

## Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ

### WORSHIP CONNECTION

May 5  
Children's Sunday  
Morning  
(10:45; no 8:15 a.m. service)

**"Walking Together with Christ"**  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Lee Ritchie

### YMCA's National Day Of Prayer Gathering

Thursday, May 2; 7:00 a.m.  
Jerry Long Family YMCA Gym  
Breakfast served at 6:45 a.m.  
Service begins at 7:00 a.m.

#### Our Mission:

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

As I serve with our children in various capacities each week, I always walk away having learned something new (or relearned something) about God, our students, or our world. Experiencing God through the eyes of a child enriches our lives and reminds us who we are in Christ, for we are incomplete without all ages telling their story of who God is and who we are in God.



This Sunday will be a chance for us to stretch ourselves and remember when we were children getting to know God. It will also help us see into the lives of our children and the ways they need God and church family. I hope you will join us as our children lead us in worshiping God this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. **We will have only one worship service so that we all can be together.**

After the service, please plan to spend a few minutes in the lobby as we gather together in fellowship with lemonade and water. This will be a time to catch up with people and get to know or meet our children and their families. See you Sunday!

- Lee Ritchie

### On Our Way To "Growing Young"

**Thanks to everyone** who has expressed an interest in being part of a *Growing Young Focus Group*!

What's a *Growing Young Focus Group*? Ardmore Baptist Church is part of a cohort of North Carolina churches striving to "grow young." This is an inter-generational initiative to help churches thrive. The emphases are listening to, empathizing with, and empowering young adults, taking Jesus' message seriously, creating an atmosphere of belonging, and being the best neighbors possible.

To help us plan, we're asking folks to be part of some listening groups. Would you be willing to sit down with a small group of other Ardmore folks and a couple of Growing Young team members? We anticipate the session will last about 1½ hours. We'll send the questions beforehand. Sample questions are:

- 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?

If you would like to be part of these focus groups, sign up at the display table in the lobby this Sunday, May 5, or see Dane or Gina.

## God At Work...



*Making Room*

**Easter Sunday** was beautiful. From the sight of the cross covered in flowers to the reminder that God brings dead things back to life, it was a time of celebration! So it goes on the day we celebrate resurrection, we expect to see beauty. Beauty is most definitely there, but sometimes we are so preoccupied that we miss it entirely. It is estimated that the average adult makes about 35,000 decisions each day. With statistics like that, along with the other demands on our time, it is no surprise that we can slip into distraction. But, as Shannan Martin shares in her book, *The Ministry of Ordinary Places: Waking Up To God's Goodness Around You*:

"Simply put, we cannot love what we do not know. We cannot know what we do not see. We cannot see anything, really, until we devote ourselves to the lost art of paying attention."

We were well into the service when I noticed a mom with her young child standing just inside the sanctuary. The size of the crowd was intimidating, and she was quietly assessing if there was a place for them. That is when I saw one of the most beautiful things on Resurrection Sunday. A man in the congregation who was paying attention invited her in. He offered his seat, and undoubtedly, that small act changed her day. He made room for her. Isn't that what we are all called to do – make room? Who, in your day, needs to be noticed? How is God inviting you to pay attention?

- DeNeal Fowler

## Grace Notes

*Music that Ministers Beyond Our Walls*

**I always look forward** to the month of May as several of our choirs minister with their music beyond our walls into our community. Music can bring a message of joy and hope to those who are hurting and lonely. Our youth shared music with residents at Homestead Hills this past Saturday. On May 8, our children's choirs will minister to the residents at Creekside Terrace. Then on May 21, our JOY Singers will present a program to the residents at Brookridge. These are always meaningful times with people who need to experience God's love through the ministry of music beyond our walls. Thank you choirs!

- David Fitzgerald

## Dane's DownLow

**I ask the church** to be in prayer for our students. The month of May and beginning of June are some of the most stressful times for middle and high school students. As they get excited for the summer, the end of course tests and exams loom and hover over every minute of their day. The pressure these days is so great, and the stakes seem to get higher and higher, especially for our seniors who are preparing to graduate and take their next step to college. Sending in final transcripts, preparations for college, the emotions of one chapter finishing and another beginning ... it's a lot. In praying for our students, I ask that you share with them that you are praying for them. Ask for their names so you can speak their names in prayer as well. As a church, let's surround our students as they walk this road and help them know they are not alone. The only way they will know is for us to speak to them and share that we are praying for them.

- Dane Martin

## Sisters of Faith Yard Sale

*Saturday, May 4*

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

## Movie Night For Adults

*Friday, May 3*

*Doors open at 6:30 p.m.*

*Movie starts at 7:00 p.m.*

*Movie: "Big Fish"*

## Ardmore ABCs...

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

**Sharon Harrington** in the death of her father, **Wayne Harrington**

Congratulations to:

**Jerry and Peggy Isley** – 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on May 4<sup>th</sup>;

**Jonathan Williams**, organist, who celebrated his 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary at Ardmore on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please express your appreciation to him this week;

**DeNeal Fowler**, Minister of Invitation/Hospitality, who will celebrate her 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary at Ardmore on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please express your appreciation to her this week.

## Ardmore Neighbor Day 3

Saturday, May 18; 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



**Reach out** in service to our neighbors! Volunteer sign-ups have begun. 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. For more information, contact Mike Nuckolls (336-725-8767; mnuckolls@ardmorebaptist.org).

## Hope du Jour

**Crisis Control Ministry**

Tuesday, May 7

A list of participating restaurants may be found at [hopedujour.org](http://hopedujour.org).

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Last Meeting Until September**

Saturday, May 11

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Conference Room

## Communications Improvements

**It's switch time.** We will not publish the *Ardmore Announcer* next Monday, May 6. We begin the new weekly e-mail, *Ardmore QuickBits*, on Tuesday, May 7. *Ardmore QuickBits* will include events, registration links, upcoming sermon, Deacon of the Week, Minister on Call, and notification of deaths. If you (or your spouse) do not have an e-mail address, you will receive it in the mail. We will continue to print the *Sunday Connecting Link*. The new monthly *Ardmore Announcer* will begin Wednesday, May 22.

If you don't receive the weekly *Ardmore QuickBits* next week, please check your junk/spam folder, or contact Debra Norris (dnorris@ardmorebaptist.org; 336-725-8767, ext. 113).

## Deacon of the Week



April 29 - May 5

**Jeff McIntyre**

Phone: 336-803-1775

## Weekend Call

May 3 - 5

**David Fitzgerald**

Phone: 540-915-3839

## Support Our Team

*Adult League Softball*

May 6; 8:30 p.m.

ABC Men vs. First Pres.

Washington Park; Field 4

## Shepherd's Center 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Used Book Sale

**Thursday, May 2 & Friday, May 3**

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 4**

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Education Building at Fairgrounds

Parking and Admission are FREE!

Entrance for parking is through Gate 5 from Deacon Blvd.



**"How Can I Keep From Singing"**

Wednesday, May 15

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



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## Memorials & Honoraria

**MEMORIAL FUND**  
*In Memory of Bill Norris*  
Kevin & Jennifer Ellerbe

**UNIFIED BUDGET**  
*In Memory of Amy Haire*  
Suzan Wade

**WORLD HUNGER**  
*In Memory of Bill Norris*  
John & Wanda McBride

## YAH Club

May 14; 10:15 a.m.

Theme: Patriotic

Guest Musician: Judith Saxton

Menu: Hot dogs

## For the Record

### April 28, 2019

Sunday Bible Study:		440
Morning Worship:	8:15AM	131
	10:45AM	461

### Stewardship

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	37,492
Budget Receipts 04/28/19	\$	25,178
Needs-To-Date	\$	637,359
Receipts-To-Date	\$	607,859
Over/(Under)-To-Date	\$	(29,501)



## Vacation Bible School

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

For children preschool to 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc32adwp>

## VBS Volunteer Training

Wednesday, May 22

6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall B

All volunteers are asked to attend training. We will learn more about this year's theme and schedule. You will also receive materials for your area.

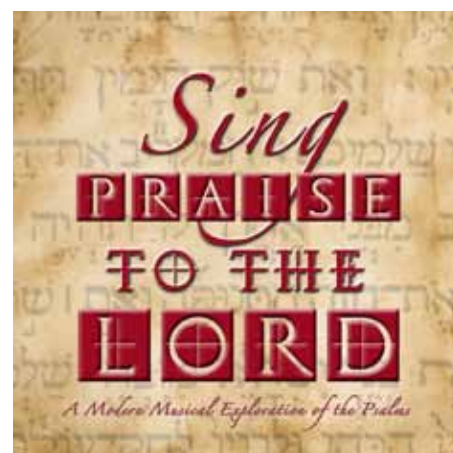
## VBS Workdays

Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Join us these mornings as we do the behind-the-scenes work of cutting, photo copying, making backdrops, etc. No expertise or creative juices required.



A modern musical exploration of  
the Psalms presented by  
Ardmore's Adult Choir &  
Chamber Orchestra  
Sunday, May 19  
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

## 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.