

Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ

WORSHIP CONNECTION

October 29
Morning (8:15 & 10:45)

“Living as Struggling Sinners Instead of Righteous Saints”

Jeremiah 36:4-8, 14-26
Matthew 9:9-13; 23:27-28

Dr. Don Gordon

And the Lord Added

Kay Shelton

Our Mission:

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

Putting the “Life” Back in “Family Life”

A 3-Week Parenting Series

November 1, 8, & 15

6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.

Room F102 (off Fellowship Hall B)

Jesus came to bring us abundant life. As parents, too often we experience day-to-day life...but find it less than abundant. During these three sessions, we will learn how to experience the life Jesus brings us, how this life-giving way can be woven into our family lives, and how we can lead our children in growing and living as disciples of Jesus. For more information, see Gina Brock.



Deacon Election

Ballots (with photos of the nominees) are available at the Welcome Desks and Sunday School Office through Sunday, October 29. *Ballots are due by the end of the 10:45 a.m. worship service on October 29.*

Every member may vote for up to nine (9) persons to serve a three-year term beginning in January. It is important to understand that Deacons at Ardmore are to be spiritual, servant leaders who are involved in doing ministry and not merely filling an honorary position. Prayerfully consider those whom you would choose to lead our congregation.

Re-keying Exterior Locks

With recent security concerns in the Ardmore area, the Properties Committee has decided to re-key all exterior doors to the church to ensure that we have only a necessary number of keys outstanding and the most accurate records of key holders. Those on our list of key holders who continue to have an ongoing need for after-hours access will automatically be assigned a new key. If you have questions, please contact Mike t (336-725-8767; mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org).

Our Pastor Writes...

Worship as Response to Evil

In recent days we have been inundated with news of random killings, racial killings, and retributive killings by terrorists. The saying once was popular, "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas." Never have we yearned for this to be so true since the recent random killings by a crazed gunman interrupted an outdoor concert. We only wish we could contain the evil in one spot. Leave it in Las Vegas, please. But no, it has permeated the culture. Charlottesville, once known as the home of the University of Virginia and Thomas Jefferson, became a death march for Nazi sympathizers and white supremacists. Orlando, the nation's play land with Disney World and Universal Studios, was a killing zone for those who hate gays. A church in Charleston was converted into a cemetery as a young man ended a Bible study with cold-blooded murder. Internationally, there are threats boiling over in North Korea and Iran. One wonders if we are on the precipice of some kind of apocalypse, raining down fire and brimstone on the global community.

In the midst of this strife a prophet stood up in the sanctuary of Ardmore Baptist Church on Sunday, October 8. The CenturyMen Singers gave voice to the power and glory of God in beautiful harmony that evening. An angelic sound flowed elegantly from the lips of an African-American female, singing "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia," which means "Praise Yahweh, Praise Yahweh, Praise Yahweh." Sonorous tenors and resonant bass voices of men from across the country lifted up the name of Jesus, the hope of heaven, and the call of the Christian community to spread the light of God's love.

The prophets have always had the ability to see the world as it ought to be and paint a vision of the kingdom of God finding unlikely residence. It's a mustard seed growing into a giant bush, a treasure hidden in a field. It doesn't blow you away with obviousness, but subtly seeps into your mind like a song playing again and again. The CenturyMen proclaimed that vision for us and we were better equipped, by the end of the service, to carry the light of Jesus into the dark places of our world.

At the end of the service, I closed with these words, "In the current climate of discord and violence in our land, we not only enjoyed this evening of beautiful music; we needed it." Yes, we needed to hear a word from God via the mouthpiece of God's prophets and prophetesses, announcing the kingdom of heaven infiltrating the kingdoms of this world. And we grabbed hold of the hope that no matter how dark our days become, the kingdom of light will reign forever and ever. Amen.

- Don Gordon

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.

Dane's DownLow

How easy is it to welcome our neighbor? I suppose it's easy when we know our neighbor, but what about the neighbors we don't know? Last year and this year, the youth ministry has invited our Parkland High School neighbors to the church to share in a meal. We have welcomed both the JV and Varsity football teams. As I write this article, we prepare to welcome the Varsity team on Friday afternoon. We don't know these student athletes and they don't know us, and yet we still share a meal together. In those moments we get to know each other and our neighbors are no longer without a name or a face. Our youth also get to know some of our other neighbors - those living in the Ardmore community, people waiting for the bus at the bus station, nurses working at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, and more. Our neighbors are everywhere and I encourage all of us to seek out and get to know them. Some neighbors may seem different and even intimidating, but the more we get to know them, the more we can see the image of God in each one of them. As we continue our call to love our neighbor, I hope you will join us.

- Dane Martin

Fully Engaged

Disaster Recovery Team

Ardmore will send a disaster recovery team November 14 - 18 to work with the NC Baptist Men. If you are interested in going, the cost is \$600, half of which you may apply to be funded from the Volunteer Missions Fund. Let me know if you would like to go (mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org; 336-725-8767).

- Mike Nuckolls

Ardmore ABCs...

Congratulations to:

George & Carole Moore – 55th wedding anniversary on October 27th;

Wes & Kathryn Salisbury – 5th wedding anniversary on October 27th;

Leslie Baldwin, the 2017 FLANC (Foreign Language Association of North Carolina) Honorary Life Member

The following participated in our Parent-Child-Congregation Covenant on October 22, 2017:

Graham Vance Byrum, IV (Coy)

Brooks Warren Martin

Charles Franklin McDowell, V (Beau)

Mary Jennings McDowell (MJ)

Deacon of the Week



October 23 - 29

Donna McGalliard

Phone: 336-768-4997

Weekend Call

October 28 - 29

Dane Martin

Phone: 336-403-3221

Grace Notes

Ardmore Choirs to Minister to the Homeless and Elderly through Music

This week, two of our choirs will minister to the homeless and the elderly in our Winston-Salem Community. Our Senior Adult Choir will minister through music to residents at Brookridge Assisted Living on Tuesday morning. Then on Saturday, our Youth Handbell Choirs and Youth Choir will share the love of Christ and spread a message of hope and healing through music, scripture, and testimony to the homeless at the Samaritan Ministries Soup Kitchen and then to the elderly at Homestead Hills Assisted Living. Music is a powerful tool for ministry and for proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Music also has a unique quality that can bring joy to those who are sad, hope to those who are in despair, healing to those who are hurting and depressed, and a message of love and care to those who are lonely and forgotten. Please be in prayer for our Senior Choir and our Youth Music and Arts groups as they minister through music and share the love of Christ with the homeless and the elderly in our own community this week.

- David Fitzgerald

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).

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 hand sanitizer (in pump bottles). A collection box will be in the stairwell near the covered drive entrance. Help us help them be healthier.



500th Anniversary

Reformation Celebration Concert

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

featuring the

Ardmore Brass Quintet,

Ardmore Baptist Adult Choir,

&

Clemmons United Methodist

Chancel Choir

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Memorials & Honoraria

N. C. BAPTIST MEN DISASTER RELIEF
In Memory of Herald Baughman
Patsy Baughman

UNIFIED BUDGET
In Honor of Bonnie Whitaker
Leon & Lynda Phillips

YOUNG AT HEART
In Honor of Glendora Epperson
Marie Charles

Attention WMU Groups

Our World Missions Banquet will be Wednesday, November 29. We need WMU groups to help decorate tables to reflect the theme of Christ's birth. Let Barbara Hudgens (336-655-8102, bhudgens@triad.rr.com) know by November 22 how many tables your group will decorate.

For the Record

October 22, 2017

Sunday Bible Study:		441
Morning Worship:	8:15AM	111
	10:45AM	464

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 10/22/17	\$	41,144
Needs-To-Date	\$	1,514,462
Receipts-To-Date	\$	1,545,433
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	30,970

Needed: Compassionate People

Fellowship To Go is a ministry of Ardmore Baptist Church. Although this ministry involves taking a hot meal from Golden Corral to one of our members, it is primarily about the ministry of presence. The meal we take allows us a way to be the presence of Jesus with a wise, gracious, and loving elder member. But there is a twist – as you strive to embody the presence of Christ, you will also encounter the presence of Christ in the one receiving the meal. For more information about Fellowship To Go and to volunteer, contact Kathy Stewart in the church office (kstewart@ardmorebaptist.org; 336-725-8767, ext. 112).

Welcome Home Veterans!

Saturday, November 11

1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We are Welcoming Home Ardmore's Veterans, young and old, with a drop-in reception in their honor. The entire Ardmore family is invited to join us. We look forward to celebrating with you all! To donate toward the reception or to help set up, serve, or clean up, please contact Meredith Ticconi (336-577-2510; meredith_taylor2003@yahoo.com).

Ardmore Baptist Preschool

This week, one of our Pre-K classes got to share goodies from Diwali, a holiday celebrated by our sweet friend, Saihritik. His mom made delicious food for the class and they all made lamps. We talked about how as Christians we are to help spread the light and love of Jesus. All our friends were open-minded and tried the special snack of Murukku, rava laddoo, and gulab jamun. The food was yummy and we are so happy to embrace and welcome Saihritik's family.



- Julie Sugg