



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

We have almost reached our enrollment goal of 75 children for the camp! The camp will be an exciting "Global Village" as the children sing music from different countries, create multi-cultural art projects, experience West African dance and world drumming, play games from around the world, and learn the value of multicultural understanding through drama and storytelling. One of the purposes of our camp is to introduce children to the four areas of the visual and performing arts: music, art, drama, and dance. Our goal is to encourage children to discover and develop their unique God-given talents and special gifts. With the global theme this year, we also hope the children will develop an awareness and appreciation for other cultures and peoples around the world.



We are still in need of a few scholarships to assist some of the children. We also need a few more helpers in the camp, donations for snacks and art supplies, and 13 lunches each day for 13 of the children who will be attending from Ashley school (perhaps a Sunday Bible Study class or mission group in the church could provide the bag lunches). Contact Jim Davidson, camp director, if you can help in any of these ways. Please continue to be in prayer as we finalize plans and begin to prepare for the children.

- David Fitzgerald

Worship Connection

July 23

Morning (8:15 & 10:45):

"A Good Way to Solve a Problem"

Philemon

Dr. Don Gordon

Bring a Friend!

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 today, July 17.**

Realm App

Search for *Connect - Our Church Community* in your app store. Once loaded, swipe down past the Code (leave blank) to log in. Don't have a login? Contact Debra Norris (dnorris@ardmorebaptist.org).

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 16 - 22: Youth MFuge - Nashville, TN
- ♦ July 14 - August 16: Sue Singleton - Cambodia

And the Lord Added

*Ralph & Tammy Stocks
Judy Tull*

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Our Pastor Writes ...

The Great American Experiment

My family spent July 4th week in Williamsburg, the cradle of revolutionary ferment in the 18th century. On July 4 we joined a throng of patriots walking the streets of Colonial Williamsburg in temperatures destined to make anyone's blood boil. A fife and drum corps marched in perfect sync through the heart of Main Street playing uplifting tunes in their red coats and tan britches. Shopkeepers peddled their wares of textiles, shoes, medicines, and hearty brews. Just before dusk, a man impersonating Thomas Jefferson stepped onto the balcony of the capitol building and read the entire Declaration of Independence to boisterous cheers of the crowd below. The second paragraph salvo is now part of the American canon of essential texts:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

It was a daring move away from tyranny toward a republican form of government, where those in power are positioned thus by the consent of the governed. Having seen with their own eyes and read in the annals of world history, these early revolutionary leaders understood that power is often abused and absolute power is absolutely abused. Therefore, the Constitution they ultimately drafted and adopted was grounded in the principle of “the separation of powers.” Three branches of government were established – Executive, Legislative, and Judicial – to keep a check on each other.

The Bible itself would have been sufficient evidence for the abuse of power and the cruelty of man against man. Israel had a plethora of kings who disobeyed God and abused their power, failing God and failing the people. The original plan of God for the governance of the Promised Land was not a monarchy, but a federation of tribes. When Jesus founded his church he called on leaders to be servants to God and the people, not rule-makers. When an early problem rose in the church between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians it was “The Compromise” at the Jerusalem Council that propelled the church into the world with greater vigor and clarity (Acts 15). Compromise is at the heart of governance when multiple parties are involved in crafting laws and governing the people.

Certainly, God can and does work through any kind of government whether it is tyrannical or democratic. Yet, history seems to teach that governments with divided powers who are forced to compromise do less harm to the people. One can think of 20th century totalitarian governments based on communism or fascism, as well as the 21st century governments – primarily Muslim—which reject religious liberty for their citizens. Therefore, it is appropriate, I believe, to live and act thankfully for the liberty and freedom promulgated and experienced in America. One can be patriotic without being nationalistic. Patriotism leads one to honor their country, have an appropriate level of pride in the homeland, and actively seek its welfare without making it an idol. Nationalism, on the contrary, is blind to its nation's faults and follows its direction regardless of the moral effects on the world. That's what I hope to live out in my life, a patriotism tempered by the Spirit of Christ, and not a nationalism that puts country before God no matter what. Let's keep our heads and stay grounded in our faith. Then we can live as citizens who have a salt-like effect on our country.

- Don Gordon

Women's Bible Study

The summer Wednesday night Bible Study will begin on July 26 and runs through August 30. We will meet at Mayberry Restaurant for dinner and Bible study at 6:00 p.m. The study is *Ruth – Loss, Love, and Legacy* by Kelly Minter. We hope you can join us!

To sign up, please email DeNeal Fowler (dfowler@ardmorebaptist.org) by Thursday, July 20.

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse shoebox gifts are a way to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Back-to-school sales are upon us, so this is a great time to collect items.



Family Picnic And Playground

Thursday, July 27

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Miller Park

The church family and friends are invited to join us Thursday, July 27th at Miller Park for some quality fellowship. Please bring a picnic for yourself and/or your family. We will enjoy dinner together and have some time at the playground. For those interested in a little sport, we'll play kickball. For those interested in being entertained, watching us play kickball can be quite amusing! I do hope you'll be able to join us for this evening of fun together.

- Lee Ritchie

Ardmore ABCs ...

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

Nancy Blythe in the death of her brother, **James Waugh**

Give your prayerful support to **Rebecca Cameron Brock** who was baptized in the 10:45 a.m. worship hour Sunday, July 16, 2017.

Dear Ardmore Baptist:

Thank you very much for your donation of \$15,000 on April 27, 2017.

Heroin is killing people on our streets at an ever increasing rate. But God is on the move rescuing ladies and their families and friends. Our phone is ringing. Ladies are calling out for help and hope that just maybe God is bigger than their addiction. And He is!

A young woman came through our doors six years ago. She was a bubbly extrovert who was trapped without hope in addiction. Her family pushed her to come to Solus Christus. The Lord drew her into His arms, redeemed her, and is making her completely new. She now has six years clean, gone to college, on mission trips, and loves the Lord – full of bouncy, bubbly joy.

You are helping women like her find life and hope in Jesus Christ. Your donation will help add more beds to our new house. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

In Christ Alone,

- Paula Borton
Resident Director, Solus Christus

Powerful Tools For Caregivers

Registration is now underway for a *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* class. This is a six-week class for anyone caring for a loved one who is frail or ill. The class will be held on Thursdays, August 3 - September 7; 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., at Centenary United Methodist Church. There is no charge, but donations are accepted. **Registration is required.** To register or get information, call Linda Lewis (336-748-0217). Classes are sponsored by the Shepherd's Centers of Greater Winston-Salem, Family Caregiver Support Program, Senior Services, Hospice & Palliative CareCenter, SECU Family House, and Daybreak Respite Program. *Classes fill quickly, so early registration is suggested.*

Sunday Adult Bible Study Spotlight

Adult 1 is a community of single adults ranging in age from early 20s to 40-something. While building interpersonal relationships, we also stress outreach opportunities. One of the ways we do this is via our off-site meeting locations. We meet at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings for fellowship at Panera (large table to the right), and 6:00 p.m. Tuesday evenings for Bible study at Twin City Hive coffee shop. The class is discussion-based, participant-driven, and varies between topical studies and exploring specific books of the Bible. Our members have a sense of humor, tend to be logical, and are encouraging and respectful of one another's beliefs. Guests are always welcome, especially those who love board games!

- Kathy Wilheit

Deacon of the Week



July 17 - 23

David Niblock

Phone: (336) 760-0098

Weekend Call

July 22 - 23

Dane Martin

Phone: 336-403-3221

"Say What?":

Four Parables of Jesus

August 8, 15, 22, & 29

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Led by Gina Brock

Jesus knew how to tell a story. He told stories so well that we continue to find meaning in them for living in 2017. Beginning Tuesday, August 8, we invite you to join us as we explore four of Jesus' parables. Come for one session or all four. Bring your lunch and meet us in the Conference Room!



Join us on a deluxe motor coach trip, October 16, to the village of Hart Square in Vale, NC for a personal tour of the largest collection of historic log structures in the country. There are 101 structures that show how life was in western NC during the period of 1760 - 1860. Cost: \$50 (includes lunch). Deadline for payment is September 12. Contact: Beverly Whitfield (336-765-8312).



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In Memory of M. L. Tink Hall and In Honor of our son, Brent
 Bobbie Hall

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Remember to:

Like us, share with friends and families, and use our signature hashtags: #ardmorebaptistchurch and #wewelcomyou!

Online Giving

We now have the capability of making contributions through the Realm website (onrealm.org/ardmorebaptist) or the new Realm App. You will need a login to access Realm. Contact Debra Norris to sign up.

You will see *three options for the Unified Budget* (what we call our general, undesignated giving fund).

- ◆ Unified Budget – **CBF**: 10% of your gift will be given to the *Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC*.
- ◆ 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%).

If a selection is not indicated on your pledge card, 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 16, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	462
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	85
10:45 a.m.	425

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 35,220
Budget Receipts 07/16/17	\$ 25,264
Needs-To-Date	\$ 1,021,382
Receipts-To-Date	\$ 1,013,243
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$ (8,139)



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