



# Ardmore Announcer

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## Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ

### WORSHIP CONNECTION

December 24  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Eve  
Morning (8:15 & 10:45)

**"The Secret of Christmas"**  
Matthew 2:1-12  
Dr. Don Gordon

5:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Communion

December 31  
Morning (10:45)

Dr. Gina Brock

### And the Lord Added

Bob & Fredricka Pfaff

### Our Mission:

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

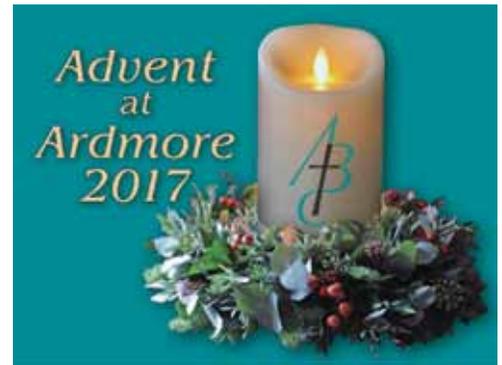
### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Advent

*Lighting the Candle of Love*

Duet by Wendy Cockerham and  
Terry Darnell

"Adore"  
Youth Sign Team

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
by Dan Forrest  
Adult Choir



### Caroling For Our Neighbors

Wednesday, December 20; 5:30 p.m.

**Everyone is invited** to spread some Christmas cheer as we carol through the Ardmore community. *Children must be accompanied by an adult family member/parent.* There is no Fellowship Supper at the church.

We will meet at the church, record us singing on Facebook Live (5:35 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.), divide into groups, be given a route and caroling book, and head out. After caroling in the neighborhood, we will return to the church to warm up with some hot chocolate. If you can't join us, watch us on Facebook - and tell your friends!

### Family Christmas Nativity Service

December 24; 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**The children will present** the Christmas story with the help of all who attend as we worship together through song and hearing of the birth of Jesus. Any child wishing to be a part of the pageant should come to E104 (1<sup>st</sup> Grade Sunday Bible Study class) by 3:40 p.m. to be fitted with a costume. All ages of children are invited; even our littlest have something important to add to the story. If your child is in 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade and would consider a speaking part (reading scripture they are able to practice in advance), please email Lee (lritchie@ardmorebaptist.org).

### Christmas Eve Communion

**Join us in the Sanctuary** at 5:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas Eve service. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend with their families. There will be no childcare.

**Our Pastor Writes...***Gift and Task*

**I am not one** for reading the plethora of religious devotional books that are on the market. It's not that I'm against "devotionals" or having a "daily quiet time." Indeed, I find time on most days to have a quiet time when I am reading, thinking, reflecting, and praying. It is essential to my spirit and energy level each day. In fact, I have been reading Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables* for more than a year in a "devotional fashion," meaning I read only a short portion and reflect on the Christian message within. I have found this to be stimulating in a multiplicity of ways.

The reason I shy away from most devotional books is that, for me, they are much too saccharine and sentimental. It seems they give sweet answers to every question even when it would be more valuable to simply wrestle with the question or, at least, confess that the answer is not so sweet. Clichés work on the surface some of the time, but seldom do they work in the midst of soul-searching treks through the desert.

Then I met Walter Brueggemann, an Old Testament professor at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. When I was his doctoral student in the late 1990s I would have driven from Mount Olive, NC to Decatur just to hear him pray in the morning. His prayers exposed the sins in my life, leading me to fear the imminent wrath of God, but then they would conclude with a "covering of grace" that overwhelmed me with gratitude.

So I was thrilled to obtain his devotional book entitled *Gift and Task*, a book providing daily readings for the Christian year. His book is different than most because he deals more deeply with Scripture readings and offers a word challenge emerging from the text. He recognizes that God is a giver and the Christian is called to a task. Thus the title.

Whether or not you read devotional books, the Bible, gripping Christian novels or anything else, I do commend to you a time of daily quiet, reading, and prayer. It will make a difference in your life and most certainly in your experience of the Advent season.

- Don Gordon

**ABC Preschool Christmas Program**

*Wednesday, December 20; 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary*

**We would love** for you to attend. After the program, families will gather in the Fellowship hall for milk and cookies and then we will begin our Christmas break.

**A Special Thank You**

**Bonnie Whitaker would like to thank** the Ardmore family for the many cards, letters, texts, emails, and phone calls she continues to receive daily. They are uplifting, encouraging, and greatly appreciated. She sends her heartfelt love and thanks to each of you.

**Grace Notes**

**I want to express my thanks** to our children and youth for leading us in worship this season and especially for their Christmas music program! The musical quality of your singing was truly outstanding and the message heartwarming. I am very grateful for Jim Davidson, our Music and Arts Educator, and all the many directors, accompanists, leaders, and parents who make this program so successful. I also want to thank our JOY Singers for their inspirational Christmas music program and for the way they have spread joy as they ministered in the nursing homes this season. Lastly, I want to thank our Adult Handbell Choir, instrumentalists, and Adult Choir for your beautiful music in our worship services this season and especially the "Appalachian Christmas" music program with Joshua Messick. Ardmore Baptist is blessed to have such dedicated and talented musicians. You have greatly enriched our worship this Advent season. I appreciate each and every one of you so very much! May the music of the season continue to inspire our worship and proclaim the good news that Christ our Savior is born!

- David Fitzgerald

**Schedule**

- **Sunday, December 24** - We will have both morning services and Sunday Bible Study.
- No *Announcer* Christmas week.
- **Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26** - church office closed.
- **Wednesday, December 27** - no activities. Resume January 3.
- **December 31** - We will not have an 8:15 a.m. service. We will have Sunday Bible Study and 10:45 a.m. service.

## Ardmore ABCs...

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

**Charlie Bumgarner** in the death of his mother, **Otha Bumgarner**; grandmother of **Kelly Trenchard**; great-grandmother of **Noah and Levi Trenchard**;

**Tammy Stocks** in the death of her mother, **Velma Lois (Tucker) Foster**

Congratulations to:

**Cecil & Resa Price** – 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 19<sup>th</sup>;

**Bob & Karen Preli** – 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 27<sup>th</sup>;

**Richard & Evelyn Bell** – 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 1<sup>st</sup>;

**Dr. Don Gordon**, Senior Pastor, who celebrates his 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Ardmore on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please express your appreciation to him this week.

**David Fitzgerald**, Minister of Worship, Music, and Arts, who celebrates his 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Ardmore on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please express your appreciation to him this week.

## End-Of-Year Giving

In order to receive credit on your 2017 giving statement for tax purposes, please make sure all mailed contributions are postmarked by Saturday, December 30 or your contributions are brought to the church by Sunday, December 31. (The church office is closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26.)

If you are making a stock donation, please contact Susan Griffin (725-8767, ext. 111; [sgriffin@ardmorebaptist.org](mailto:sgriffin@ardmorebaptist.org)) as soon as possible to get the transfer done before the end of the year.

## Ardmore Christmas Offering Goal: \$29,000

**(Global Missions and Lottie Moon)**

Gifts to this year's Offering for Global Missions will provide resources like shelter, food, clothing, and other basic needs. They will also support refugees, provide Bible studies and prayer groups, English classes, education, and economic opportunities. You help them navigate a new country and culture through love and support, and give a cup of tea and radical hospitality.

## City With Dwellings Overflow Shelter

Friday nights through March 31 at St. Timothy's Episcopal

**Volunteers are needed.** Sign up now at <http://signup.com/go/sttimsoverflow>. Donations of insulated coffee cups (not styrofoam), coffee, sugar, creamer, ear plugs, and laundry detergent would be greatly appreciated.

## Undecorating

**Volunteers are needed** to help take down the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary and the tree in the main lobby. Please join us December 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the main lobby if you can help.

## Deacon of the Week



December 18 - 24

**Les Davis**

Phone: 336-998-1334



December 25 - 31

**Mark Ernstes**

Phone: 336-922-6564

## Weekend Call

December 23 - 24

**Dane Martin**

Phone: 336-403-3221

December 30 - 31

**Gina Brock**

Phone: 336-970-9117



Sundays in January

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

E-209 & E213

**All Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade** children are invited to Bible Sleuths. We will explore different ways to pray, memorize scripture, learn about Jesus and how he taught us to pray, and play games.



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## Memorials & Honoraria

### ARDMORE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

**In Honor of Tammy & Ralph Stocks**

Ralph Murphy

**In Memory of Bret Hall**

Bobbie Hall

**In Honor of my family, Debbie,  
Don, Liz, Rachel, & Benjamin**

Bettie Holt

**In Memory of Virginia Tilley and  
Preston Smith**

Barry & Carolyn Tilley

**In Memory of R. S. White**

Inez White

### HANDICRAFTERS

**In Memory of William Brent Hall**

Pamela Pogue, Melissa Aldridge,  
Bridget Cella, and Barbara Gordon

### MEMORIAL FUND

**In Memory of James D. Hagaman**

Danny & Ruth Woosley

**In Memory of LaVon Thomas**

David & JoAnn Mount

### ORGAN FUND

**In Memory of Roy & Ola Nichols  
and Claude & Jessie Denny**

Anonymous

### SPECIAL MINISTRIES

**In Memory of LaVon Thomas**

Earl & Patricia Thomas

**In Honor of a Caring Congregation**

Gail Henderson

### UKRAINE MISSION FUND

**In Honor of Steve & Linda Cline**

Ann Canupp

### UNIFIED BUDGET

**In Honor of Maurice & Mabel Hall**

Leon & Lynda Phillips

### VISION FUND

**In Honor of 6th Grade Sunday Bible  
Study Teacher and Children's Choir  
Workers**

Gary & LeAnne Kennedy

## Movie Night

Friday, January 5; Youth Place

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie, *The Christmas Candle*, will start at 7:00 p.m.

## Passion Conference

January 1 - 3

Please pray for Dane, our college students, and their leaders as they attend this conference.

## For the Record

### December 17, 2017

Sunday Bible Study:		513
Morning Worship:	8:15AM	118
	10:45AM	476

### Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	35,220
Budget Receipts 12/17/17	\$	42,723
Needs-To-Date	\$	1,796,223
Receipts-To-Date	\$	1,834,273
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	38,050

## Financial Peace University

Wednesdays, January 3 - March 7; 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Jay Van Nostrand will lead Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, which can help you take control of your money and start planning for your future. Register at <https://fpu.com/1050977>. The cost is \$109 per family. Limited scholarships are available. For more information, contact Jay (336-793-6124). Childcare will be available through the regular Wednesday evening activities.

## Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Sundays, January 7, 14, 21, and 28; 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per couple (includes workbook)

Whether you are newly engaged, been married for decades, or are somewhere in between, all couples need intentional time to refresh, revive, and recommit to their relationship. Local licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Kevin Hampton, will lead us through *7 Principles for Making Marriage Work*. Our time together will be lighthearted and encouraging and help couples create stronger, happier, healthier relationships. Sign up by Wednesday, January 3 by bringing \$40 to Janet Hellard in the church office. For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yaapxf83>.