



ARDMORE ANNOUNCER

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH JESUS CHRIST.

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

Vacation Bible School Begins Next Week!

We are excited about VBS, which is taking place here at Ardmore Baptist Church June 26 - 30, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon! We have been praying and preparing for the children for quite some time. All rising 1st through 7th grade students are welcome from the church and the community, so invite your friends! Ardmore Baptist Church and Ardmore Baptist Preschool families are invited to register their children who will be three years old (by August 31, 2017) through rising kindergarteners.



If you have not yet registered your child for VBS, please do so *by Tuesday evening, June 20th*, at <http://ardmorebaptist.org/slideshow/vacation-bible-school-2017>. Registering online by June 20th will help us better prepare for your child and be less work for you on the Monday of VBS.

We will close online registration first thing on June 21st in order to begin placing children in their crews for the week. If you miss this deadline, you may still register in person on the first day of VBS. We look forward to this special week of being heroes on God's team! Please be in prayer for the children and adults of VBS!

Worship Connection

June 25

Morning (8:15 & 10:45):

"Passing on Faith"

Deuteronomy 6:4-7, 20-21;

8:12-14, 17-18; 31:1-8

Dr. Don Gordon

Bring a Friend!

Name Tags ... The Little Things That Make A Big Impression

You will be interested to know that a casual, genuine, friendly greeting consistently ranks in the Top Ten List of things people value in a church. We have two weeks remaining in our current Name Tag Month, and there is no time like the present to join in on this easy way to introduce yourself and meet someone new to you. It may just be the easiest thing you do all week that makes a lasting impression!

- DeNeal Fowler



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

2017 CBF General Assembly

June 26 - 30

Hyatt Regency Atlanta

General Assembly this year consists of three nights of worship and programs and more than 60 workshops. Register for free at www.cbf.net/assembly.

Summer Ladies' Bible Study

We are exploring the possibility of a summer Wednesday night Bible study for women. If you would be interested in gathering with other women over six weeks in community and Bible study, please contact DeNeal Fowler (dfowler@ardmorebaptist.org; 336-725-8767, ext. 130).

OUR MISSION:

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

Youth Missions - Bahamas

Pray for our youth and their leaders this week as they serve in a variety of ministries through Praying Pelican Missions in the Bahamas.

A Praying Pelican Missions staff member will write a daily blog, so you can follow along at <http://tinyurl.com/yaou3pgj>.

Our Pastor Writes ...

What is the World Coming To?

Once again America has seen a tragic shooting played out in broad daylight. Republican congresswomen and men were practicing softball last week at a YMCA field in Alexandria, Virginia. They were preparing for a charity softball game, anticipating donations of close to one million dollars. In an atmosphere of heated rhetoric between the political parties, this event had the potential to enhance relationships and consequently serve the common good in our land. Playing together makes working together a little easier.

Their play was violently interrupted by James T. Hodgkinson, an angry 66 year-old man from Illinois who was disaffected with the recent election and decided he would take matters into his own hands. Early reports are that he especially targeted Steve Scalise, a Republican congressman and House Majority Whip from Louisiana. At the time of this writing, Scalise is in critical condition. Hodgkinson was shot and killed by congressional security forces, but not before he shot and wounded four people – a security officer, a lobbyist, a congressional aid, and Scalise.

The instinctive response to such a terrorist assassination attempt is, “What is the world coming to? How did we come to this time when it’s no longer safe to go on a field and play a softball game? How divided have we become as a nation that we are satisfying our dissatisfaction with political outcomes by resorting to murder?”

We live in a violent world and the way of this world to resolve dispute is violence, control, and oppression. What happened in America last week has been happening in America and the rest of the world from the dawn of time. In 1963 America was stunned to learn that its robust, handsome young president was assassinated while taking a drive through Dallas, Texas. Another young president was shot and killed while he was watching a play at Ford’s Theater in Washington, DC. A generation earlier, President Andrew Jackson was walking out of the House chamber after a funeral service when his eyes met a “handsome ... well-dressed” young man. Armed with two pistols, the young man fired both pistols, but failed to hit the president who then began to beat the young man with his cane.

The Apostle Paul wrote in the 1st century, “The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those of us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Cor. 1:18). The message of the cross is that God overcomes evil by absorbing it, not annihilating it. It is the message that power is best demonstrated through sacrificial love, not violent retaliation. The world hasn’t “gone crazy.” The world “is crazy.” It is drunk on violence, oppression, and control of others, especially others who look, think, or speak differently from us.

What can we, as followers of a crucified savior, do in such a world? I suppose we can hold candle vigils for the slain. We could post on Facebook or Instagram our outrage at violence. We could call for stricter gun control laws. Those responses have their place in a free society. But, perhaps the greatest thing we can do is live each day with a spirit of sacrificial love for our fellow human beings. We can love those with whom we disagree and we can go the extra mile to fostering goodwill in our neighborhoods and our particular spheres of influence.

That might be the closest thing we could do to advance the “power of the cross” in a world determined to destroy its enemies.

- Don Gordon

Dane's DownLow

As one mission team leaves for the Bahamas, another mission team prepares to go to MFuge in July. What does MFuge even mean? Let’s start with the ‘M’. ‘M’ stands for missions and Fuge is the organization under the overarching Lifeway organization. Lifeway writes curriculum and has a strong involvement in sponsoring hundreds of Christian summer camps, which include XFuge, MFuge, and CentriFuge. This summer, our youth are going to MFuge: Nashville. The entire team will have an opportunity to connect with hundreds of other students/leaders from around the country with one purpose in mind: to spread the love of Christ to those in the city of Nashville, TN. Each day, team members will experience high energy worship, engage in Bible study, serve the people of Nashville in a variety of ways, play games, stay on a college campus, and connect with other students. This mission trip will be fun and exciting, but it will also cause our students to stop and

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If you have an email address and have not created a login for Realm (our online church directory/database), you are going to miss out on some nice new features! Contact Debra to get started. New features that will be available by the end of June include:

- ◆ The Realm App (for Apple and Android devices)
- ◆ Online giving
- ◆ Online registrations/payments
- ◆ Text giving
- ◆ Group posts (news, discussion, photos)
- ◆ Group event planning

Ardmore ABCs ...

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

Colon Putnam in the death of his brother-in-law, **John Jones**;
Jo West in the death of her aunt, **Edith Zimmerman**

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

Aileen Norris and Family (former J. L. Wilson Guest House visitors)

Congratulations to:

Tod & Becky Bryant – 25th wedding anniversary on June 20th;

Skip & Linda Sink – 50th wedding anniversary on June 24th

Chandler Keith who received the Montague Scholarship Medal for the senior with highest GPA. Chandler graduated from Parkland High School. Proud parents are **Dale and Julie Keith**, brother is **Christian Keith**, and grandmother is **Jean Matthews**.

Bathing Suits For Refugees

We are collecting new and gently-used bathing suits for kids of all ages and their mothers. Please place them in the collection bin under the stairwell or bring them to the Adult 3 SBS class in Room F200 by Sunday, July 2. Contact: Anna Rubin (336-403-9271; AnnaRamseyRubin@yahoo.com). Thank you for helping in this way!

Free Cardiovascular Screening

Ardmore Baptist Church

Thursday, July 6; 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Screening includes blood pressure, Cholesterol (total, good, bad), triglycerides, blood sugar, hemoglobin A1C (for diabetes), body mass index, and waist circumference.

Space is limited, so appointments are required. Call (336) 277-1880 to sign up.

Children's Summer Music And Arts Camp Update

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

For children in Grades 1 - 6

Exciting things are being planned for our upcoming Summer Music and Arts Camp! Please be sure to register your child before the *cut-off date of July 15*. Camp brochures are available in the church office. Online registration is also available on the church website (<http://tinyurl.com/mc7aywb>).

Check out the line-up of outstanding guest clinicians, teachers, and musicians who will lead in the camp, along with our own outstanding Ardmore music educators, Dr. Jim Davidson, Dr. Diane Guthrie, Mary Epperson, David Fitzgerald, Jonathan Williams, and Les Davis.

- ◆ Guest Choral Clinician from Greensboro – Terri Vancil
- ◆ World Renowned Suzuki Guitar Specialist – Bill Kossler
- ◆ Multicultural & Global Folk Musician/Storyteller – Jon Sundell

Next week's update will include information on how Ardmore Baptist members can provide volunteer assistance in the camp. There will be lots of ways that you can get involved and help!



- David Fitzgerald

Deacon of the Week



June 19 - 25

Luella Crumpler

Phone: (336) 945-2064

Weekend Call

June 24 - 25

Dane Martin

Phone: 336-403-3221

Dane's Downlow (continued)

think; think about their lives, about how they are living, if they are being the example Christ asks of them, and how they will take what they have learned back home. This experience will connect with youth on many levels, opening their eyes to different people. Our prayer is that it will change and transform their lives. The experiences each person has will be a way for God to speak into their world. I ask that you pray for them. Each team member has an individual prayer partner who has written them letters of challenge and encouragement, but we also need the prayers of the whole congregation. We are thankful for your love and support, and know that it does make a difference in the lives of each student. We are excited about the trip and can't wait to return to share.

- Dane Martin

Movie Night

Our next Movie Night is Friday, July 7, in the Youth Place. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m. This month's movie is "Collateral Beauty." View the trailer at <http://tinyurl.com/jpo88g3>. Enjoy this time of fellowship and fun discussion!



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Memorials and Honoraria

Unified Budget/Vision Fund

In Memory of Our Dads
 Martha & Marvin Taylor

Baptism July 16

Our next baptismal service will be on July 16. If you feel God leading you to become a disciple of Christ, we hope you will talk with a minister and take part in this act, symbolizing your faith.

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).

For the Record June 18, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	396
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	104
10:45 a.m.	348

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 06/18/17	\$	25,716
Needs-To-Date	\$	880,501
Receipts-To-Date	\$	878,731
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(1,770)

Sounds Of The Summer 2017

Community Pipe Organ Concerts

Featuring the Ardmore Baptist Reuter Organ
 Monday, July 10; 7:00 p.m.

With Jonathan Williams, Lauren Winkelman, and Henry Tysinger

Concerts are free and all ages are welcome! This week's concert will feature the Casavant organ at Mt. Tabor UMC on Sunday, June 25, at 7:00 p.m. with Susan Bates, Susan Keck-Foster, and Susan Orgain.

Come, explore the tones and colors of the organs in Winston-Salem. Each week's concert will feature a different pipe organ and organist in Winston-Salem.



On Tuesday, July 18, we depart Ardmore Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. to go to All-A-Flutter butterfly farm in High Point, where there are more varieties of beautiful butterflies than you can imagine! This trip offers an educational experience, fun bonding time for parents and children or grandparents and grandchildren, and the intimate experience of feeding butterflies, having butterflies alight on you, and great picture snapping. They also have a climbing wall, tire toss, slides, and tunnel for your children or grandchildren.

From there we will visit Piedmont Triad Farmers Market on Sandy Ridge Road for shopping and lunch. You may bring a picnic lunch or dine on your own at the Moose Cafe on site. It is fun to stroll through the farmers market and the garden shop/nursery before or after your meal. Cost for the trip is \$10 per person, payable to Beverly Whitfield (2128 Leeds Lane, Winston Salem, N.C. 27103). If you have questions, contact Beverly (336-765-8312). *Deadline for payment is July 10. Please do not wear any insect repellent.* We plan to return at 3:00 p.m.