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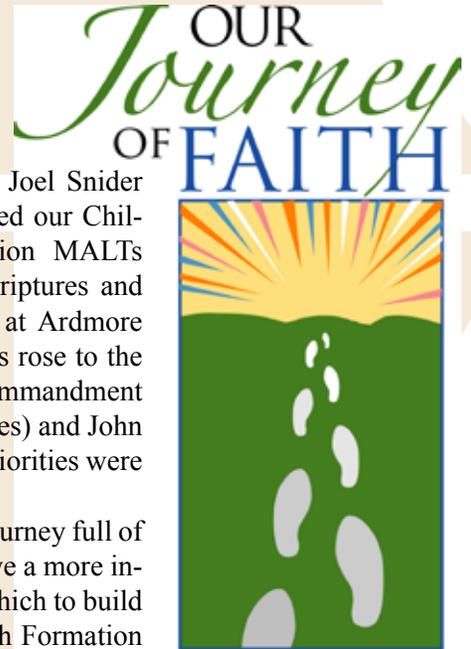
CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH JESUS CHRIST.

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

How Will My Faith Be Formed If I Engage In Serving God With Ardmore?

This is the question we began to answer last Sunday afternoon, August 6. Dr. Joel Snider from the Center for Healthy Churches led our Children, Youth, and Adult Faith Formation MALTs through a process to consider which scriptures and experiences a mature disciple of Jesus at Ardmore would know and have. Several scriptures rose to the top of our lists, including the Greatest Commandment (loving God and loving others as ourselves) and John 3:16. Some of the experiences seen as priorities were serving, worshiping, and praying.

Being a disciple of Jesus is a lifelong journey full of learning and transformation. We now have a more intentional foundation of discipleship on which to build together. Thanks to the work of our Faith Formation MALTs we are on our way towards nurturing a more mature faith in Christ for all ages. Now, the work begins! We look forward to sharing our updates with you!



ARDMORE
Baptist Church

Worship Connection

August 20
Morning (8:15 & 10:45):

"Forgiving Grace"
Matthew 5:12
Dr. Don Gordon

Bring a Friend!

Ukraine Missionary Update

Sunday, August 20

9:15 a. m. in Fellowship Hall

Mena and Gennady Podgaisky, CBF missionaries in Ukraine, will share about their ministry. Give your teachers a break and join us in the Fellowship Hall to hear the latest ministry news from one of our ministry partners. Coffee and juice will be available. See you there.

Church Conference

Sunday, August 27

6:00 p.m.

Join us for our quarterly conference as we prayerfully consider a change to the makeup of the Deacon Council, unveil a new church logo, reflect on progress toward our 2017-19 church goals, and share in a special presentation for the Missionary House.

And the Lord Added

Kara Preli

Sanctuary Prints

We have a limited number of pencil sketch prints of the sanctuary (drawn by Barry Parks) that we would love for people to enjoy in their homes. These are available one to a family in the church office on a first-come, first-served basis.

OUR MISSION:

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

Our Pastor Writes ...

Increasing Diversity

A front page article in the Winston-Salem Journal last week noted the increasing diversity of Forsyth County. Minority populations – Black, Hispanic, Asian – are increasing at a faster rate than the current majority white population, which puts us in line with the nationwide projections. Although the white population is a majority at 57 percent, the rate of growth among whites, blacks, and Hispanics is almost equal. Forsyth's current population is around 371,000. The current projection is that by the year 2044 non-Hispanic whites will no longer be a majority nationwide. Part of this is due to immigration from countries, but a greater factor is the higher birthrates of minority populations.

What does this mean for Ardmore Baptist Church? I believe it means that diversity is inevitable and necessary if we are to remain a vibrant, relevant Christian community. We are going to see more African-American, Asian, and Hispanic people visit our church in the years ahead. And, if we are a truly welcoming and hospitable community, we will see them connect with us as we carry out God's mission in the world. This will affect the look and feel of our congregation. We will have a browner and more diverse look combined with cultural shifts that require we develop a stronger "missionary personality." We will need to follow the Apostle Paul's admonition to the church in Corinth, "*I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some*" (1 Cor. 9:22). Paul founded the church in Corinth, blending Jewish and Gentile cultures together under the banner of one Lord, Jesus Christ. Don't think for a moment this was an easy thing to do. Cultural challenges faced Corinth just like they face Winston-Salem. For Paul, the gospel of Jesus Christ transcended culture and ethnicity, leading to a church rich in diversity.

The future of America, North Carolina, and Winston-Salem is greater ethnic and racial diversity. I hope you will see the blessing of this rainbow of color and welcome people of all ethnic groups into your Sunday Bible Study classes, the space beside you on the pew, and around the dinner table of your home. May our Ardmore welcome, "We welcome you," become more than a mantra. Let it become our mandate.

- Don Gordon

Sunday Adult Bible Study Spotlight

The Fellowship is a couples and singles class age 65+ who are young at heart, committed in their faith, and dedicated to each other as class members and friends. The class has five teachers who rotate teaching the Sunday Bible Study lessons each week from the Formations literature. We encourage discussion and value the different perspectives we receive from each teacher as we explore the biblical truths in each lesson. This group loves to talk, visit, and get "caught up" with each other from week to week and usually arrives early for fellowship before class begins. We also maintain an active prayer list to enable our class members to minister to the needs of those who are sick or have lost loved ones. So, if you would like to take part in our fellowship, friendship, fun, and great Bible lessons, and participate with a caring group of members, please come and join us. We will welcome you!

- Jerry Gilbert

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."

Making CONNECTIONS
Through Shared Ministry

It's time to update our *Making Connections* booklet. Please take a look at your group's info and send any changes you have to Debra (dnorris@ardmorebaptist.org). If your group is no longer active, we need to know that also. If you have a picture showing your group, we would love to have it.

Please send changes this week. We would love to print by September 1.

Ardmore ABCs ...

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

Bill Fowlkes in the death of his mother, **Daphine Crowder Fowlkes**

Gracious notes of appreciation have been received from the following and are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall:

Dianne & Colon Putnam

Congratulations to:

Ray & Vicki Freeman – 60th wedding anniversary on August 17th;

Jim Davidson, Worship and Arts Educator, who will celebrate his 2nd year at Ardmore on August 17th. Please express your appreciation to him this week;

Charles Griffin on the publication of his book, *How the Little Rabbit Learned to Hop*;

Calvin Breeden – commissioned as a US Navy Officer on July 14th after successfully completing Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI. Proud mother and stepfather are **Beth and Art Gardin**.

Deacon of the Week



August 14 - 20

Wes Salisbury

Phone: (336) 575-0642

Weekend Call

August 19 - 20

Gina Brock

Phone: 336-970-9117

Grace Notes

Music & Arts Camp 2017

As Jim Davidson reported Sunday, August 6, we experienced an outstanding Children's Music and Arts Camp with an enrollment of 75 children and around 40 adult and youth staff, faculty, assistants, and volunteers! During the week the children learned songs from eight countries and sang in four different languages. It was truly amazing to watch these children learning new things, discovering and developing their talents, and creating through music, art, drama, and dance. I want to especially thank Jim Davidson for his leadership in coordinating and directing the camp. I also want to thank Diane Guthrie for serving with Jim and me on the planning team. We could not have had such a successful camp without their vision, outstanding leadership, and hard work! The three of us want to thank all the volunteers from Ardmore Baptist and our church staff for sharing their time, talents, and love with the children in the camp. Many lives were touched and seeds of God's love were planted in the hearts of these children. We are so grateful to Ardmore Baptist Church for supporting such an important outreach ministry through music and the arts!

- David Fitzgerald

Pillow Extravaganza

September 14; 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Ardmore Handicrafters invite you to a stuffing party in the Fellowship Hall. Our Handicrafters provide pink polka-dot pillows for Cancer Services and would love to have you help stuff them - sewing experience not needed. Come for part, or all, of the day. This year we will host *Pink4Lunch*, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., during which a representative from Susan G. Komen will address the high breast cancer mortality rates among women in our area. Bring a bag lunch and join us. We will provide a snack, beverage, and dessert. Sign-up sheets will be in the lobby beginning August 20. Deadline is September 3.



Summer Choir Is Here

Join us for Summer Choir at Ardmore. Meet in the choir room 15 minutes before the service starts to go over easy-to-learn music. A folder and music will be ready and waiting for you!

- David Fitzgerald

Next Worship Media Workshop

August 31

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

New Recruits Are Welcome!

Our Worship Media Team has several new members, so it is time for another training workshop. This workshop will provide a quick review of operating the sound and light board, microphone techniques, orientation to the newly organized sound equipment storage room, and sound check protocols for Sunday services. We may also cover getting a good recording of the services.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of this team is welcome to join us for this workshop. We would love to have a few more new members join the team!



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Memorials and Honoraria

Facilities Fund

In Memory of Jack L. Sink
Skip & Linda Sink

Handicrafters

In Memory of Steve Wall
Vernon & Darlene Osborne
In Honor of Reg Banner and Barry & Carolyn Tilley
Adult 9, Coed 3

Memorials Fund

In Memory of Brent Hall
Terrie, Matthew, and John Faircloth

Organ Fund

In Memory of Steve Wall
Linda & Roma Combs
Elizabeth Combs
George & Carole Moore
Paul Edmond, Jr.
Jo Anne Todd
Vernon & Judith Gambill
Nancy & Emil Nathan
Mary Ann Hanna
Marilyn Reavis

In Memory of Daphine Crowder Fowlkes
David & Debbie Wright

Special Ministries

In Honor of Mike Nuckolls
Richard & Evalyn Bell

For the Record August 13, 2017

Sunday Bible Study	437
Morning Worship	
8:15 a.m.	79
10:45 a.m.	417

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 35,220
Budget Receipts 08/13/17	\$ 29,321
Needs-To-Date	\$ 1,162,262
Receipts-To-Date	\$ 1,147,241
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$ (15,021)

Vision Fund

In Memory of Brent Hall
Hazel Flack

World Hunger-Gaza

In Honor of Debra Norris
Carol Polk

Sat-7

In Honor of Mavis Bisette
Charles & Brenda Lemons

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, 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

Lock It Up - Be Alert

The WSPD is asking people to lock their cars due to thefts in the area. Also, please be extra vigilant about locking church doors, not propping doors open, and making sure that when you leave the building there is someone who has a key and can lock the doors if you leave them open.

VBS 2018

Please mark your calendar for next year's VBS July 9 - 13. We know it will be a great week and you won't want to miss it!