



ARDMORE ANNOUNCER

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

ARDMORE
Baptist Church



Deacon Council Change

The current Deacon Council recommends a change in our current Deacon Election process that does not require a change in the by-laws. This motion will be brought forward for action at the church conference on August 27:

“In recognition of the increased participation of church members in leadership roles through the Ministry Area Leadership Teams (MALT), and in light of significant reduction in numbers of persons willing to participate in the Deacon election process over the past two election years, we recommend that the number of deacons elected annually be reduced from the current 12 to 9. This motion requires no change in the church by-laws. These changes will not alter the currently elected Deacon Council (allowing currently elected deacons to rotate through their terms). Effective with the class elected for fall of 2017, we will have 9 serving through 2020, 12 serving through 2019, and 12 serving through 2018.”

Restroom Revival

The Properties Team is on a mission to remodel some of our older restrooms. The results are already evident in the restrooms on the first and third floors of the Education Building. Special thanks go out to Sarah Young for the design choices and to Magnolia Construction for the work. Stop by and take a look at the amazing transformation. Next up: Fellowship Hall A restrooms.

“Say What?”: Four Parables of Jesus

August 15, 22, & 29

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

Join us as Gina Brock helps us explore three more of Jesus’ parables. Each session is a different parable and stands alone, so if you can’t attend all, attend as many as you can. Bring your lunch and meet us in the Youth Place! This study is open to women and men.

Sign up with Janet Hellard in the church office.

And the Lord Added

Ray & Norma Branch

Worship Connection

August 13

Morning (8:15 & 10:45):

Parent, Child, Congregation

Covenant (10:45)

“Amazing Grace”

Luke 15:11-31

Dr. Don Gordon

Bring a Friend!

Children’s Sunday Bible Study Training

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

Fellowship Hall A

How 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).

- Lee Ritchie

OUR MISSION:

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

Our Pastor Writes ...

Hard Journey ... Worthy Destination

One day on a family vacation to the New England states, we decided to take a hike up Mount Williard in the White Mountain region of New Hampshire. Upon arriving at the base station at Crawford's Notch, I inquired about the length and time of the hike. The nice young lady informed me the 1.6 mile hike would take about one hour to get there and another thirty minutes to return. I thought, "Surely I can hike 1.6 miles faster than one hour." So I said, "Are there any other more ambitious trails we can take?"

"Yes," she said. "There's a 1.8 mile hike to Mount Alicia but it's 600 feet higher and it will probably take you at least two hours to climb that."

After considering that my youngest daughter, Rebekah, was an eight-year-old hiker, I reluctantly decided to take the less ambitious journey. I soon found out it was plenty ambitious.

What I didn't take into consideration was the rocky condition of the trail. New Hampshire is called the Granite State for good reason. Granite rocks are as plentiful as pine needles in central North Carolina. One couldn't simply walk up the mountain. I had to watch every step I made in order not to sprain my ankle. One rock you step on might bear your weight and it might not. Added to this was the relentless incline. At one point there was a straightway that looked like an endless stairway to heaven on a bed of granite rocks the size of cantaloupes. After only 10 minutes the girls were saying, "Are we there yet Daddy?" I did much better. It took me 20 minutes before I began to wonder, "Are we ever going to get to the top?"

When we all were at a point of wilderness wipeout, we saw some people coming down the trail. I asked them, "How much farther do we have to go?" They had smiles on their faces, as if they had achieved a great accomplishment and were basking in glory. They said, "Oh, it's only about 20 minutes now." My heart sank a bit. Twenty minutes seemed like 20 days. Then they said, "It's worth it. It's a beautiful sight."

From that point on, I asked the few scattered hikers descending from the top of this 2804 foot mountain, "How much farther?" They would give their time estimate and volunteer the encouraging words, "You're almost there. The view is worth every step of the way."

The Christian life is often like a treacherous journey up a steep mountain strewn with unstable rocks. If we look too far into the future it seems like the cost is too high, the way too hard, the pain too great. The cost of following Jesus demands that we love people who get on our nerves. Some of us have to live with physical pain (arthritis, diabetes, cancer, fibromyalgia, etc.) that is as ever-present as the air we breathe. Others are working in conditions and among people that sap them of energy and joy. Constant criticism and rare praise are a combination that leads to depression. How do we keep going?

In Hebrews 11, the author sites a host of faithful saints that have walked the earth in earlier days. They faced isolation, persecution, ridicule, criticism, and a host of spiritual arrows that could have deflated their faith and crushed their spirits. Nevertheless, they endured. They hung in there. They kept the faith. And so

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Habitat For Humanity Faith Build

Ardmore is partnering with other faith communities to build two Habitat homes this fall. On Saturday, August 19, there will be a Wall Raising at 1759 and 1763 Richard Allen Lane. Sign up to help (<http://habitatforsyth.volunteerhub.com>) and watch for more opportunities in the coming weeks.

Contacts: Lou Baldwin (lbaldwin@baldwinco.com) or Mike Nuckolls (mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org).

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 or <https://goo.gl/forms/cGo15hWV4TfXTOEb2>.



Wake Forest's Baptist Student Union invites us to welcome the new freshmen to WFU. On August 29 at 6:00 p.m. we will participate in an ice cream social meet and greet.

Please let me know if you would like to attend and/or provide ice cream (dmartin@ardmorebaptist.org). Ice cream needs to be delivered to WFU.

- Dane Martin

Ardmore ABCs ...

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

Jane Wall in the death of her husband, **Steve Wall**

Congratulations to:

Susan Griffin, Financial Assistant, who will celebrate her 17th anniversary at Ardmore on August 7th. Please express your appreciation to her this week.

Addison McDowell and **Rachel Chickering** who were married at Grace Chapel, Lenoir Rhyne Campus, Hickory, NC on August 5th. The couple will live in Lexington. Proud parents are **C. F. and Martha McDowell**.

Ardmore's Music & Arts Camp



Deacon of the Week



August 7 - 13

Brooke Preslar

Phone: (336) 909-2134

Weekend Call

August 12 - 13

Lee Ritchie

Phone: 706-247-0376

Our Pastor Writes

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in Hebrews 12 the author concludes, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."

When the way becomes hard and the end seems so distant, it's good to remember these words. It might help also if we listen to people who have traveled before us and hear them say, "You're almost there. And the view at the top is worth every step." That's the promise of our God. The view at the end of our Christian journey will be worth every step. The greater the test, the greater the reward. And those who persevere in their journey with Christ will have a view at the end that is without equal on this earth.

So lace up those hiking boots. The view at the end is awesome!

- Don Gordon



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Memorials and Honoraria

Music Ministry

In Memory of Steve Wall
 Carl & Sandra Bovender
 Doug & Brenda Sprinkle

Organ Fund

In Memory of Steve Wall
 David & Debbie Wright
 The Gathering Sunday Bible Study Class
 Charlie & Ellen Bumgarner
 Larry & Merle Andrews
 Jerry & Carolyn Gilbert
 Gene & Jo West

Special Ministries

In Memory of Marvin & Ruby Henderson
 Pamela Gail Henderson

Unified Budget

In Memory of Steve Wall
 Jayne Hillman

Vision Fund

In Memory of Steve Wall
 Martha & Marvin Taylor

World Hunger

In Memory of Steve Wall and Brent Hall
 Cliff Brown

For the Record August 6, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	436
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	111
10:45 a.m.	435

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 08/06/17	\$	55,957
Needs-To-Date	\$	1,127,042
Receipts-To-Date	\$	1,117,920
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(9,122)

Sunday Adult Bible Study Spotlight

When a group of people approaching “senior” status wanted to join hearts with other active adults who preferred canoe trips, bike rides, hikes, and charades challenges over restaurant meals as group activities, we formed The Journey class. That was in 2013.

Primarily active 55-65 year olds, we’re serious about Bible study. But, we realize that another lesson from the Word is not going to change our lives, or affect the world around us if we don’t put our faith into action.

Our members form a significant core of people active in congregational leadership, music, missions and volunteerism. Half of our class is retired.

To gain strength, wisdom, community, friendship and belonging we consider ourselves to be on “The Journey” of Christian life together. Average attendance of our 44 members is unusually high because we’ve developed community that is missed when we’re apart.

Our teaching/learning style is participatory. Teachers fully appreciate the spiritual journey on which all of our members travel and teachers extract life lessons from all who will share.

We’ve not arrived, so if you’re interested in joining us on The Journey, hop aboard.



- Norman Jameson

Worship Media Workshop

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

We will provide a review of how to operate the sound and light boards, microphone techniques, orientation to the sound equipment storage room, and sound check protocols for Sunday services. Anyone interested in becoming part of this team is welcome to join us!



Mark 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!