

Ardmore
BAPTIST CHURCH
Connecting People with Jesus Christ

WORSHIP CONNECTION

November 5
Morning (8:15 & 10:45)

Reformation Sunday
Dr. Don Gordon

Arts At Ardmore Presents
500th Anniversary
Reformation Celebration
Concert

Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.
at Ardmore Baptist Church

The year 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

The Ardmore Baptist Adult Choir and Clemmons United Methodist Chancel Choir will join with the Ardmore Brass Quintet, organ, guest soloist, and handbells in this grand celebration of festival hymn settings and anthems commemorating the founding of the Protestant Reformation.



And the Lord Added

Brittney Sadler

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).

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed this Saturday night, November 4!

Shoebboxes Due Now

Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due in the church office by Sunday, November 5.

Our Mission:

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

Our Pastor Writes...

Who Touched Me?

On a particular day, not long ago, I was driving to work and was passing Baptist Hospital at the corner of Medical Center Boulevard and Queen Street. An older woman, meaning older than me, was walking up Queen Street with a couple of bags of groceries in her hands. I don't normally stop and pick up folks walking down the street, but did in this case. It turns out she needed to go just a couple of blocks to reach her destination, so it was an easy assist, but not one I was planning.

Later, on that same day, I was having lunch at a local restaurant when a man approached me and said matter of factly, as if he were describing the weather, "My wife left me this weekend." I had met him about a year ago and we had swapped stories about this and that, but never had I heard there was trouble at home. Without sitting down to join me he unloaded a scenario that was sad and devastating. I mostly listened, my chicken soup getting cold, while his story intensified. It was not a conversation I anticipated happening at the start of my day.

It reminded me of the day that "Jesus was on his way" while the "crowds almost crushed him" (Lk 8:22). A woman "who had been a subject of bleeding for 12 years" came up behind him and "touched him." Jesus stopped and said, "Who touched me?" Peter stated the obvious: "Lord, there are so many people pressing around you, how could we possibly know who touched you?" The woman, feeling like she would be found out anyway, finally confessed that she was the one who touched Jesus. She did it because she believed it would lead to her healing, which is exactly what happened.

I'm struck that so many of Jesus's life-changing encounters happened as he was "on the way" somewhere else. There is no indication Jesus had planned to heal this woman. She just happened to be in his way as he was on the way to some place.

And that's how ministry happens more often than not. It happens on the way. We are on the way to someplace to do something when someone crosses our path. There is no plan to do ministry, to listen to a person's sad story, or help a person overcome a challenge. It just happens. We become agents of God's mission of reconciliation and redemption as we are on our way to our jobs, our home, our hour of recreation. And when God puts someone in our path who needs help, it's a sacred drama unfolding in the sanctuary of the Divine Presence.

Who is touching you?

- Don Gordon

Dane's DownLow

The Square Dance is here! This is a great tradition that was started before many of us were even born. It's a fun night of music, food, laughter, and awesome outfits. All youth are encouraged to attend and to invite friends. We will dance, eat, and repeat. We begin Sunday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. and end around 8:00 p.m. A bus will leave the church at 5:45 p.m. and return at 8:45 p.m. The cost of the event is \$5. Boys are asked to bring a drink and side. Girls are asked to bring a drink and dessert. I hope everyone will take a chance on this activity. This year there will be a costume contest for those who would like to dress up in their Square Dance or Country Western attire. Hope to see you there!

- Dane Martin

2018 Deacons

Our new deacons for the 2018 - 2020 term are Tod Bryant, Elizabeth Gordon, Chris Hartley, Leslie Hege, Steve Jolley, Rick Jordan, Jeff McIntyre, Brad Smith, and Franklin Watkins. Please thank them for their commitment to serve our congregation and pray for them as they serve.



Copies of the proposed budget for 2018 will be available at the Welcome Desk beginning this Sunday, November 5. This budget will be presented for discussion and vote at the Church Conference on Sunday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m.

Ardmore ABCs...

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

Dr. Donald Farrow in the death of his wife, **Louise Farrow**

Congratulations to:

Grant and Amanda Marshall on the birth of their daughter, **Ruby June Marshall**, born on October 23rd.

Putting the "Life" Back in "Family Life" A Parenting Series

Wednesdays, November 1, 8, & 15

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

Room F104 (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 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.

Thank You

A special thank you goes to Foy Crouse for hauling off all the old pallets that have been collecting at the church.

Women's Bible Study Bad Girls of the Bible ... and What We Can Learn from Them

November 9 - December 14

9:30 a.m. in the Youth Place

Join us for this DVD Bible study by Liz Curtis Higgs. See what lessons we can learn about God's goodness from the "bad girls" like Eve, Delilah, Lot's wife, and Sapphira. Books are \$12 and may be purchased at the first session. Led by Kathy Graves.

Movie Night

November 3 in the Youth Place

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie, *Finding Neverland*, will start at 7:00 p.m. Come for a good movie and a time of discussion afterwards. View the trailer at <http://tinyurl.com/y96xn8dk>.

Habitat For Humanity Faith Build

Work continues every Thursday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 1763 Richard Allen Lane. Skilled and unskilled workers are needed. Sign up at habitatforsyth.volunteerhub.com. For more information, contact Lou Baldwin (lbaldwin@baldwinco.com) or Mike Nuckolls (mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org).

Deacon of the Week



October 30 - November 5

Ralph Kindred

Phone: 336-760-3824

Weekend Call

November 4 - 5

Don Gordon

Phone: 919-972-1933



Welcome Home Veterans!

Saturday, November 11

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

The entire Ardmore family is invited to join all Ardmore's veterans as we honor them, young and old, with a drop-in reception. 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).

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Church Basketball

Hoops4Him church league basketball is here. We want to make sure all interested students/kids have a chance to be involved. This year, with enough interest, we will offer teams for juniors (coed 3rd - 6th grade), girls (7th - 12th grade), intermediate boys (7th - 9th grade), and a senior high boys (10th - 12th grade). If your child is interested in playing, contact me and I will get them signed up. We need at least eight players and a volunteer coach per team.

We need to know ASAP because the league begins on November 11, which doesn't leave us much time to get things in order. We hope your student will join us. Don't worry if they haven't played basketball before; the league is for all skill levels.

- *Dane Martin*

City With Dwellings Overflow Shelter

December 1 – March 31

For the fifth year in a row, Ardmore has committed to help staff the overflow shelter at St. Timothy's Episcopal on Friday nights. Volunteers are needed to prepare/serve food, compile/deliver snack bags, check guests in, and stay overnight. Men and women 18 years and over in groups or individually are encouraged to serve. Groups may sponsor all volunteer opportunities on a Friday or any part thereof. Sign up now at <http://signup.com/go/eDiCOAf>. Contact Mike for questions (336-725-8767; mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org).

Save The Date

November 12

both morning services

Deacon Ordination

6:00 p.m.

Church Conference

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 29, 2017

Sunday Bible Study:	434
Morning Worship:	8:15AM #not avail.
	10:45AM 346

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 10/29/17	\$	28,044
Needs-To-Date	\$	1,549,682
Receipts-To-Date	\$	1,573,477
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	23,794

Mission Trip 2018

Ardmore supports Transformation India Movement, which digs well, plants churches, trains church planters, and operates orphanages in Bihar, India. Norman Jameson and Mike Nuckolls are participating in a vision/teaching trip to Bihar January 8-15 and will be glad for others to accompany them. Contact Norman (919-607-4991; normanjameson@gmail.com) for more details.

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.

