



ARDMORE ANNOUNCER

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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.

It's almost here! We are bursting with excitement for our first-ever Ardmore Children's Summer Music and Arts Camp! A special thank you goes to Jim Davidson, our camp director. We have a full enrollment, an outstanding faculty of professional music and arts educators, a camp staff consisting of several of our ministers, and over 25 volunteers from our congregation who will be assisting in various ways. Many of you have responded to our needs by volunteering to help in classes, providing scholarships, providing food, snacks, and supplies and, most importantly, by praying for this project and the children who will attend! It will be a blessing to see the children discover and develop their God-given talents through music, art, drama, and dance. We are also excited to partner with Ashley Academy to offer this opportunity to several of their students. Our church bus will transport them to and from Ashley each day. One of our Worship, Music, and Arts MALT goals for years has been to provide music and arts education to children at Ashley in some way. We are excited about this partnership and opportunity becoming a reality! With camp a week away, we ask that each of you be in prayer for the teachers, staff, volunteer leaders, and children who will come together from many different paths to experience God's gifts of music and the arts, and to develop an awareness, appreciation, and love for peoples and cultures all around the world. *Many Voices ... Many Lands ...* "He's got the whole world in His hands!"



- David Fitzgerald

ARDMORE
Baptist Church

Worship Connection

July 30

Morning (8:15 & 10:45):

"Honoring Our Aging Parents"

John 19:25-27

Dr. Don Gordon

Bring a Friend!

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) as soon as possible.

Welcome, Kathy!

Our own Kathy Stewart has joined the staff of Ardmore as the Music and Hospitality Assistant. Her primary duties will be supporting the Music & Arts and Invitation & Hospitality ministers. Kathy has been retired from banking a few years and brings with her a wealth (pun intended) of experience. She has filled in on a temporary basis for the past couple of weeks and decided to become a permanent part of our office team. Kathy has been a member of Ardmore since 1994 and is currently Sunday Bible Study teacher for two-year olds and a leader with Handicrafters and the Meals to Go team, among many other ministries in which she serves. We are excited that Kathy will bring her servant's heart, kind spirit, and can-do attitude to support our ministries.

And the Lord Added

Mary-Paige King

OUR MISSION:

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

Our Pastor Writes ...

Observing a Baptism

Baptisms are always special moments in a church. They are communal events for good reason. The baptism of Rebecca Brock by her mother, our new Associate Pastor, was no exception. I was profoundly touched by this sacred profession of faith in Jesus Christ at many levels. First, it was for me, as it probably was for many people, a reminder of my own baptism when I was immersed by my minister in the presence of the believing community. That was 46 years ago, but I can still remember the community, the minister, and the upheaval of emotion that accompanied it.

Second, it was a reminder for me of the times I baptized my three daughters. Each baptism is special, but there is something extra special about baptizing your own child and making public proclamation that this daughter is no longer “just a daughter.” She is a sister in Christ.

Third, I was glad our congregation was able to see a female baptize a disciple of Jesus Christ in our church. The purest Baptists, descendants of the Protestant Reformation, believe strongly in the priesthood of all believers. All disciples of Jesus Christ are called and equipped to carry out priestly roles in the church. It’s not just the clergy who are called to serve the Lord’s Supper and baptize followers of Jesus. Why do you think Baptists typically “pass the plate” to one another in the communion ritual rather than have all the congregants come to the front and receive the elements from the clergy? The priesthood of all believers.

Perhaps most meaningful to me was the look on Rebecca’s face as she gazed into the face of her mother. There was a glow about it, a reverence tinged with familiarity. The minister in the robe standing erect in the water was “Mom,” the one who had given birth to this child. She was one who had, along with Dad, nurtured this child toward the faith. Rebecca had waited a long time (in her mind at least) to be baptized because she wanted her mother to baptize her in the community of faith where she would grow up. The day had come. The water was clear. The call was unequivocal. This was the day the Lord had made for a confession of faith in the waters of baptism.

Before and after the baptism, Gina thanked me for allowing her to baptize her child. Not every church would do that. I told her, “Don’t thank me. Thank Ardmore Baptist Church, a congregation steeped in historic Baptist theology which affirms the priesthood of every believer, even female believers.” I came here because of that theological instinct, not in spite of it. It was a glorious day for me, just like it was for so many others.

Sola dei gloria! For the glory of God alone!

- Don Gordon

Thank You!

A special *Thank You* to all the prayer partners for the Bahamas and Nashville youth mission trips. There is power in prayer and we felt it as we prepared to go, while we were there, and on our way back. God prepared the people we served and opened our hearts to be ready for opportunities we encountered. We hope you will attend the Missions Luncheon this Sunday, meet your student, and be able to connect with him/her.

- Dane Martin



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 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

Habitat For Humanity Faith Build

Ardmore is partnering with other faith communities to build two Habitat homes this fall. Our church devoted \$10,000 to this project through the budget overage funds from 2015. Now comes the heavy lifting. There are two volunteer opportunities so far:

1. Saturday, July 29 - Wall Build at Habitat headquarters, 7:45 a. m. - 11:00 a.m.
2. Saturday, August 19 - Wall Raising at 1759 and 1763 Richard Allen Lane.

Sign up for these opportunities at <http://habitatforsyth.volunteerhub.com> and watch for more opportunities in the coming weeks.

Contact Lou Baldwin (lbaldwin@baldwinco.com) or Mike Nuckolls (mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org) with questions.

Ardmore ABCs ...

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

Hank Strub in the death of his uncle, **Carl Strub** (Pennsylvania);

Bobbie Hall in the death of her son, **Brent Hall**

Congratulations to **Jim & Wilma Brown** – 65th wedding anniversary on July 27th

Reflections On A Wonderful Week Of Camp

Passport Kids Camp was a great success! Thank you to LeAnne Kennedy, Donna McGalliard, and Jeff Lemons for chaperoning this excited crew of 24 kids. I'd like to share with you a few highlights from camp. As usual, the Night Market was my favorite. It is a chance for the children to experience a bit of life in the country we studied, Malawi. The students pumped and carried water, learned about instruments from Malawi, tasted their candy, and much more.

The Worship at Passport Kids is so meaningful. At each service, the children lead the litanies, pray, and read scripture. This year a group led through dance to the song, "Do Something," by Matthew West. The camp pastor then talked about our theme, "Do Justice, Love Kindness," from Micah 6:8. He challenged the children with these words: "people think they have to do something big, but the truth is you just have to do something." These words really resonated with our students as they considered how they might do something to help others right here in Winston-Salem. I look forward to continuing to challenge the students as they seek to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

- Lee Ritchie

Sunday Adult Bible Study Spotlight

The Joy Bible Study Class is a group of senior adults ages 75+ who love each other, enjoy studying the Bible together, and care for each other through the good times and the hard times. Some of our members are long-time friends who have raised their families together. Others are new to Ardmore and have found a place of fellowship and belonging.

We enjoy quarterly breakfasts, celebrate birthdays and special occasions, care for one another during times of sickness and sorrow, and support various missions opportunities as they occur. We have experienced the joy of the Lord in each stage of life, and find Him faithful as we meet each Sunday morning to continue learning together.

We welcome you to join us!

- Helen Norris

"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!

Sign up with Janet Hellard (jhellard@ardmorebaptist.org; 336-725-8767).

Deacon of the Week



July 24 - 30

Arnold Powers

Phone: (336) 766-9871

Weekend Call

July 29 - 30

Dane Martin

Phone: 336-403-3221

Missions Fellowship Lunch

Sunday, July 30; 12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Join us for presentations by groups who have served on mission this spring and summer. A lunch of sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be served. Donations will be accepted to cover the costs.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, August 10, 2017

3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Ardmore Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall

Blood donations are sorely needed nationwide. Sign up now at www.redcrossblood.org. Enter "Ardmore Baptist" (do not add 'Church' on the end) in the drive search box.

Thank you for giving!



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Memorials and Honoraria

Handicrafters

In Memory of Roger Barker
 Nancy Barker

Memorial/Honorarium Fund

In Honor of The Journey Sunday Bible Study Class
 Ron & Kaye Hunter

Mission Ventures

In Memory of Betty & Charlie Hutchins
 Bill, Helen, and Debra Norris

Unified Budget

In Honor of The Gathering Sunday Bible Study Class
 Leon & Lynda Phillips



Ardmore Connections

Whether you've been at Ardmore for many years or you are a new member, this group activity is for you! Groups of six people gather in each other's homes at least three times a quarter for fellowship and food. Sign-up sheets will be in the lobby on Sunday mornings beginning July 30. You may also sign up on our Web site (click on the Ardmore Connections graphic on home page).

If you have questions or want more details, please contact Carol Spears (766-0955) or Pat Wolfe (608-4710).

Powerful Tools For Caregivers

Registration is now underway for a *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* class. This is a six-week class for those caring for a frail or ill loved one. The classes 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 - contact 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 Care-Center, SECU Family House, and Daybreak Respite Program. *Classes fill quickly, so early registration is suggested.*



Join us October 16 as we hop on board church buses and head 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).

For the Record July 23, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	397
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	102
10:45 a.m.	379

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 07/23/17	\$	22,628
Needs-To-Date	\$	1,056,602
Receipts-To-Date	\$	1,035,871
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(20,731)

The 100 Men Reception Tunnel

Monday, August 28; 7:00 a.m.

We need 100 men to help us welcome the students of Ashley Academy to their first day of school! The first day of school is important, so we want these students to receive a hearty welcome from professional men. We need your help!

If you are interested in participating in this event, you may pre-register at www.triadmentors.org or <https://goo.gl/forms/cGo15hWV4TfXTOEb2>.