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Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ

WORSHIP CONNECTION

January 13
Morning (8:15 & 10:45)

"Love As Sacrifice"
Philippians 2:1-11
Dr. Mike Queen

KidNecton (10:45)
"Joseph Interpreted Dreams"
Genesis 40-41:36

Our Mission:

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

Baptist Retirement Homes Offering

Since 1951, Baptist Retirement Homes has been providing safe, caring, and comprehensive retirement living to North Carolinians.

Homes in Albemarle, Winston-Salem, Concord, and Asheville offer independent and assisted living, memory care, short term rehabilitation, and long term nursing care. In 2017, the BRH

Foundation provided \$3.6 million to provide care for older adults who cannot afford a senior living facility. Giving to Baptist Retirement Homes ensures that seniors across the state can live with dignity and care so we encourage you to give generously to the BRH offering throughout January. Offerings can be made through the envelopes in the pews, your envelope packets, or online at <https://onrealm.org/ardmorebaptist/Give>.



BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES
OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED

Wednesday Night Crossroads Schedule

January 9 - February 27; 6:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper in the Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Coffee & Conversation - 2nd floor lobby

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Youth Unplug

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Children's Handbells and Handchimes

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Children's Missions

Adult Seminars (Jan. 9 - *The Church in the 21st Century*;

See page 3 for seminars which start Jan. 16)

Staccato Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

The Church In The 21st Century

Wednesday, January 9; 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Pastor Search Team invites you to attend a presentation given by Dr. Bill Wilson entitled "The Church in the 21st Century." Dr. Wilson will give us a "macro" look at the Church in America to see trends that have emerged in these first twenty years of the new century across all denominations. There will be an opportunity to reflect from a "micro" perspective as to what these trends teach us about our future and what this means for the type of pastor our search committee will be seeking. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about the challenges and opportunities before Ardmore Baptist Church. We promise you that it will be engaging and informative for all who attend.

Our Pastor Writes...

Predicting the future is risky business. I wonder how many people saw the December stock market slide coming ahead of time, and also had the foresight to sell all their stocks in November? Not very many, I suspect. It was just one thing from among many things in 2018 that no one saw coming before it happened. The truth is that none of us know what will happen in 2019 either.

In point of fact, I can only make two predictions about 2019 with some measure of confidence. First, Business 40 will 'not' reopen in 2019, and, second, Ardmore Baptist will call a new pastor. Beyond that, I have a few hunches about what 2019 might hold, but they are just that...hunches. Speculation. Wild guesses.

All that being said, how are we, as Christians, supposed to live in the midst of such pervasive uncertainty? While I cannot speak for everyone, it seems to me that the best antidote to uncertainty is 'hope'. Our hope is in our merciful God. And all hope looks to the future. But hope by itself is rather abstract and undefined. Hope requires little from us. But what has energized my life and ministry is 'hope' coupled with 'imagination'.

Imagination gives shape and form to our hope. Imagination causes us to think and make plans. Imagination helps us see that there can always be something better than our current reality. So, it is my prayer for Ardmore Baptist and each of you that, as you live into 2019, you will do so with your own version of hopeful imagination. It really is the only way to live.

- Mike Queen, Interim Pastor

Grace Notes

As we move into a new year of worship and music, I am still reflecting on the beautiful music and worship during Advent and Christmas! I am so grateful for all of our singers, instrumentalists, soloists, handbell ringers, worship technicians, and other musicians who gave of their time and talents to make our worship so meaningful. Ardmore is truly blessed by a plethora of exceptionally talented musical servants! The Children's Christmas music, the JOY Singers *Spirit of Christmas* presentation, Keyboards at Christmas, and the *Christmas at Ardmore* presentation with our youth, adult and handbell choirs were real highlights of the season! I continue to hear from our church members and folks in the community about how meaningful these special music and worship events were in helping to prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. I am also thankful for Jane Wall and all the behind-the-scenes folks who helped to make our sanctuary beautiful during the season. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! As we move ahead in the new year, may we continue to offer the best that we have as we seek to honor our God and our Savior Jesus Christ with the gifts and talents we have been given.

- With deepest love and appreciation, David Fitzgerald

A Special Word Of Thanks

I want to thank everyone, especially Jim Davidson, Les Davis, Jonathan Williams, Kathy Stewart, Margaret Todd, and our church staff who have been helping out in my absence to allow me to be able to care for my mother in Virginia. She went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday evening surrounded by her family and entered her eternal heavenly home. I am so grateful for all the love and prayers given by my Ardmore family. You have provided much comfort and strength for my family. We appreciate the continued prayers during this difficult time. With deepest love and appreciation ...

- David Fitzgerald



Ardmore Connections

Whether you've been at Ardmore for many years or you are a new member, this group activity is for you! Groups of six adults 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 online (<https://tinyurl.com/ydel8ecf>). The deadline to register is January 27. If you have questions or want more details, please contact Carol Spears (336-918-7327) or Pat Wolfe (336-608-4710).

Ardmore ABCs...

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

David Fitzgerald in the death of his mother, **Sterling Fitzgerald**

Congratulations to:

Elizabeth Gordon and **Don Gordon** on the birth of a grandson, **August Christopher Mears**, on December 31. Proud parents are **Sarah and Bryan Mears** of Raleigh, NC;

Lee Ritchie, Minister with Children and Families, who celebrates her 4th anniversary at Ardmore on January 11th. Please express your appreciation to her this week.



Adult Seminar Options (begin January 16)

- *Immerse: Beginnings*
Led by Gina Brock; F206 - Book is \$10. Register/pay via Realm (<https://tinyurl.com/ybt3ohgn>) or in the office. *Deadline to sign up is January 9.* Over seven weeks we will read through Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy (approximately 12 pages per day for 5 days each week).
- *His Needs, Her Needs*: A marriage seminar for couples to attend together
Led by Mike Queen; F202 - Register via Realm (<https://tinyurl.com/ybak9xl>) or in the office.
Learn how to nurture an affair-proof marriage by showing love for your spouse more creatively and sensitively. The book is recommended but not required. It can be purchased at Amazon.com.
- *Numbers: Lessons on Contentment*
Led by John Griffenhagen; Fellowship Hall B
The book of Numbers is often perceived as being one of the most boring books in the Bible. I hope you will come to Wednesday night Bible study in January and February and give me a chance to prove that wrong. We will look at the fascinating stories of the Hebrew nation during their forty years in the wilderness, and along the way we will learn lessons on contentment that can be easily applied today.

Every Wednesday Evening - Coffee and Conversation

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Lobby

Need a place to breathe in the middle of your week? The Coffee and Conversation area is available for you. We provide the coffee. You bring the conversation.

- Gina Brock

Deacon of the Week



January 7 - 13

Ann Canupp

Phone: 336-998-2644

Weekend Call

January 12 - 13

Lee Ritchie

Phone: 706-247-0376

Children's Missions

January 9 - February 27

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The children jump back into Missions Education this week. I, for one, am excited about this opportunity for them to learn, grow, and serve. Our Mission Friends (3, 4, 5 year-olds, and kindergarteners) will learn to be helpers for Jesus through generosity, sharing, helping, and being a good friend. The 1st - 3rd Grade Mission Kids are learning about *Sharing So Everybody has Enough*. They will focus on food and medicine by serving through H2H, collecting hats and gloves for City Lights Ministry, and hearing guest speakers from Green Street Clinic and others. The 4th - 6th Grade Mission Kids will continue to learn about homelessness in Winston-Salem. They will hear about children who are homeless, interview a person who used to be homeless, and build beds through City Lights Ministry's Floor to Bed Program. As you can see we've got kingdom work to do! Won't you pray for us as we serve and deepen our compassion for others the way Jesus taught us?

- Lee Ritchie

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Memorials & Honoraria

FACILITIES FUND

In Honor of Janet Hellard, Esther Hurtado, and Russell McBride
Maurice & Mabel Hall

UNIFIED BUDGET

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. M. H. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. E. G. Updegrave, and Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Huneycutt
Cliff Brown
In Memory of Sid Rivers
Muriel Rivers

WORLD HUNGER

In Memory of Steve Gaddis
Cliff Brown

Your Giving Options

As we start another year, we want to remind you of the various options for giving to the church.

- **Pew Envelopes:** Place checks or cash in the envelopes and place them in the offering plate.
- **Family Envelopes:** Bring or mail your offering envelope with your check or cash to the church.
- **Bank Draft:** Contact Susan Griffin at (336) 725-8767 to obtain the forms.
- **Electronic Giving** via Realm (Bank Draft, Credit/Debit Card):
 - o Log in to your account via the app **OR** go to <https://onrealm.org/ardmorebaptist/Give/>. Click on **Community** in the left hand column. Click on **Giving**. Click the blue button that says **+Give**.
 - o You may choose one-time or recurring contributions on the date of your choosing from your credit/debit card, checking account, or savings account.
 - o *If you set up a recurring contribution in 2018, you will need to go in to Realm and set it up again for 2019.*

For the Record

January 6, 2019

Sunday Bible Study:		498
Morning Worship:	8:15AM	113
	10:45AM	473

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	37,492
Budget Receipts 01/06/19	\$	43,484
Needs-To-Date	\$	37,492
Receipts-To-Date	\$	43,484
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	5,992

City With Dwellings Overflow Shelter

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

We need help with the shelter at St. Timothy's on Fridays, January 11, 18, and 25. Volunteering at the shelter is a great way for Bible study classes or other groups to participate in ministry together. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/y8lsj24f>. Contact Mike Nuckolls (mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org 336-725-8767) for more information.



Next Meeting

Saturday, January 19
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
The Youth Place (3rd floor)