



ARDMORE ANNOUNCER

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH JESUS CHRIST.

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

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

Enrollment is growing as word is spreading about the incredible Summer Music and Arts Camp Ardmore Baptist will be providing for our church and community. What a wonderful outreach tool! Our volunteer list continues to grow, but we can use more helpers! Please let Jim Davidson (j davidson@ardmorebaptist.org) or David Fitzgerald (dfitzgerald@ardmorebaptist.org) know if you can help. Our faculty is also growing and includes guest

choral clinician Terri Vancil; world-renowned Suzuki guitar specialist Bill Kossler; West African dance instructor Duwana Benjamin; world drumming specialist/grant recipient Mary Epperson; and multicultural & global folk musician/storyteller Jon Sundell. Part of our ministerial staff will also be involved. Dane Martin will lead multicultural games and recreation, Lee Ritchie will serve as camp pastor, and Jim Davidson as camp coordinator. Diane Guthrie will be one of our lead teachers and is also on our planning team. Please continue to pray for the leaders and children taking part in this exceptional music and arts camp outreach experience!

Be sure to register your child at <http://tinyurl.com/mc7aywb> before the cut-off date of July 15.

- David Fitzgerald



ARDMORE
Baptist Church

Worship Connection

July 16

Morning (8:15 & 10:45):

Baptism (10:45)

"Confess and Shut Up"

Matthew 16:13-20

Dr. Don Gordon

Bring a Friend!

Passport Kids Camp

We are at Passport Kids Camp learning to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Thank you for your prayers.



OUR MISSION:

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

Praying For Missions

Be in prayer this month for those who are taking part in missions experiences:

- ◆ July 6 - 24: Becky Berry - China
- ◆ July 9 - 12: PASSPORTkids camp - Spartanburg, SC
- ◆ July 16 - 22: Youth MFuge - Nashville, TN
- ◆ July 14 - August 16: Sue Singleton - Cambodia

Our Pastor Writes ...

Going to the Temple

One of the lessons for our 6th grade VBS was about Jesus going to the temple as a 12 year-old boy. Every year his parents went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Passover, indicating they were devout Jews. This year, in order to help our 6th graders gain a greater understanding of what Jesus would see and experience at the temple, I took them to Temple Emmanuel on Oakwood Avenue here in the Ardmore community. I have developed a relationship with Rabbi Mark Cohn and he graciously consented to giving the students a tour and talking about the temple in first century Israel.

Wearing jeans, a plaid shirt, and a yarmulke on top of his head, Rabbi Mark met us in front of the “temple sanctuary.” He led us into the sanctuary and used the stained glass windows as teaching props for the children. As one might expect, the first window had the words of the Shema engraved in the panes, flowing like a river across the glass: “Shemah Israel, Yahweh Elohinu, Yahweh Ahad.” Hear O Israel, the Lord your God, the Lord is one. Our class had learned the Shema in both Hebrew and English before we went to the temple, and we were pleased to recite it for Rabbi Mark in the sanctuary.

The next stained glass was a contemporary collage of the ten Plagues on Egypt. Embedded in the glass were frogs, locusts, rain, hail, even a baby in the womb. A red river was running from the top to the bottom of the window, symbolizing the blood overwhelming the Nile River.

Rabbi Mark then gave us an ever-so brief history of Israel, from their exit from Egypt through the Babylonian exile. The students learned the last temple (the one in which Jesus visited) was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD and has yet to be rebuilt. Ironically, we caught Rabbi Mark on a good day, because he was leaving for Israel the very next day.

When we returned to our church, I asked our students if anything surprised them about the temple and the rabbi. Almost every person said, “I was amazed at our similarities.” I believe they were expecting something more foreign, even eerie. Seeing a real rabbi, standing in a contemporary Jewish sanctuary, and hearing stories found in their Bible gave them a sense of connection to the Jewish people. That was not my intended objective for the experience, but it made sense to me. Our savior, Jesus the Christ, was a Jew through and through. He grew up reading, meditating, and reflecting on the ancient texts we call the Old Testament. Jesus came to fulfill the Torah, not destroy it. And while we have fundamental differences with our Jewish neighbors, we can still be in good relationship with them and join them in “praying for the peace of Jerusalem.” Our students will be better citizens, human beings, and followers of Jesus Christ because we went to the temple as 12 year-olds as Jesus did when he was 12.

- Don Gordon

A Helping Hand

In the period between Joni Hanna leaving and a new assistant coming, Kathy Stewart will help cover the areas of Worship/Music/Arts and Invitation/Hospitality. Kathy may be reached at kstewart@ardmorebaptist.org or 336-725-8767, ext. 112.

Dane's DownLow

It's time for the youth to go on a journey into the unknown ... an unknown city with unknown people we will serve during our week in Nashville, TN. It's time for us to take a leap of faith, knowing that God has prepared the way ahead of us, and being open to God using each one of us in a special way. This will be a time for us to be challenged and stretched, and to grow from our experiences. While in Nashville, our students will have the opportunity to connect with the people of the city, grow with other youth from around the country, be challenged by staff Bible study leaders, and reflect together at the end of the day. Please be in prayer for us as we prepare to leave Sunday afternoon, July 16, and return the following Saturday evening.

Thank you to our prayer partners who have said, “I will pray for a student or adult for the entire week of the trip.” It is a gift to have people willing to pray for us. I am excited to see how God reveals himself to each person and am always amazed at how God chooses to change the lives of students and adults who take the plunge of going out on missions. We look forward to going and being the hands and feet of Christ; and to returning and sharing what God has done.

- Dane Martin

Children's Mission Morning

Wednesday, July 19

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

Meet us at the church to deliver VBS items to the Bethesda Center and Brenner Children's Hospital. Then we will go to the Williams Adult Day Center to visit and play games with the senior adults. Children younger than 1st grade need to be accompanied by an adult. RSVP to elopina@ardmorebaptist.org by **July 17**.



Bahamas Team

Thank you for your prayers and your support. Our team grew, learned, and saw God in so many ways throughout our week in the Bahamas. The students were able to lead in a variety of ways and were energized by the prayer partner cards.

Our team is excited to share more about our experience at the upcoming Missions Luncheon on July 30. We hope to see you there.

Calendar Requests

Attention Group Leaders! Calendar requests for the fall of 2017 - 2018 are due **by July 14**. Please give them to Janet Hellard (336-725-8767, ext. 110; jhellard@ardmorebaptist.org).



Summer Choir Is Here

If you have ever wanted to sing in the choir but couldn't attend the Wednesday Night rehearsals, then Summer Choir is for you!

- ◆ No Wednesday night rehearsals
- ◆ No robes on Sundays
- ◆ No music-reading experience needed
- ◆ Familiar, easy hymn anthems that you can learn in a 15-minute rehearsal
- ◆ Come to the choir room 15 minutes before the service starts to go over the music
- ◆ A folder and music will be ready and waiting for you!

- David Fitzgerald

Deacon of the Week



July 10 - 16

Steve Cline

Phone: (336) 813-3301

Weekend Call

July 15 - 16

Gina Brock

Phone: 336-970-9117

The Big Chill

Sunday, July 16; Grace Court Park

If you are willing to make homemade ice cream for this Shalom Project Fundraiser, please call 336-721-0606. All are invited to attend!

Spotlight On

Adult Sunday Bible Study

The Adult 6 Bible Study Class is made up of married couples and singles in their 40s and 50s, with children ranging from elementary school age all the way through college age. We are a friendly, accepting group, honest in our daily struggles, and open to learning and growing in Christ as we study God's word together. We want our time in Bible study to have meaning in our lives and give service to God. Our overarching goal is to live out our faith in our daily lives and to serve our church and community through the support of church ministries and missions activities. We welcome you - come join us anytime!

- Gina Brock



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Memorials and Honoraria

07/02/2017 & 07/09/2017

NC Baptist Hospital Mother's Day Offering
In Memory of Carolyn & Don Gaither,
Joyce & Jim Keith and In Honor of the Joy
Sunday Bible Study Class
 Dottie Petree

Special Ministries
In Honor of Gina Brock and Joni Hanna
 Jerry & Beverly Whitfield

Vision Fund
In Honor of Courtney Woods
 Martha & Marvin Taylor

World Hunger
In Memory of Charles A. Bovender, Sr. and
Earl West
 Carl & Sandra Bovender

World Hunger – Gaza
In Honor of Debra Norris
 Carol Polk



The app is finally here! To download the Realm mobile app (for Apple IOS or Android smart phones), go to your app store and search for *Connect - Our Church Community*. If you have a QR reader on your smartphone, just point your phone at the QR code to the right.



Once loaded, swipe down past the Code (leave blank) to login. Continue to use the login you created when you signed up. Don't have a login? Don't remember your password? Want to learn more? Contact Debra Norris (dnorris@ardmorebaptist.org; 336-725-8767, ext. 113) and she'll try to help you out.

Online Giving Via Realm

We now have the capability of making contributions through Realm or the new Realm App. You will need a login to access Realm (see article above). A small fee is charged to the church for this online giving service, but you will still receive full contribution credit for the amount you give.

When you select the fund to which you want to give, you will see *three options for the Unified Budget* (what we call our general, undesignated giving fund). Ardmore Baptist gives 10% of all undesignated gifts to mission organizations with whom we have elected to partner.

- ◆ Unified Budget – **CBF**: 10% of your gift will be given to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.
- ◆ Unified Budget – **SBC**: 10% of your gift will be given to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.
- ◆ Unified Budget – **Ardmore Plan**: 10% of your gift will be split among the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC (62%), Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (16.5%), Woman's Missionary Union of NC (8.5%), the International Missions Board (8%) and the Baptist State Convention of NC (5%).

We ask members to select their preferred giving plan on their pledge card each year. If a selection is not indicated, the default is Unified Budget – Ardmore Plan. The majority of our contributors give to this fund.

If you have further questions or need help making your way through the process, please contact Susan Griffin in the church office.

For the Record July 2 & 9, 2017

	July 2	July 9
Sunday Bible Study	392	395
Morning Worship		
8:15 a.m.	87	89
10:45 a.m.	387	371

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 07/02/17	\$	43,562
Budget Receipts 07/09/17	\$	37,961
Needs-To-Date	\$	986,162
Receipts-To-Date	\$	987,979
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	1,817