



# ARDMORE ANNOUNCER

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH JESUS CHRIST.

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

**ARDMORE**  
*Baptist Church*

## Worship Connection

August 6  
Morning (8:15 & 10:45):

### What's So Amazing About Grace?

#### "Basic Grace"

Ephesians 2:1-10

Dr. Don Gordon

### Bring a Friend!



### 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. You may also sign up online (<https://ardmorebapt.wufoo.com/forms/m1iogkkelj0p1t5/>). Deadline is August 27.

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



### "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 (women and men) 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](mailto:jhellard@ardmorebaptist.org); 336-725-8767).

### Sunday Adult Bible Study Spotlight

The Gathering is a fairly large class of couples and singles in their 60s - 70s (averaging 40 - 50 people each week). We are known for compassionate, mutual support, and lively Bible study using the Formations literature. Sandra Bovender, Les Davis, Bill Wolfe, and myself are the teachers and we make the studies relevant to everyday life. The members freely join in the discussions. We laugh together and share the heartfelt concerns of our lives. We value missions and frequently take on projects to serve the "least of these" in the name of Jesus. We enjoy a great fellowship on Sunday mornings and through social events. We've been blessed by many new members in the past couple of years and would welcome you to join us.

- Paul Mullen

OUR MISSION:

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

## Slap In The Face

On the way to the church Tuesday morning, a small red truck passed me and my eye was caught by a five inch black with white-lettered sticker in the bottom left corner of the rear window: *Jesus would slap the \$#&! out of you.* The hyper-pervasive “What Would Jesus Do?” question from years ago quickly came to mind. Apparently the driver felt like someone needed to actually answer that question.

The natural reaction to this kind of judgment on those of us who follow Jesus would be defensiveness. “How dare someone curse in a statement on Jesus?” would likely be our first thought because we all know that cussing is one of those unforgivable sins found somewhere in the Old Testament. That might be followed by a judgment or two of our own on the character of someone who would “attack” Christians in such a “violent” manner.

I have to admit that this sticker did for me what no “What would Jesus do?” sticker, pen, t-shirt, wristband, or poster ever did: It made me think. *Would Jesus want to slap the %#&! out of me?*

I began to examine how someone like the driver of this truck would view me and how I represent Jesus, both good and bad. I asked myself what it is that I do that might cause Jesus to want to raise a hand. I came up with a short-list pretty quickly.

I have been an instructor in Wake Forest’s online counseling degree program for quite some time and one of the primary skills needed is a healthy penchant for self-examination lest your own issues become a hindrance to your clients. Self-examination is not that much fun; however, the best students are those who can look at themselves and honestly assess where the hang-ups are so they can become better helpers of others.

The Bible is full of instances of God desperately trying to get His people (not those who do not claim Him), to examine their sins, arrogance, self-aggrandizing, and misrepresentations of Him lest He take a leave of absence. The exiles to Assyria and Babylon? Rough slaps for sure. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Ouch! “All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.” Feel the burn.

Perhaps we all need to remember that we are both sinner and saint, as Martin Luther declared of himself. If for some reason the driver of a little red truck with a *Jesus would slap the \$#&! out of you* sticker is reading this, thanks for the slap this morning.

- Mike Nuckolls

## Dane's DownLow

**God answers prayer.** Before this mission trip, I know that each one of our adults were praying for the students, those we would serve, and our overall experience on the mission trip. We spent time asking God to open the hearts of our students and the people we would serve. Not only were we, as adult leaders, praying for our students, but each person on the trip had a prayer partner. These individuals were specifically praying for a member of our team and for the group as a whole. I am also sure there were other congregants praying without a request from me.

**God meets us where we are.** God desires to be in relationship with us and for us to come to him in our brokenness, questioning, hurt, pain, and suffering. As we began our week, each of us saw that we were in different places along our journey of faith: stuck, in a rut, growing, struggling, etc. We were open and honest with each other and, in doing so, we opened ourselves to becoming a faith community which practiced being present with each other and allowing a place for the Holy Spirit to have room to speak.

**Community of faith is essential.** We could not have done this trip without the support of our team. During different moments of the week we needed someone to talk with, to share about God’s goodness, and to be supported by this team.

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## Movie Night

Our next movie night will be this Friday, August 4, in the Youth Place. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The movie starts at 7:00 p.m. This month’s movie will be “Stranger Than Fiction.” Check out the trailer at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26FBhM\\_pjoc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26FBhM_pjoc).

Looking forward to seeing everyone Friday night.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, August 10  
3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Ardmore Baptist - Fellowship Hall  
**S**ign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Enter “Ardmore Baptist” (do not add ‘Church’ on the end) in the drive search box. Thank you for giving!

**CHURCH**  
  
**M**ark your calendars for Sunday, September 17. We will gather at Tanglewood Park for our annual Ardmore churchwide picnic. This is a time of fun and fellowship that you will not want to miss!

## Ardmore ABCs ...

## Congratulations to:

**Esther Hurtado**, Food Service Director, who will celebrate her 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Ardmore on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please express your appreciation to her this week.

**Jason & Wendy Cockerham** – 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 2<sup>nd</sup>;

**Joshua & Jenifer Chancey** – 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 4<sup>th</sup>;

**Bob & Becky Ogden** – 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 4<sup>th</sup>;

**Warren Steen**, who served as chairman of the David Richards Memorial Polio Campaign. Thanks to his leadership, over 39,000 children will receive the polio vaccine.

**Dane's DownLow** (continued from page 2)

**faith is continual.** We were able to have some great, healthy conversations which at times challenged us and encouraged us to ask the hard questions in order to better understand what we believe. The week brought times for us to be molded and helped us think about how we can grow in our relationship with God.

I am encouraged about the ways God worked in and through our team, and how God used us as his hands and feet. I look forward to how we continue that call here in Winston-Salem. Thank you to everyone who supported our team, we are truly grateful.

- Dane Martin



## Deacon of the Week



July 31 - August 6

**Brad Preslar**

Phone: (336) 909-2134

## Weekend Call

August 5 - 6

**Don Gordon**

Phone: 919-972-1933

## Children's Sunday Bible Study Training

August 13; 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall A

**H**ow do we create an environment in which children can know they are loved by God and us? Come, learn from your peers, and get some great teaching tools. We will spend time covering basic safety and care, and how to help children experience God. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Lopina ([elopina@ardmorebaptist.org](mailto:elopina@ardmorebaptist.org)).

- Lee Ritchie

## Fully Engaged

Ardmore Baptist Church,

**T**hank you for partnering with World Relief to stand with the most vulnerable. Your Good Neighbor Teams are providing transformational relationships to our newest neighbors and your financial support will assure World Relief can continue to empower churches and serve clients.

Thank you!

- Joe McCann

*\*Note: Our church gave \$10,000 from the 2016 budget overage to World Relief, the agency through which our refugee ministry works.*



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## Memorials and Honoraria

### Facilities Fund

**In Honor of the Teachers of The Fellowship  
 Sunday Bible Study Class**  
 Muriel Rivers

### Handicrafters

**In Memory of Brent Hall**  
 Sara Richardson  
 Gene & Jo West  
 The Joy Sunday Bible Study



If you have ever wanted to sing in the choir but couldn't attend the Wednesday night rehearsals, Summer Choir is for you! Come to the choir room 15 minutes before the service starts to go over the music. A folder and music will be ready for you!

- David Fitzgerald

### For the Record July 30, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	423
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	94
10:45 a.m.	389

### Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 07/30/17	\$	26,092
Needs-To-Date	\$	1,091,822
Receipts-To-Date	\$	1,061,963
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(29,859)

## Grace Notes

This week will be a busy one with our Music and Arts Camp in full swing. We have 75 children attending, which was our goal! We will have a report and some pictures in next week's *Announcer*. Please be in prayer for everyone involved this week, especially the children.

The congregation is invited to join us this Friday at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a wonderful concluding time of worship as the children present the music, art, drama, and dance they have worked on during the camp.

- David Fitzgerald

## July World Hunger Offering

\$2,283

## The 100 Men Reception Tunnel

Monday, August 28

7:00 a.m. at Ashley Academy

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 caring men. We need your help!

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

## Worship Media Workshop

August 31; 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

*New Recruits Are Welcome!*

Our Worship Media Team is growing. We have several new members so it is time for another training workshop. This workshop will provide a quick review of operating the sound and light boards, microphone techniques, orientation to the newly-organized sound equipment storage room, and sound check protocols for Sunday services. We may also cover how to get a good recording of the services. Anyone who is interested in becoming part of this team is welcome to join us for this workshop. We would love to have a few more new members!



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).