



# Ardmore Announcer

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## Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ

### WORSHIP CONNECTION

November 26  
Morning (8:15 & 10:45)

**"A Thank You Note"**  
Philippians 4:10-20  
Dr. Don Gordon

### Advent Devotional Booklet

The booklets, written by Ardmore members, will be available this coming Sunday, November 26. This year the booklets will be available at the Sunday Bible Study Office, Welcome Desks, and on our website. We ask that you initially take one per family. Be sure to give a thank you to our editor, Melissa Johnson, our writers, and Kathy Stewart for their work on this year's booklet.

#### **Our Mission:**

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

### World Missions Banquet

Wednesday, November 29; 5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Our guests speakers for this year's World Missions Banquet are Roy and Shirley Smith. Roy and Shirley have been married for 51 years. They have two sons, one daughter, one daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters. They served two appointments with the Home Mission Board, SBC and one appointment with the IMB, SBC (jointly sponsored by NC Baptists on Mission). During the IMB assignment, they served four years as Partnership Coordinators for the North Carolina/Southern Africa Partnership. Through the partnership, they saw almost 2,500 short-term volunteers from North Carolina minister in South Africa, Lesotho, and Swaziland. This partnership happened in the middle of a decade of the doubling of the number of Baptist churches in South Africa.



Roy and Shirley lived in Johannesburg, South Africa. They traveled throughout southern Africa, but took membership in Berea-Hillbrow Baptist Mission Church in one of the most crime-ridden areas of the inner-city of Johannesburg. They were a part of this church as it founded the Door of Hope Children's Mission to rescue abandoned babies. The Smiths adopted the first child that was rescued through the Door of Hope. Their daughter, Georgina, is now 19 and a sophomore in the Music School of East Carolina University. She has gone back to South Africa as a short-term missionary and is making plans to go back next summer to work in the Baby House where she lived as a toddler.

Roy currently serves as the Network Missionary for the Cape Fear Network of Baptist Churches. Roy and Shirley live in Wilmington, North Carolina.

### Thanksgiving Week Reminder

Tuesday, November 21; 6:00 p.m. - Service of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 22 - No activities

Thursday and Friday, November 23 - 24 - Church office closed

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, November 30

3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Ardmore Baptist - Fellowship Hall

**Sign up** at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Enter "Ardmore Baptist" (do not add 'Church') in the drive search box.

## Deck The Halls

**Our decorating team** will gather in the lobby Thursday, November 30, at 6:00 p.m. to decorate for Advent. If you would like to help decorate, please contact Jane Wall (336-909-8080) or meet the team in the lobby.

## Dane's DownLow

**What is our mission?** On a recent Wednesday missions night the youth visited some older church members who sometimes aren't able to go to church as often as they would like. We wanted the youth to get to know another generation, to be present with them, to hear their stories, and to share what's going on with us, too. Isn't that what Christ did? Jesus spent many moments with others, especially those who had been forgotten. It was amazing to see our youth and older adults conversing. Their interactions indicated how important intergenerational connection is for everyone. As we visited, I was reminded that we have been called to care for each other. Jesus tells us that what we do for the least, we do for him. I hope we can remember these words and make them part of our daily lives.

- Dane Martin



## Advent At Ardmore

### Sunday, December 3 – Advent I

Morning ..... "An Old Man's Prayer"  
6:00 p.m. .... Family Advent Celebration

### Wednesday, December 6

6:00 p.m. .... Senior Adult Christmas Music

### Friday, December 8

5:30 p.m. .... Senior Adult Christmas Banquet

### Sunday, December 10 – Advent II - Bright Christmas

Morning ..... Ralph and Tammy Stocks -  
Former CBF Field Personnel  
5:00 p.m. .... Christmas Without Them  
6:00 p.m. .... Children's and Youth Christmas Music

### Tuesday, December 12

10:15 a.m. .... YAH Club Christmas

### Wednesday, December 13

6:00 p.m. .... Birthday Party For Jesus (Children)

### Sunday, December 17 – Advent III

Morning ..... "Jesus' Genes"  
7:00 p.m. .... An Appalachian Christmas – Adult Choir

### Wednesday, December 20

9:00 a.m. .... ABC Preschool Christmas Program  
5:30 p.m. .... Churchwide Caroling

### Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve - Advent IV

Morning ..... "The Secret of Christmas"  
4:00 p.m. .... Family Christmas Nativity  
5:00 p.m. .... Christmas Eve Communion

### Monday – Tuesday, December 25 – 26

Church office closed

## Ukraine Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 29

5:00 p.m. in the Ardmore Room

**There will be a team meeting** for those interested in going to the Village of Hope in 2018. The opportunity is for a medical team, ladies willing to teach sewing to Ukrainian women, and construction work. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Cline (336-813-3301).



**New and gently-used coats** are needed for children from 5 to 12 years old. Place them in the coat collection boxes.

## Ardmore ABCs...

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

**John Stevens** in the death of his sister, **Jean Stevens Stockton**

Congratulations to:

**Sarah Greer and Chad Hester** who were married on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Ardmore Baptist Church

## Grace Notes



### Our New JOY Choir!

Did you know we have a new choir at Ardmore called the JOY Singers? It is not actually a new choir but a new name for our Senior Adult Choir. They chose this new name because they

do not want to be defined by age, but rather by purpose. This is one of the most lively, fun, and joyous choirs at Ardmore. It is open to anyone of any age. Our rehearsals are filled with laughter, fun, and fellowship in addition to great music-making! The members enter and depart rehearsal with a joyful spirit each week, and they definitely know how to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!" The purpose of our JOY choir is to do just that ... spread joy through the ministry of music. Music has a quality that can lift the spirit and bring healing and joy to those who are sad, lonely, and in need of God's presence and love. This choir has a passion for spreading joy and the love of God to those in our church and to folks in area retirement, assisted living, and nursing homes. As you can tell from the picture of our halloween rehearsal, we have a great time. Why don't you come and join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 and discover the joy of serving the Lord and others through this wonderful ministry. By the way, JOY is an acronym that stands for "Just Older Youth!" Yep! That's what we are!

- David Fitzgerald

## 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.

## Deacon of the Week



November 20 - 26

**Greg Irwin**

Phone: 336-815-8483

## Weekend Call

November 25 - 26

**Dane Martin**

Phone: 336-403-3221



## Family Christmas Tree

**Each Advent we enjoy** the Ardmore Family Christmas tree, located in front of the lower lobby windows, and filled with ornaments representing Ardmore families.

If your family is new to Ardmore, has never contributed an ornament for the Ardmore Family tree, or needs to update the ornament you originally contributed, our tree decorating group hopes that you will be part of the fun this year! Please create or purchase an ornament (no more than 5 inches in diameter) and paint or print your family's name on it; your ornament can depict something about your family (hobbies, names, etc.) or can just represent your joy in the season. Come by the lobby after November 30<sup>th</sup> and hang your ornament on the tree!

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## Memorials & Honoraria

### UNIFIED BUDGET

*In Honor of Ray & Vicki Freeman*

Leon & Lynda Phillips

### VETERAN'S DAY RECEPTION

*In Honor of Meredith Ticconi*

Ron & Sandy Aycoth

## Ardmore Baptist Preschool

Mrs. Tammy's Pre-K class has been building and exploring ramps. Some of them built a bowling alley. For weeks, they built and bowled. To extend this learning, the class took a field trip to a bowling alley. The most special part of the day was seeing the children cheer each other on and the parents engage with them during this fun experience.

- Julie Sugg

## For the Record

### November 19, 2017

Sunday Bible Study:		509
Morning Worship:	8:15AM	128
	10:45AM	486

### Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 11/19/17	\$	41,513
Needs-To-Date	\$	1,655,343
Receipts-To-Date	\$	1,692,161
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	36,818

## 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 churchwide Christmas mission project, is Sunday, December 10. Each person is asked to bring assigned food items to the Fellowship Hall that morning. A list of items assigned by Sunday Bible Study classes will be published in the next *Announcer*. It is also on our website (<http://tinyurl.com/yb31482m>). If you are not in a Bible Study class, please choose any item from the list.

If you submitted a Bright Christmas form for a family, you may pick up the food box after the 10:45 a.m. worship service (or arrange to pick it up after Sunday Bible Study). Crisis Control will distribute the rest of the food.

## Christmas Without Them

*Sunday, December 10; 5:00 p.m.*

The Christmas season can be especially difficult for those who have lost loved ones. Instead of bearing glad tidings, these days may prompt a fresh outpouring of grief. We invite any and all who feel the need of renewed comfort in the face of such losses to join us in the chapel for a "Christmas Without Them" service led by Paul Mullen.

## 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).

