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Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ

Our Mission:

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

Fun On The Fifth

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 30! It's our first "Fun on the Fifth," and it will not be complete without you. What is this new phrase and what does it mean? Simply put, it is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect in community and share in combined worship on five Sundays. Our time together will include:



- Coffee, juice, and pastries beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Spaces for gathering and conversation
- Casual, more relaxed attire
- Intergenerational Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Combined Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. (no 8:15 a.m. service)



Dane's DownLow

How well do we care for college-aged students who aren't on our campus? This is a question that has been sitting with me since I began my time here at Ardmore. It's one thing to care for those in your midst, but it's a whole other form of ministry to care for those who are away for a certain time in their life. Students leave the nest of home, familiarity of their city, and all the comforts they have known their whole life. They jump out into the unknown, sinking or swimming. But how much harder must it be without support from their faith community? Many students have been connected to this church since they were babies, while many others have been here long enough to say that it has affected who they are today. So how do we care for those students who are away for a season of life? Yes, they may stay away from Winston-Salem forever but that shouldn't affect how we care, love, and support them. This year we are selecting adults to be prayer partners for the graduating seniors, committing to walking with the student and their family for the next year. During the upcoming year we hope the student and family are covered in intentional prayer, connected with so they see/hear the support, and that in the midst of such life change for both student and family they have someone to connect to and share with. We hope it's a life-giving time for everyone. But most of all, we hope that students/families don't feel alone or that the church has abandoned them. I wonder what would happen if we all asked, "how can I care for this person," to everyone we see in front of us? I wonder. Join me in wondering too and then act upon it.

- Dane Martin



Children's Sunday 2019

What a magical, Holy Spirit moment at Ardmore on Children's Sunday. This little one (Livy Haas) sidled right next to Billy Whitaker as he shared his Bible during the reading from 2 Timothy and later they sang together. It was beautiful to see all ages worshipping God together and connecting with each other.

- Debbie Kelley



Ardmore ABCs...

Congratulations to:

David & Debbie Wright, married 45 years on May 11;
Tom & Kathy Wilheit, married 15 years on May 15;
Steve & Linda Cline, married 55 years on May 17;
Ed & Jean Landers, married 62 years on May 18;
Ron & Sandy Aycoth, married 45 years on May 18;
John & Mary Stevens, married 62 years on May 25;
Bruce & Stephanie Daniel, married 30 years on May 27;
David & Mavis Bisette, married 61 years on May 31;
John & Mary Nance, married 63 years on June 4;
Ben & Kate Hodge, married 30 years on June 10;
Carroll & Beth Haire, married 64 years on June 11;
Eddie & Susan Hampton, married 40 years on June 16;
Eric & Alana Pegg, married 30 years on June 17;
Billy & Bonnie Whitaker, married 59 years on June 18;
Jim & Pam Mayfield, married 30 years on June 24;
Julie Sugg, Director of Ardmore Baptist Preschool 4 years on June 1

Ardmore Baptist QuickBits

If you are not receiving our new weekly e-newsletter, the Ardmore Baptist *QuickBits*, please contact Debra in the church office (336-725-8767, ext. 113; dnorris@ardmorebaptist.org).

Transformation



The end of the school year is almost here and our Preschool has had an amazing year. One of our three-year-olds brought in his butterflies to share. He was so brave to share them at chapel time in front of the whole school! He told us he had caterpillars, and then they built cocoons and

emerged as beautiful butterflies. This led us into a great discussion about how God can transform us! God's beauty and creation is all around us. We just have to slow down and appreciate it.

- Julie Sugg



Thank you to Charlie Bumgarner, Bob Spears, and Jim Rhinehart for sanding, staining, and applying polyurethane to the front doors of the sanctuary. They look great!



2019 College Graduates

Christian Bruce - Western Carolina University with a B.M. in Music and a B.S. in Education. Proud grandmother is **Carol Polk**; great aunt, **Sylvia Pickett**;

Matthew Cothran - Baylor University with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion & a minor in History. Proud parents are **Clark & Donna Cothran**;

Caroline Hartley - High Point University with a B.A. in Special Education Adapted Curriculum. Proud Parents are **Chris & Laurie Hartley**

Bethany Helm - Meredith College with a B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences with minors in French, Spanish, and English. Proud parents are **Todd and Karen Helm**.

To have your graduate recognized in the monthly *Announcer*, send name, college attended, degree earned, and parents' names to Debra Norris in the office (dnorris@ardmorebaptist.org).



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Honorariums & Memorials

We have recognized honorariums and memorials through the church-wide newsletter as a means of connecting the dots between donors and those honored or memorialized. While this has been an effective communication tool, it has focused more on the gifts to the church than the deeply personal connection between those who donate and the people they would like to honor or memorialize. In recognition of the relational nature of honoring and memorializing, we will recognize donations received in memory or honor of someone by personal letter from the church to the person or family member who is honored or memorialized rather than as a churchwide announcement.

We appreciate all those who express their ties to those they care about through honorariums and memorials and believe this will be the best way to respect the relationship between the donor, the honoree, and the church.

Church Office Closed
Monday, May 27
In Recognition of Memorial Day

Birthday Blessings

Last month I was talking with one of our oncology nurses about her family birthday traditions. She said that every year, her family gathers around to “toast” the birthday person. It doesn’t matter their age (young or old). She explained that they didn’t want to wait until the individual’s funeral to share all the nice things about the person. They take time to go around the table to share what they love about the person and then there can be no regrets because you never got the chance to tell them how much you love or appreciate them. What a wonderful tradition! I am hoping to start it with my family and pray that you will consider doing the same. Don’t wait to tell someone you love them or how much they mean to you. Maybe you shouldn’t even wait until their birthday.

- LeAnne Kennedy

July Sunday Seminar Options 2.0

Just as we did last summer, we will offer one-session seminars during the month of July. These seminars will take place during the Sunday Bible Study hour (9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.) in the Fellowship Hall. There will be four seminars to choose from. Each of the four seminars will be offered twice. So, if you miss the one you want to attend, you can catch it when it’s offered the second week. More details will be in next month’s *Announcer*. Seminar titles will be shared in an upcoming *QuickBits* edition.

For the Record – May 5 - 19

ATTENDANCE				STEWARDSHIP		
DATE	SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY	MORNING WORSHIP		BUDGET RECEIPTS	YEAR-TO-DATE	
		8:15	10:45			
5/5	455	NA	456	\$50,214	Needs	\$749,835
5/12	412	85	464	\$35,071	Receipts	\$726,670
5/19	413	128	459	\$33,527	Over/(Under)	(\$23,164)