

Ardmore

BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ

WORSHIP CONNECTION

April 28
Morning (8:15 & 10:45)

“The Edge of Impossible”
John 20:19-31
Mike Nuckolls

KidNection (10:45)
“Thomas Believed”
John 20:19-31

Schedule Note

We will have regular activities on Wednesday, May 1. Schools will be out that day.

Our Mission:

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

Arts At Ardmore Series

Presents

Gustavo Antoniacomi, cellist

in concert

Sunday, April 28

3:00 p.m.

Ardmore Baptist Church Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to attend a reception in Gustavo’s honor in the Fellowship Hall following the concert.



Listening To “Grow Young”

You may have heard that Ardmore Baptist Church is part of a cohort of North Carolina churches who are striving to “grow young.” *Growing Young* is an intergenerational initiative to help churches thrive. This initiative calls us to listen to, empathize, and empower young adults, take Jesus’ message seriously, create an atmosphere of belonging, and be the best neighbors possible.

Our Growing Young team has been reading the book (we’d love to order you a copy!), learning, and planning. Our first step in Ardmore “growing young” is to listen to you. Among other things, we want to hear what you have to say about ...

- What drew you to our church?
- What are your hopes and dreams for our church?
- What’s something exciting that’s happened in your life recently?
- If there was one story from your life that would help someone else understand who you are, what would it be and why?

We’re asking folks to be part of some small listening groups. Would you be willing to sit down with a small group of other Ardmore folks and a couple of our Growing Young team members? We anticipate the session will last about an hour and a half. We’ll send you the questions beforehand. If you would like to be part of one of these Focus Groups, sign up at the display table in the lobby on April 28 and May 5 or see Dane or Gina.

Our Pastor Writes...

This week will mark the one-year anniversary of my time at Ardmore Baptist as your interim pastor. You have all made Bobbie and me feel welcomed and at home in your midst. From shared meals to kind notes and from encouraging words to offered prayers, you have wrapped us in your love and caring. For that we shall always be grateful. Next week, after Easter, we will give up our W-S apartment and move back to Wilmington. The reason for this is that I am only scheduled to preach once in May due to Children's Sunday, Graduation Sunday, and a special choir Sunday. Two other Sundays, members of the staff will fill the pulpit while I am doing Saturday night weddings down east. I'll see you next on Mother's Day and then in June. Perhaps by then we will know who your new pastor is.

This is an exciting time in the life of Ardmore Baptist. A team is working hard to determine the future of Brown Auditorium and at the same time address parking lot and playground issues. The deacons have been in conversation and study around the issue of membership. The Growing Young Team is working hard to make sure that all generations at ABC are valued. Hopefully, the Vision Navigation Team will begin in earnest to evaluate the mission and vision of ABC.

When I interviewed with the Personnel Committee, I asked what the church needed most from me. Rod Guthrie said, "This church is in a good place. We don't want to lose our momentum." I don't believe you have lost anything. The spirit among the staff, the deacons, and the various groups that make up ABC inspire me to say that your next pastor will inherit a church that is intent on being all that God has called you to be. It is my great privilege to be a part of this season in the life of ABC. I really do believe that "The best is yet to be!"

- Mike Queen, Interim Pastor



Worship Media Workshop/Meeting

Our Worship Media Team will have a short meeting followed by a training session on Tuesday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sound Booth. We will look at new training resources and do some basic training on the new sound board. We would love to have some new folks join us. Anyone interested in serving on this team is encouraged to attend the training workshop.

Neighbor Day 3

Saturday, May 18

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Sign up to reach out in service to our neighbors starting this Sunday, April 28. Opportunities include outdoor work at Moore Elementary, brunches for police and fire personnel, dinner for Ronald McDonald House, work at Miller Park, food drive for Crisis Control, and others. Contact Mike Nuckolls (mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org; 336-725-8767) for more information.

Grace Notes

A Special Thank You

I would like to thank all of those who helped with our Choir Appreciation Dinner this past Friday. The choir really felt appreciated with the catered dinner and the many volunteers who brought desserts and helped to set up, clean up, and serve the dinner. The hospitality was exceptional and meant so much to our choir members. I also want to thank Holly Martin for decorating the tables and taking care of getting needed supplies. Esther's help was also a blessing. Of course, Kathy Stewart deserves an award for helping with all the necessary details and coordination. I am truly grateful for each and every person who had a part in making this such a special evening for our wonderful choir. The best part of the evening was seeing the display of all of the notes of appreciation to the choir that church members had written. The choir loved hearing many of these that were shared. Thank you church! And thank you choir for your continued ministry through music and service at Ardmore. With deepest appreciation,

- David Fitzgerald



VBS 2019 Registration

June 24 - 28; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For children preschool to 6th grade

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc32adwp>

Ardmore ABCs...

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

Myra Mize in the death of her father, **Clifford Murphy**;

Tamara Snipes in the death of her grandfather, **Edward Greene**; great-grandfather of **Andrew** and **Daniel Snipes**

Congratulations to:

Dane Martin, Minister with Students, who will celebrate his 3rd anniversary at Ardmore on April 24th. Please express your appreciation to him this week;

Mike Queen, Interim Pastor, who will celebrate his 1st anniversary at Ardmore on April 29th. Please express your appreciation to him this week;

Will & Leslie Hege – 15th wedding anniversary on April 24th;

Larry & Joyce Campbell – 55th wedding anniversary on April 25th

Holy Week 2019



Deacon of the Week



April 22 - 28

Leslie Hege

Phone: 336-712-2352

Weekend Call

April 26 - 28

Dane Martin

Phone: 336-403-3221

Sisters of Faith Yard Sale

Saturday, May 4

Proceeds of the sale go to mission projects. We are accepting donations of household items, clothing (children and adult), toys and games, and anything else that needs a new home. Donation bin is in stairwell near the covered drive entrance. Bring donations by Friday, May 3.



Music & Arts Camp

July 22 - 26; 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For children completing grades 1-6

Camp fee: \$75

Click below for brochure:

<https://tinyurl.com/MAcamp2019>

Follow the link in the brochure to pay. Once payment is received, the child's space will be held and a link to the Registration Form will be sent to you. Space is limited, so be sure to register now.



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In Honor of Gustavo Antoniacomi
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In Memory of Bill Norris
Robert & Maxine Kelly

UNIFIED BUDGET

In Memory of Amy Haire
Suzan Wade
*In Memory of Bill Norris and
Charlie Hege*
Colon Putnam

Support Our Team

Adult League Softball
April 29; 7:30 p.m.
Bruiser's vs. ABC Men
Washington Park; Field 4

For the Record

April 21, 2019

Sunday Bible Study:		454
Morning Worship:	8:15AM	126
	10:45AM	667

Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	37,492
Budget Receipts 04/21/19	\$	32,137
Needs-To-Date	\$	599,868
Receipts-To-Date	\$	582,681
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(17,186)

Questions About Coming Communications Improvements

- **Why the change?**

We have heard that it takes 7-10 days to receive the *Announcer* by mail. The data from the website tells us that few people read the *Announcer* online. We finally got the message that we need a better information system!

- **Will we still get the weekly *Announcer*?**

Not quite. We are introducing a weekly *QuickBits* print and e-mail publication that will focus on immediate need-to-knows. *QuickBits* will include a minister column, upcoming events, calls for ministry volunteers, and time sensitive information/notices.

- **How does this help me if I get the print *Announcer*?**

We will have a print copy of *QuickBits* available by mail (only for those who don't have a family e-mail). Because it is brief, we will mail it first class, cutting delivery time from 7-10 days to 1-2 days. No more feeling left behind!

- **How does this help me if I get the e-mail *Announcer*?**

QuickBits will be concise and focused. You will be able to read it within an e-mail and scan it quickly for what you need to know. And it will be mobile device friendly.

- **So what about the *Announcer*?**

The four-page *Announcer* will turn into a monthly print and e-mail-accessible piece that will focus on longer interest articles and pictures. In addition, data like attendance and stewardship figures will be presented for an entire month so you can see changes over time. It will be offered as a mailed print piece and via e-mail link exactly like the current *Announcer*. It will still take a while to receive the print *Announcer* but the focus on longer articles will be less affected by time constraints. It also won't be mobile friendly but the new format will be better suited for larger digital devices anyway.

- **What if I want to change from print to e-mail now that it will be easier to read weekly information?**

You can change your preference to receive *QuickBits* and the *Announcer* from print to e-mail by contacting Debra Norris (dnorris@ardmorebaptist.org). We encourage everyone with an e-mail address to give it a try.