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Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ

WORSHIP CONNECTION

October 15, 2017
Morning (8:15 & 10:45)

Baptism

**“A Better Way to Live:
Living with the Kids We Have”**

Matthew 18:1-9
Dr. Don Gordon

KidNecton
“David and Goliath”
1 Samuel 17:1-50

And the Lord Added

Jayne Hillman

Our Mission:

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

Handicrafters Bazaar

Saturday, October 14

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Join us in raising funds for our Handicrafters Ministry. You'll find handmade seasonal, holiday, and everyday crafts for all ages. There will be baked goods, blankets, wreaths, aprons, jewelry, dish cloths, baby items, scarves, afghans, and much more!



Messengers Wanted

Baptist State Convention Annual Conference

November 6-7

Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, N.C.

If you are interested in representing Ardmore as a messenger to the Baptist State Convention Annual Conference, please call the church office. Those wishing to be messengers will be considered for appointment.

It's Cold And Flu Season

Throughout the month of October, the Sisters of Faith group is asking us to help Ashley Academy with a few basics we take for granted. They need boxes of Kleenex and bottles of hand sanitizer (in pump bottles). A collection box will be in the stairwell near the covered drive entrance. Help us help them be healthier.

H2H Coat Drive

New and gently-used coats are needed for children from 5 to 12 years old. Place them in the coat collection boxes in the Education Building and covered-drive entrance stairwells. These coats will be given to children in need through Ashley Academy, Love Out Loud partner agencies, and other nonprofits.

Habitat For Humanity Faith Build

Join us in constructing homes for the Faith Build. Skilled and unskilled workers are needed. Work is ongoing every Thursday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 1763 Richard Allen Lane. Sign up at habitatforsyth.volunteerhub.com. For more information, contact Lou Baldwin (lbaldwin@baldwinco.com) or Mike Nuckolls (mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org).

Our Pastor Writes...

The Protestant Reformation commemorates its 500 year anniversary this year on October 31, 2017. It was on this day in 1517 when a little known monk from Germany posted his now famous 95 Theses on the church door at Wittenberg. This daring move combined with his keen theological insight and willingness to confront the corruption of the Roman Catholic Church led to a radical transformation in the church of Jesus Christ. The cries of *sola scriptura* and *sola gratia* encapsulated the theological thrust of the reformers. They believed that scripture alone should be the basis on which the church seeks and proclaims truth. Convinced that disciples of Jesus Christ are saved by grace through faith and not by works or good deeds, the reformers sought to liberate believers from perpetual guilt.

To commemorate this historic period in our history, I will be leading a four-week study on Wednesday nights during Prayer, Praise, and Proclamation at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. I hope you will join us to better understand your own connection to this reformation and better engage the public conversations that will certainly take place. The dates and subjects of our study are listed below.

Date	Topic
October 25	What led to the Protestant Reformation?
November 1	Who was Martin Luther and what did he do?
November 8	Who are the other Reformers? Calvin, Zwingli and Melancthon
November 15	What was the Baptist role in the Reformation?

- Don Gordon

Grace Notes

Jim Davidson, Jonathan Williams, and I want to thank all who assisted with The CenturyMen concert and the State Senior Adult Choir Festival. These events required a lot of volunteer help. We are blessed to have such great volunteers who work behind the scenes to make sure these events are successful! Speaking of volunteers, many of our youth will be participating in a Youth Music/Mission Weekend in Wilmington, October 27 - 29. Please be in prayer for our youth music and arts teams as they prepare to proclaim the Good News and share the love of Christ through music, word, and deed. They will partner with Vigilant Hope Ministry, a modern missions organization that provides urban outreach and relief ministry to the homeless in Wilmington. (More on this in next week's *Announcer*.)

- David Fitzgerald

Dane's DownLow

Adults have keys. Keys get you into places. Keys also represent responsibility. Many times, the more keys a person has, the more responsibility he has. But there are a limited number of keys that can be handed out, so it's up to those of us who figuratively have "keys to the church" to share the responsibility. This thought is what has spawned the youth Key Holder Ministry Teams. These six groups provide a way for me and other ministers to share our keys with the students of this church. They have so much potential and energy to be tapped into. They are ready and willing to serve and take responsibility if we will only share. So, in the near future, you may see students in places in which you rarely see them. A student might be in the sound booth as he/she shadows or leads by working the lights and sound on a Sunday morning. You might catch a glimpse of one helping Russell out with the church facilities. Still others might be seen cleaning up after an event. They might be at the pulpit leading the congregation in scripture reading and more. You may hear from a family who is utilizing a student to provide childcare because the regular babysitter canceled at the last minute or because this student has become their regular babysitter. Our students are going to be around and I encourage adults of the church to encourage them, get to know them, and guide them. In doing so, your life will be better for it, and the responsibility of ministry will have been shared, spread, and passed on so that even greater things can happen.

- Dane Martin

Please return Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to the church office by the 1st week of November.

Christmas Choir

The **Ardmore Christmas Choir** is for those who can make a commitment now through Christmas to rehearse on Wednesday nights for the first 30 - 40 minutes of choir rehearsal. Come join us this week at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room!

Connections: More Alike Than Different

On the last two Wednesday nights, I have been on mission alongside our Youth at the Winston-Salem Bus Station. In most situations, we exchange small talk, offer a smile, and provide cold water and snacks. But sometimes, we get to go deeper, and that is exactly what happened when I met Sharon. I was immediately drawn to Sharon as I witnessed her poring intently over what appeared to be a treasure, a university yearbook. I was intrigued and introduced myself. I soon learned that she was studying her yearbook to pray by name for the students she serves. Sharon has worked in the university's food services department for more than 20 years, and her vocation is her ministry.

I learned that Sharon cares for those students as if they were her own. She gets to know them by name, encourages them, and desires for them to know they are valued. When stress or hardships seem to be taking their toll, she will stop at nothing to help. Sharon taught me a lot about Christian hospitality and ministry in the short time that we talked.

That evening, we both came to the Bus Station from different backgrounds, experiences, and neighborhoods, but I soon learned that we were more alike than different. Just look at the similarities:

We both...

- love Jesus and our churches.
- work in the field of hospitality and service.
- have been in our jobs (my prior career) for over 20 years.
- have college freshmen who attended the same middle school.
- hope and pray that we are parenting well and ask God daily to be and do what only He can for our children.

We are inundated with perfectly styled and filtered images on social media designed to set the standard for hospitality. I am thankful that on a hot Wednesday evening in downtown Winston-Salem, in the most unlikely place, I saw Jesus' model of hospitality. Sharon reminded me that Jesus simply came alongside people right where they were. He noticed when they were hurting, and he made Himself available. He made time for people, and they were forever changed. The good news is that He is still doing that today, and He asks us to join Him.

Author Shannan Martin said, "We cannot love what we do not know." Knowing people helps to remind us of all the ways we are more alike than different. So, let's ask God to guide us to those who need to be known and introduce them to the One who already calls them by name.

- DeNeal Fowler

Deacon of the Week



October 9 - 15
Eddie Hampton
Phone: 336-765-7699

Weekend Call

October 14 - 15
David Fitzgerald
Phone: 540-915-3839

Pilot Mountain Baptist Association

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

5:45-8:30 p.m.

If you are interested in representing Ardmore, please contact Mike (336-725-8767; mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org).



Tuesday, October 17

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Our special guests this month will be Nathan Butler on guitar and Stan Bobbitt on keyboard, playing a mix of patriotic, religious, and 50s music. Stay for lunch (\$5 - fried chicken and biscuits). Invite a friend.

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500th Anniversary

Reformation Celebration Concert

Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.

CareNet Counseling

Golf Tournament

Friday, October 20

Sapona Ridge Country Club

Registration brochures are at the Information Desk. Proceeds benefit the counseling ministries of CareNet.

Media Center News ...

In order to give us more shelf space, all duplicate books have been removed. They are on a table in the stairwell at the covered-drive entrance and are available for anyone who would like to take them. After several weeks, any leftover books will be donated to the Hospice library. Many thanks to Laura Wright for her hours of work over the last several months going through all the books in the Media Center to find the duplicates!

- Ellen Bumgarner

Blessings Flow

Thank you for your response to the disasters in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. We collected over \$19,000 for NC Baptist Men Disaster Relief. Praise God that He has blessed us in a way that allows those blessings to flow to others in tragic situations.



Ardmore Baptist Preschool will have our Fall Festival on Tuesday, October 31; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. This is a day for families and fun. We need your help to make this event a success. We need welcoming Ardmore friends to help serve snacks, help in the art and game rooms, tell stories, and face paint.

If you would like to support our preschool and reach out to our community this way, please contact me (jsugg@ardmorebaptist.org) by October 23. Thank you!

- Julie Sugg

For the Record

October 9, 2017

Sunday Bible Study:		412
Morning Worship:	8:15AM	96
	10:45AM	358

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 10/09/17	\$	38,959
Needs-To-Date	\$	1,444,022
Receipts-To-Date	\$	1,484,814
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	40,791