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Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ

WORSHIP CONNECTION

January 14
Morning (8:15 & 10:45)

“Have You Been Converted?”

Acts 9:1-19
Dr. Don Gordon

KidNexion
“Jonah”
Jonah

And the Lord Added

Gerri Brown

Our Mission:

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

Our annual chili cook-off is slated for Sunday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m. Take out those secret cornbread and chili recipes and bring your concoctions to share. You may begin dropping off your creation in the Fellowship Hall by 4:45 p.m. (prior to the start of the Church Conference at 5:00 p.m.). Only those who want to enter the competition will have their creation judged. Judging will begin at 5:00 p.m. and we will all join in on the food and fun immediately following the conference. Circle this “Hot” date on your calendar and plan to be part of the fun!



Church Conference

Sunday, January 14; 5:00 p.m.

In addition to regular conference business, we will hear:

- Report on 2017 Church Goals
- Ministry Area Reports from 2017 and Ministry Area Goals for 2018
- Presentation of Faith Formation plan

New Consecration Sunday Luncheon

Sunday, January 28; Fellowship Hall

Immediately following the Consecration Sunday worship service, we will celebrate together as a church family with a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for the meal, but we do need you to register by Tuesday, January 16. You may register online via Realm (<https://tinyurl.com/yclyxw5x>) or by contacting Janet Hellard (336-725-8767; jhellard@ardmorebaptist.org).

The Adult Meal: Beef tips over rice/grilled chicken, green beans, broccoli, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, yeast rolls, and dessert.

Kid’s Meal: Chicken Tenders, Macaroni and Cheese, and Dessert.

Ardmore Connections Spring 2018



Whether you’ve been at Ardmore for many years or you are a new member, this group activity is for you! Groups of six people gather in each other’s homes at least three times a quarter for fellowship and food. Sign-up sheets will be in the lobby on Sunday mornings. You may also sign up on our

Web site (click on Ardmore Connections graphic on home page). The deadline to register is January 28. If you have questions or want more details, please contact Carol Spears (766-0955) or Pat Wolfe (608-4710).

Our Pastor Writes...

Rebekah's First Sermon

Rebekah, my third and tallest daughter, preached her first sermon at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh Sunday, December 31. She claims this is actually her second sermon, having preached on Youth Sunday at Yates Baptist Church seven years ago. In any case, it's the first sermon she has preached while working on the staff of a Baptist Church.

Her sermon was from Ruth 1, entitled "And Then Some." She opened with some humor about millennials who have a reputation for laziness. Then she moved into a faithful exposition of the text showing how the young widow Ruth committed to stay with her mother-in-law despite the expected move back to her homeland to find a new husband and begin a new life. Ruth, according to Rebekah, went beyond the call of duty. She did the right thing "And Then Some." She concluded with a challenge to the congregation to go beyond what was expected of them in 2018, and do some more, give more, serve more, and live more fully for Christ.

Afterwards, I told Rebekah the congregation at Trinity heard a better sermon than 90 percent of the ones preached throughout the city of Raleigh. She was interesting, faithful to the text, and had a point to make that was clear and understandable. That's a good sermon.

Why do I tell you this? Well, let's not pretend a little parental pride isn't spilling out. It is, I admit. But, more importantly for the church, is the call to nurture our young people, giving them opportunities to preach, lead, and serve in the church while they are young. Not only do they have something to say and give today, they have gifts the church should nurture for tomorrow. I'm glad our church is doing this. I hope we always will.

- Don Gordon

Dane's DownLow

WOW! We had a great time at the Passion Conference for college-aged young adults. We had a great group with some first-time attenders, friends from college, and adult leaders. It was North Pole cold in Atlanta, GA where the conference was held, but I believe everyone in our group would say that it was well worth battling the cold weather. We joined 30,000+ students and leaders from across the country as we worshiped, listened to speakers who challenged us, and jammed out to some great Christian artists. Speakers caused us to reflect on whether we spend our time honoring God or trying to impress people through social media, our activities, our friends, and more. One question that struck me was, "Would you still do it if you couldn't post it?" We were challenged to not put God on a waiting list while accomplishing other things before allowing God to work in our lives. Speakers shared that things and relationships don't fill the void of a relationship with God, and that our relationship with God should be most important. One person told us that the majority of us will not be famous, but all of us have influence. He energized us by asking how we will use the power of influence that we have. We were encouraged to make this day count, be in the present, and see what God is doing here and now so we can be used as his disciples. We left with the question, "do you, do each of us, trust God's hand to guide us and send us to do his work, despite the fear we may have." We left on the third day challenged, filled up, and ready to be used in whatever way God desires. It is my hope that we will all be challenged to go into our worlds, our circles, and be on mission for God.

- Dane Martin



Passport Kids Camp

June 20 - 23

Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA

Open to all 3rd - 6th Grade Children

Total Cost: \$285

Deposit to hold your spot: \$60

Next installment of \$75 due: February 5th

We still have openings for your child to attend camp. This camp is incredible and I am certain your child will benefit from the experience. Contact Lee Ritchie (336-725-8767; lritchie@ardmorebaptist.org) for more information.

Ardmore ABCs...

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

The family of **Jacque Spaugh**

28 Chapters in 28 Days



On Sunday, December 31, I issued two challenges for us in this new year: 1) Continue to get to know Jesus by reading the Gospels and 2) Ask God to show you something unexpected. To get us moving on these, will you covenant with me to read Matthew's 28 chapters in 28 days? Start on Thursday, January 11, with chapter 1. If you read a chapter a day, you will finish on February 7 (the Wednesday before Ash Wednesday). Here's a suggestion on how to spend your reading time:

• Find someplace quiet, as free from distraction as possible.

- Sit still.
- Take three deep breaths. Inhale and exhale slowly.
- Ask God to show you something unexpected.
- Read the day's scripture. Notice what stands out to you. Take a moment to reflect on what you noticed.
- Spend a few moments talking with God about what you noticed.
- Pray, thanking God for his transforming presence.

Some of us (like me) need to talk about what we read. Beginning Wednesday, January 17, I will be in the Ardmore room at 6:00 p.m. I'll also be there the next three Wednesdays (January 24, 31, & February 7). Come join me and we'll talk about what we've read the past week and how it teaches us to be more like Jesus.

- *Gina Brock*

Grace Notes

Joy Singers Open House

Tuesday, January 23; 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room

The Joy Singers would like to invite anyone who loves to sing and share the love of Christ through ministering in our area retirement and nursing homes to join us for our January open house. This will be a time to meet other Joy Singers while enjoying a time of food, fellowship, and making music together. No music experience is needed and there are no age restrictions for joining. All we require is a desire to minister and spread a little joy, and availability on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you have been looking for a fabulous, fun-filled, fantastic group of people to connect with and an opportunity to minister to others, then please come and check us out at the open house and discover what *Joy Singers* is all about!

- *David Fitzgerald*

Deacon of the Week



January 8 - 14

Steve Cline

Phone: (336) 813-3301

Weekend Call

January 13 - 14

Lee Ritchie

Phone: 706-247-0376

Fully Engaged

Ardmore has stepped up again this year, serving at the overflow shelter at St. Timothy's Episcopal to provide a warm place for women who are homeless. Last winter the four City With Dwellings shelters housed the homeless for 121 nights with 577 volunteers serving 5,974 hours. CWD has also opened the Community First Center which matches homeless persons with housing and other services every Tuesday and Thursday morning. The Center is already averaging 25 guest visits a day. The ultimate goal to place our homeless in permanent housing is being met each day. If you have not served at the shelter recently, consider doing so this season. Your time of driving a bus, staying overnight, providing a meal, or helping guests is making a God-inspired difference in people's lives.

- *Mike Nuckolls*



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Memorials & Honoraria

MAINTENANCE/FACILITIES FUND

In Memory of Otha Bumgarner

Doug & Brenda Sprinkle
Margaret Cogdill

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

In Memory of Jacque Spaugh

Vernon & Darlene Osborne

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

In Memory of Sid Rivers

Muriel Rivers

In Memory of Jacque Spaugh

Adult 8 Community

UNIFIED BUDGET

In Memory of Otha Bumgarner and Steve James

Leon & Lynda Phillips

WORLD HUNGER

In Honor of Debra Norris (Gaza)

Carol Polk

In Memory of Jacque Spaugh and Otha Bumgarner

Cliff Brown

VISION FUND

In Memory of Steve James

Doug & Brenda Sprinkle

Bible Sleuths (New Dates)

Sundays, February 11, 18, 25 and
March 4; 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

E-209 & E213

All Kindergarten through 6th 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.

Financial Peace University (New Dates)

Wednesdays, March 21, 28;

April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23

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 regular Wednesday evening activities.

Marriage Enrichment Seminar (New Dates)

Sundays, February 11, 18, 25 and March 4; 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 31** by registering and paying via Realm (<https://tinyurl.com/yclyxw5x>) or by bringing \$40 to Janet Hellard in the church office. For more information, go to the home page of our website and click on the Marriage Enrichment slide.

Childcare will be available for children, birth - 4 years old and children in Kindergarten - 6th grade are encouraged to attend Bible Sleuths (see article above).

For the Record

January 7, 2018

Sunday Bible Study:		486
Morning Worship:	8:15AM	85
	10:45AM	493

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	36,806
Budget Receipts 01/07/18	\$	30,353
Needs-To-Date	\$	36,806
Receipts-To-Date	\$	30,353
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(6,453)