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

Ardmore
BAPTIST CHURCH
Connecting People with Jesus Christ

WORSHIP CONNECTION

November 19
Morning (8:15 & 10:45)

Dr. Gina Brock

KidNecton (10:45)
"Elisha and the Widow"
2 Kings 4:1-7



Tuesday, November 21

Join Us for a Service of Thanksgiving

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 22

No Activities

Thursday and Friday, November 23 - 24

Church office closed

Special Events Team: Ushers And Greeters

Ushers and greeters often determine people's first impression, which explains why they are often described as "the front door" of the church. The Invitation and Hospitality Ministry is forming a team of Ushers and Greeters to serve as needed for worship services, concerts, and events that do not occur on a weekly basis. If you would consider serving as a Special Events Usher or Greeter, please contact DeNeal Fowler (dfowler@ardmorebaptist.org; 336-725-8767, ext. 130).

And the Lord Added

Tyler and Amy Gallaher

Our Mission:

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

Where'd The Junipers Go?

The Properties Team decided earlier this year that the juniper bushes which surrounded the parking lot on Elizabeth and Irving Streets had grown to the point that our property wasn't as open and welcoming as our people. The junipers will be replaced by smaller ornamental plants that will create a visually appealing and more inviting landscape for neighbors and passers-by. We want to thank our resident groundskeeper, Matt Trenchard, and Charlie Bumgarner, Foy Crouse, Russell McBride, Bob Spears, Bob Ogden, Jim Rhinehart, and Henry Walters for all the hard work. Pat them on the back gently because the bushes were a pain to remove!

Our Pastor Writes...*The Death of a Child*

Last Wednesday I had a conversation with Jennifer Ellerbe and her twin sons, Aiden and Noah, regarding the death of one of their classmates. Cole, a first grade boy in a school in Winston-Salem, died during his sleep in the night. He had gone to bed with nothing more than a sore throat, something as common for a little boy as getting up from the table before he's finished his supper. Cole's death was understandably a terribly upsetting event for his classmates and the entire school. So the question emerges for me and the church itself: "How do we talk to children when death enters their world?" I would offer some guidance for those who have to deal with this terrible situation.

First, let children express their emotions. Children are sad when a friend dies unexpectedly. They need a place where they can express their sadness, anger, fear, and other emotions they may have. One of the things I tell children and their families when death enters their world is that Jesus wept when his good friend Lazarus died (Luke 10:35). Parents and teachers should encourage children to express their emotions through words, art, and activities. This does not take away the pain, but it gives children something to do with their pain that is therapeutic.

Second, encourage children to share their memories. I can't explain the phenomena of letting people tell stories of their friends and family members that have died, but I've seen it again and again. The balm of healing takes effect as the stories unfold. Smiles creep in when tales of funny experiences come to the service. In the case of the children I talked with this week, they began to smile and laugh when they told me some of the jokes their friend used to tell them. Families generally like reminiscing about the crazy antics their loved one engaged in when he was in the prime of his life. Sharing memories is a way to keep alive the relationship that was meaningful and always will be.

Finally, give children hope. We know that Jesus "loved the little children." He said, "*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these*" (Mt. 19:14). Since Jesus loves children, we can be sure that he will love them through all eternity. Children who die do not merely perish. They are welcomed and taken into the arms of Jesus who will care for them beyond ways we can imagine or understand. Again, this doesn't take away our grief, but it does offer children some hope when they are overwhelmed with the loss of a friend.

Dealing with the death of a child is never easy. It seems unnatural. It's a sign the world is not as it should be. But while we are in this world, the unnatural and the horrific things are going to happen. God's people grieve like anyone else, but we do not grieve without hope. As we walk with those who grieve, let's keep some hope in our pocket for the journey to come.

- Don Gordon

Dane's DownLow

Lunch club: Where community and food come together. For lunch club, I take lunch to students at their school. I know school lunches and a bag lunch can get old. What would be better than having a nice, hot meal brought to you? During the school year, students may sign up for me to bring them, and their friends, lunch. This is not only so they will be the envy of those around them with their amazing lunch, it's also a chance for me to check in with them and get to meet some of their friends. I look forward to being at different schools and getting to know other students. Sign-ups are already filled through December. Soon we will start sign-ups for January and into the spring. This past week, I visited what was to me a new school. The students were waiting for me and were excited about their lunch. I had time to hang out with them, hear about their interests, and get to know the friends of one of our youth. The time we had together was short, but I was able to get to know their community, encourage them, and better understand what they go through each day. So many things happen when we share a meal together, much of which we don't realize until later. It was a fun time and I look forward to other lunches!

- Dane Martin

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).

Grace Notes



Thank you, Adult Choir and Handbell Choir for the wonderful Reformation Concert! As one church member said, *"It was over the top in regards to beauty, spirituality, and quality!"* The sacrifice of your time and hard work resulted in a powerful time of worship through music! I am so proud of our choir and the excellence for which you strive. You provide a beautiful gift to our congregation and community through your ministry. I also want to thank Jonathan Williams and Jim Davidson for their leadership in the concert. We are blessed by these two servant leaders and their exceptional talent and dedication. I learned much about Martin Luther and the Reformation as we prepared for this concert. One of my favorite Martin Luther quotes is, *"The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to human beings to let us know that we should praise God with both words and music, namely, by proclaiming the Word of God through music."* May we continue to use this precious gift from God to praise, extol, and glorify him, and to proclaim the Word of God! As the text to the choir's anthem resounded, *"Soli Deo Gloria! To the glory of God alone!"*

- David Fitzgerald

City With Dwellings Overflow Shelter

Ardmore has again committed to help staff the overflow shelter at St. Timothy's Episcopal on Friday nights, December 1 - March 31. Volunteers are needed to prepare/serve food, compile/deliver snack bags, check guests in, and stay overnight. Groups/individuals may sponsor all volunteer opportunities on a Friday or any part thereof. Sign up now at <http://signup.com/go/sttimsoverflow>. Contact Mike for questions (336-725-8767; mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org).



Deacon of the Week



November 13 - 19

Chris Turner

Phone: 336-970-9239

Weekend Call

November 18 - 19

Gina Brock

Phone: 336-970-9117

Bright Christmas

During the month of November, we will gather information on families in need of food for Christmas. If you know of a family you would like to help, and can deliver the food in person, please obtain and complete a Bright Christmas form from the church office. **All forms need to be submitted by December 3.**

Bright Christmas, our annual church-wide Christmas mission project, is Sunday, December 10. Watch the *Announcer* for the list of items each Sunday Bible Study group should bring that day.

PBMA Toy Store/ Gift Mart Collection

Pilot Mountain Baptist Association is partnering with the Christmas for the City Gift Mart as one of its Toy Store sites. The Gift Mart charges a nominal price for toys to allow parents the opportunity to shop for their children's presents. If you would like to donate new toys, please bring them to the church and place them in the Gift Mart boxes in the collection centers before December 1.

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Memorials & Honoraria

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NC

In Honor of Wiley & Ila Doby
Carl & Sandra Bovender

H2H BACKPACK MINISTRY

In Memory of Herald Baughman
Susan Harrah

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Louise Farrow
John & Mary Stevens

WORLD HUNGER – GAZA

In Honor of Debra Norris
Carol Polk

YOUTH MINISTRY

*In Honor of all the Staff of Ardmore
Baptist Church*
Carroll & Beth Haire

ABC Preschool Fall Festival

We were blessed with a beautiful day for our Fall Festival. Families and children had a great time together exploring the art room, games, special snack, animals, and a hay ride. Thank you Tim Tucker, Joyce Jolley, Jim Mabe, Carol Spears, Linda Smith, Maxine Kelly, Pat Livengood, Kaye Hunter, Sunni Ball, Savannah Dixon, and Gina Brock for helping make this day a success!



IRA Charitable Rollover Contributions

The IRA charitable rollover option allows certain individuals to donate up to \$100,000 from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) directly to charitable non-profits to support the work of social service programs, religious and other charitable organizations.

A taxpayer age 70½ or older may directly transfer up to \$100,000 annually from his or her individual retirement account (IRA) or Roth IRA as a qualified charitable distribution. The amount transferred will be excluded from income of the taxpayer for federal income tax purposes. The amount transferred does not generate a charitable income tax deduction, but it does count toward the taxpayer's minimum required distribution and church giving pledge.

You may want to consider this option as you plan for your year-end giving. If you have questions about this, you may talk with your financial advisor, tax accountant, or Susan Griffin in the church office.

For the Record

November 12, 2017

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| Sunday Bible Study: | | 419 |
| Morning Worship: | 8:15AM | 85 |
| | 10:45AM | 381 |

Stewardship

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| Weekly Budget Needs | \$ | 35,220 |
| Budget Receipts 11/12/17 | \$ | 33,496 |
| Needs-To-Date | \$ | 1,620,123 |
| Receipts-To-Date | \$ | 1,650,648 |
| Over/(Under)-To-Date | \$ | 30,525 |