



ARDMORE ANNOUNCER

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH JESUS CHRIST.

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



2017 High School Graduates

| <u>Graduates</u> | <u>High School</u> | <u>College</u> |
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| Katie Bryant | West Forsyth..... | Appalachian State Univ. |
| Grant Daniel..... | West Forsyth..... | The Citadel |
| Tom Driscoll | Reagan..... | NC State Univ. |
| Zac Fitzgerald | Reagan..... | Forsyth Tech. |
| Grayson Fowler..... | West Forsyth..... | Univ. of North Carolina |
| Emily Graves | Reynolds..... | Seton Hall Univ. |
| Makayla Hester | South Stokes..... | Forsyth Tech. |
| Bobby Lemons | West Forsyth..... | Univ. of North Carolina |
| Chase Massie | Reagan..... | |
| Matthew Pegg | Reagan..... | East Carolina Univ. |
| Jacob Simpson | West Forsyth..... | US Marine Corps |
| Pili Swanson..... | Early College of Forsyth ... | Appalachian State Univ. |
| Adam Wright..... | Westchester Country Day .. | Appalachian State Univ. |
| Chandler Keith | Parkland | Univ. of North Carolina |

Worship Connection

June 4
Morning (8:15 & 10:45):
HS Graduate Recognition

Dr. Don Gordon

Bring a Friend!

What's In A Name?

“A person’s name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language,” according to Dale Carnegie. I think we all would agree that calling someone by their name makes a positive and lasting impression. Based on feedback from guests and church members alike, name tags help to invite conversation by building rapport and connection.

June is Name Tag Month. You will find name tags and pens conveniently located at the entrances. We encourage you to wear one. Thanks for joining us!

Vacation Bible School ... It Is Closer Than You Think!

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

- ◆ **Volunteers Needed:** Contact Lee Ritchie (lritch@ardmorebaptist.org) or Cathy Irwin (cathy.irwin@ymail.com) to volunteer.
- ◆ **VBS Work Days:** Wednesdays, June 7, 14, and 21; 9:00 a.m. - noon.
- ◆ **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.

2017 College Graduates

Are you or one of your children graduating from college this year? We want to know! Please e-mail Janet (jhellard@ardmorebaptist.org) with the graduate’s name, degree, and school.

OUR MISSION:

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

Wednesday Schedule

- ◆ Fellowship Suppers resume in September.
- ◆ Prayer, Praise, and Proclamation and Youth activities continue.

Our Pastor Writes ...

Interpreting the Bible

One of my favorite biblical interpretation stories comes from the experience of Hardy Clemmons, pastor of First Baptist Greenville in Greenville, SC. Hardy was driving to a preaching engagement and stopped at a fast-food restaurant to get something to eat. When the cashier rang up his bill she looked at the cash register and gasped as if she saw a ghost. She said, "Six dollars and sixty-six cents! I can't charge you that. That's the sign of the beast." Hardy, seeking to put the 17 year-old girl at ease said, "Darling, don't worry about that. I don't interpret the Bible like that." With even greater astonishment she replied, "Interpretation? There is no interpretation. You either believe the Bible or you don't."

Baptists have always been "a people of the book." They love and revere the Bible. When controversy erupted in the convention 40 years ago, one astute observer noted, "Whoever can convince people they believe the Bible *the most* will win this battle." While Baptists often debate, fight, and feud over who believes the Bible the most, a vast majority of Baptists do a poor job of interpreting the Bible. The biggest mistake by far is called "proof-texting." This is a form of interpretation that treats the Bible as a dictionary. A dictionary has no overarching theme. Any word near the end of the dictionary is equivalent to a word at the beginning. The definition for the word "God" is given the same weight as the definition for the word "the." Most people who frequent Baptist churches use proof-texting to "prove their point." They have a particular bias about a social or doctrinal issue and then "pluck" verses out of the Bible to prove their point. The more verses they can pluck and string together, the more impressive they seem. Therefore, some of the preachers on television who carry a big Bible, and flip around from page to page quoting different Bible verses, are using this biblical interpretation method of proof-texting. It is a travesty, and Baptist men and women in the pews have suffered as a result.

The Bible is not a dictionary. It is not an answer book where you ask your question and pluck out verses from various places, string them together, and create an answer. The Bible is a collection of 66 books written by dozens of different authors spanning centuries of time and tradition. Within its cover are books originally written in Hebrew or Greek, and a few chapters in Aramaic (a derivative of Hebrew). The authors have diverse backgrounds. Moses was trained in Egyptian culture, Paul in Roman and Greek culture, Luke among the medical community, Matthew was a tax specialist, and Peter was a fisherman. The forms of literature are varied as well. The Psalms are equivalent to our hymns of today. Proverbs are usually one-line quips by wise counselors. Historical narratives dominate our understanding of the periods of the kings of Israel. The gospels in the New Testament are a collection of teachings, sayings, parables, and stories that present the life and works of Jesus Christ. Paul's letters to the young churches share news of his life, doctrinal pronouncements, and practical exhortations on how to behave.

There is a great diversity in the Bible and it must be read and interpreted in context.

This approach takes more time and thought, but the depth of understanding is worth every moment and calorie of energy.

Dane's DownLow

Prayer Partners Needed

Our high school juniors and seniors will be on a mission trip to the Bahamas, June 17 - 23. This group of students will be working with a group of Haitian refugees nestled in the city of Nassau, Bahamas. Later in the summer, the week of July 16 - 22, our youth (7th - 12th grade) will attend M(ission)Fuge in Nashville, TN. They will participate in missions around the city of Nashville, worship with students from around the country, and participate in other activities. Both trips will have times in which participants are challenged physically through their work, challenged spiritually to grow in their faith, and challenged by peers to understand that Christ has called us all to care for the least of these.

The youth have been preparing themselves for these trips, but also need the support of the church. These groups are in need of Prayer Partners. Individuals, families, or groups may sign up. We are hoping to have a Daily Prayer Partner for each of the participants. Prayer Partners will pray for a student or adult leader while they are away, and write four letters for them to receive while they are on the trip.

There will be over 50 people involved between the two trips, so we need your help! Gretchen Martin will be visiting Sunday Bible Study classes to give more information and to sign you up. You may also contact me (336-725-8767, ext. 105; dmartin@ardmorebaptist.org). Thanks for your support during these life-changing mission trips!

Samaritan Inn Volunteers

Friday, June 2; 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.

Volunteers needed to serve dinner and stay overnight. Call Mike (336-725-8767) to sign up.

Ardmore ABCs ...

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

Charlie Bumgarner in the death of his aunt, **Mildred Eaton**;
Dr. John Lee in the death of his brother, **Dr. H. Page Lee**;
Randall Kale in the death of his aunt, **Alma Kale**

Congratulations to:

Steve & Donna Bisette – 30th wedding anniversary on May 30th;
Todd & Lisa Lowther – 15th wedding anniversary on June 1st;
Drew Jolley and Meg Sloan who were married on May 20th. Drew is the son of **Steve and Joyce Jolley**;
Julie Sugg, Director of Ardmore Baptist Preschool, who will celebrate her 2nd anniversary at Ardmore on June 1st. Please express your appreciation to her this week.

Grace Notes

Our Senior Adult Choir arrived at the senior day care center and immediately greeted the residents with smiles, hand shakes, and warm greetings. Music ministry in our area nursing homes, retirement homes, and day care centers is always a special time for our Ardmore musicians. What a joy to see faces light up, hands clapping, feet tapping, voices singing the old hymns, tears and yes, sometimes even dancing, as a reaction to the music our choirs present. We are told that many of these folks are usually withdrawn and show little reaction or emotion to outside stimulus. But somehow, music seems to break through and allow for a connection of memory and release of emotion. The choir finished their program with the theme song, "Lean on Me," and the activities director immediately and enthusiastically let us know that the theme of our music program and the theme for the Tab Williams residents this year was the same, "Lean On Me!" Coincidence? Through the years I have learned that God has a way of putting the right people in the right place at the right time to accomplish specific ministry needs. A special thanks to our Ardmore Sr. Adult Choir and our Preschool and Children's Choirs and mission groups for ministering through music at the Tab Williams Center and the Oaks this past week. Please know what a blessing you are to the residents. Thanks for being in the right place at the right time to use your gifts and minister to others!

Children's Summer Music And Arts Camp

Who: Children who have completed 1st - 6th grades by July 15

What: Art projects from many cultures, global fun and games, multicultural music, handbells, guitar, recorder, Orff instruments, African drumming, creative movement, special features with guest performing artists

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

Where: Ardmore Baptist Church

Registration: You may register online at <http://tinyurl.com/mc7aywb>. Fee: \$50



Deacon of the Week



May 29 - June 4
Donna McGalliard
 Phone: 336-768-4997

Weekend Call

May 27 - 28
Dane Martin
 Phone: 336-403-3221

Ardmore Journeys

The next destination is Cody Creek and the Depot Restaurant on June 1; 3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. There is no charge for this trip. Reservations are needed. All trips are open to all ages. Make reservations with Beverly Whitfield (336-765-8312).

The Big Chill

Sunday, July 16; Grace Court Park

If you are willing to make homemade ice cream for this annual Shalom Project fundraiser, please call 336-721-0606.

Fully Engaged

Help Around Your Home

Do you or someone you know need some help around the house cleaning, changing bulbs or filters, performing small repairs, cleaning a car, mowing, raking, painting, etc.? If so, call on the Ardmore Baptist Neighbors. Help is open to members and those whom members refer. For help, contact Mike (336-725-8767, ext. 102; mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org).

Memorials and Honoraria

Facilities Fund

In Memory of Mary Ellen Candillo

Loretta & Steve McLeod

H2H Backpack Program

In Honor of Jeff McIntyre and Chris Cash

Bill & Pat Wolfe

Handicrafters

In Memory of Ann Schmidt

Bob & Becky Ogden

Volunteer Missions - Kiev

In Honor of Darlene Osborne

Marion & Carolyn Hodges

In Honor of Kathy Stewart

Ladies Community

NC Baptist Hospital Mother's Day Offering

In Memory of Steven Carter, Jim Keith, and Mary Ellen Candillo

Dick & Peggy Warfford

Volunteer Missions - Peru

In Memory of Vena Overly, David & Pearl Hodges, and Larry Hodges

Marion & Carolyn Hodges

Special Ministries

In Memory of Mary Ellen Candillo

Muriel Rivers

Youth Ministry

In Memory of Mary Ellen Candillo

Leonard & Audrey Rhyne



For the Record May 28, 2017

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| Sunday Bible Study | 428 |
| Morning Worship | |
| 8:15 a.m. | 106 |
| 10:45 a.m. | 411 |

Stewardship

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| Weekly Budget Needs | \$ | 35,220 |
| Budget Receipts 05/28/17 | \$ | 23,444 |
| Needs-To-Date | \$ | 774,841 |
| Receipts-To-Date | \$ | 758,686 |
| Over/(Under)-To-Date | \$ | (16,156) |

Our children and pre-school choirs and missions groups went to The Oaks Wednesday night to share some smiles, gifts, and song. We visited with a few of our church members and many other residents. It was good for the children to visit with these adults. They were able to show compassion and care for others the way they have learned Jesus taught us. The residents were delighted to see the children's smiling faces and hear them sing praises to God. It was a wonderful night of serving for our children!



Movie Night

Note date change to Friday, June 9. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 7:00 p.m. This month's movie will be "Lion." You may view the trailer at <http://tinyurl.com/hw89deq>. The group is looking forward to a "roaring" good time.