tears in our eyes we all shared this moment of silence, this moment of God's grace. Our hearts were filled with the assurance of God's love and faithfulness in our lives. Thank you, Senior Adult Choir, for these special times of worship that we share each week in rehearsal. Thank you for your faithfulness and love for God and each other. Thank you for your powerful testimony through your beautiful music this past Wednesday night. I am truly grateful for each of you and your ministry in this church and in this community as you witness beyond our walls to share joy, hope, and the love of God with others who need to experience the presence of God in their lives!



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Memorials and Honoraria

H2H Backpack Program

In Honor of Mike Nuckolls
Alma Beane

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Dixon & Beulah Mabe
Jim & Susan Mabe
In Honor of Norman Gaddis and In Memory of Hazel Gaddis
Bill & Barbara Beattie

NC Baptist Hospital Mother's Day Offering

In Memory of Mike Richardson
Sara Richardson
In Memory of Mary K. West, Della Bovender, & Louise Bovender
Carl & Sandra Bovender
In Memory of Betty Taylor and Sybil Taylor
Martha & Marvin Taylor

Special Ministries

In Memory of LaVon Thomas
Earl & Patricia Thomas

Unified Budget

In Honor of our daughters, Courtney, Jessica, and Meredith
Martha & Marvin Taylor

For the Record May 14, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	338
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	80
10:45 a.m.	422

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 05/14/17	\$	30,212
Needs-To-Date	\$	704,401
Receipts-To-Date	\$	707,507
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	3,106

PMBA Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, May 25
12:00 noon

Old Town Baptist Church

You may purchase meal tickets (\$6.50) from Janet Hellard in the church office. Tickets must be purchased by 4:00 p.m. on May 18. Guest pianist and vocalist will be our own Joni Hanna.

Samaritan Inn Volunteers Needed

Friday, June 2
6:15 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.

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

Volunteer

Social Media Coordinator

We are in need of someone with the interest and skills for building an ongoing, dynamic presence on social media for the church. This person would build an audience on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.; create posts of interest; post photos and comments that spark curiosity and conversation; engage followers in church-related discussions; monitor posts to church pages; and identify and reach out to those outside the church who may have an interest in our ministries. If you are somewhat tech savvy, a regular user of social media, and have the ability to identify and create engaging conversation pieces, contact Mike (336-725-8767; mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org).

Music and Arts Camp

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>.



Children's Summer Music and Arts Camp

July 31 – August 4
9 AM – 3 PM

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