

## Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ

### Fun on the Fifth



*Wilma Brown has been a member of Ardmore since 1962 and is a member of the Ladies Community Sunday Bible Study Class. She was initially very hesitant about us doing Fun on the Fifth, but wanted to express her experience during our most recent one on Sunday, September 29:*



**Change!** Something older folks are not very receptive of. Fun on Fifth! With reservations but faithful to worship on Sunday mornings, I marched right off to the first Fun on Fifth. I can't say it was a good experience. Then it rolled around again. Go or not go? I began to think about my negative attitude. Early in the morning on this second Fun on Fifth I began to pray. I knew I needed to support my church. After all, it is just four times a year. So I asked God to refresh my spirit during Fun on Fifth. It was not long after arriving that I began to enjoy the fellowship with folks - some I had not seen in forever. My attitude

began to change. By the end of the worship service I was crying tears of joy. God *did* refresh my spirit! He turned my attitude into gratitude.

- Wilma Brown

### Ardmore Music And Art Making An Impact On Our Community, Nation, And World

**Did you know** that one of our college students, Jesse Cockerham, won a national award for his painting *Nassau* that has been touring the country in galleries from New York to San Francisco? His painting was an expression of his experience while on a youth mission trip to the Bahamas. Did you know that Margaret Cogdill painted a Christmas ornament that was displayed in the White House and that R.S. White's paintings toured 43 cities and were exhibited in art museums in Atlanta, Chicago, and Memphis? I cannot wait until November 3<sup>rd</sup> when 50 paintings from 13 Ardmore artists will be on display in our Fellowship Hall.



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### Notes Of Gratitude

*Diana Davis*

*Sara Richardson*

*Family of Becky Berry*

*Dean Eller*

*Joyce Love, Fair Ministry*

### Our Mission:

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



## Planting Seeds

**Ardmore Baptist Preschool** is excited to add planting boxes outside our preschool doors. Last week a group of parents worked together to help us with this project. The stay-at-home dad, the stay-at-home mom with two toddlers in tow, the dad on his day off from work, church staff, and a few others gathered to help serve Ardmore Baptist Preschool. The group got to know each other while assembling 13 planting boxes for our children. Many of our preschool families walk by our church and can't wait to see what is going to grow outside our doors. What a beautiful opportunity we have to bloom in our community!

- Julie Sugg



## What Bible Study Can Be...

**Bible Study.** When those two words are put together it evokes some type of meaning and connotation. I wonder, what does Bible study look like for you? This fall we kicked off the youth season with a four-week Bible study on habits. We dove into bad habits to battle and good habits to place in your life. We wrestled with hard questions and challenged ourselves to see what our habits look like. Moments of laughter, singing, conversation, and sharing from the heart were all part of our weeks together. The students said it best when asked about Bible study:

*"This was a great way to end my weekend."*

*"I liked Bible study because it connected with everyday life."*

*"It helped me grow in scripture and learn other stories of the Bible."*

*"Sharing the ups and downs of life together helped me see that I'm not alone."*

*"This gave me a chance to step outside the routine of daily life."*

*"It was important because it taught me about what other people were going through."*

I don't know what Bible study gives you, but our students gained so much. Mostly they gained perspective of what community looks like. In a Christ-centered community we grow and are challenged by what Christ said and did, plus we celebrate with each other and walk with each other in the sad and hard places. For the past four weeks this is exactly what we have done. It's been an amazing time and I can't wait until we do it again!

- Dane Martin



## Ardmore Snapshot



**Ruby Gentry** (along with her husband, Jack) has been a member of Ardmore Baptist for 35 years. She is a North Carolina native and a graduate of Wake Forest University. From a very early age, Ruby was aware of a calling to serve as a missionary. Ruby followed her calling and served with Jack as a missionary to Taiwan through the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for 30 years.

*How did you come to be at Ardmore Baptist Church? What made you feel like you belonged?*

We were on our third furlough and wanted to find a place midway between my hometown and Jack's hometown. We tried Greensboro first but couldn't find anything. Then we heard about the Missionary House at Ardmore Baptist. It was located on Miller Street where the [new] sanctuary is now. It was available for us. So, we lived in the Missionary House and attended Ardmore. We found we loved Ardmore. They let us be ourselves and didn't put us on a pedestal. Also, Dr. J.L. Wilson was pastor then and he had been a missionary in Thailand so we had a connection.

*What is God teaching you/showing you in this current season of life?*

With folks my age we have a tendency to think there is nothing in the future but heaven. But there is. I still want to serve. I still want to make a difference. I believe if I still have strength, then God must have something for me to do.

*How is your life different because you follow Jesus?*

Well, I didn't have a 'Damascus Road experience.' I've always felt God is with me loving me and calling me. This life of following Jesus is a process of growth. I have always sensed a calling from God to love people, so that is what I do.

*What gives you hope?*

There are always exciting things going on. Life is interesting. God loves me. I love him. I enjoy being with Jack.

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## **Ardmore Music And Art** (continued from page 1)

You will be amazed to discover who these artists are and inspired by their art and stories. I have also learned that one of Sandy Simmons' orchestra compositions was chosen to be performed this spring in Paris, France! Her compositions are all based on Biblical themes and expressions of her faith. Whether in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Paris, or our own community of Winston-Salem, God is using artists and musicians to express their faith and acknowledge their Creator with their God-given talents. Rory Noland, in his book *The Heart of the Artist* says, "I believe we are entering an era in church history when God is calling thousands of artists to use their gifts for Him as He never has before." The arts are extremely powerful and they can awaken us to truth and change lives! I hope you will join us to celebrate the God-given gifts of our Ardmore artists at the Artist Exhibit!

- David Fitzgerald



*Fun on the Fifth*

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## We Welcome You!



Robert & Donna McEwan



Jane Redman

## Ardmore ABCs...

### Congratulations to:

**Caroline Davis** graduated from Appalachian State in August with a Masters of Public Administration-Non-Profit Management. Proud parents are **Diana & Lamar Davis**;

**Joe & Dean Eller, Sr.** married 61 years on November 15;

**Aaron & Nancy Blythe** married 55 years on November 29;

**Janice Puckett** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Charlotte Ivy Van Leeuwen**;

**David & Margaret Todd** on the birth of a grandchild, **Evelyn Jane Waterer**, born October 13. Proud aunt is **Sarah Todd** and great-grandmother is **Jacki Todd**. Evelyn is the daughter of **Mary Margaret & Johnson Waterer**;

**Elizabeth Lopina**, Children & Student Assistant – 3 years on November 28

**The following participated** in our Parent-Child-Church Covenant on Sunday, October 20, 2019:

**Everly Elizabeth Byrum** – parents are **Kip and Madison Byrum**

Ardmore,

I was overwhelmed to hear that we not only gave hundreds of clothing items for our Moore School uniform drive, the congregation also donated over \$1600. Ardmore's heart and generosity are astounding. These donations are in addition to those still needed to maintain 125 backpacks to Ashley each week. Amazing demands, but a more amazing church. Your generosity will enable Moore School to begin a Uniform Exchange (a ministry of Love Out Loud) in the spring where families can exchange used or outgrown uniforms for another or buy an item for \$2. The Uniform Exchange has been a desired goal and answer to prayer.

- Chester David

## Special Offerings

NC State Missions  
Total Received:  
\$2,862

School Uniforms for Bahamas  
Total Received:  
\$7,142  
Enough for 119 uniforms!

## For the Record – September 29 - October 20

ATTENDANCE				STEWARDSHIP		
DATE	SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY	MORNING WORSHIP		BUDGET RECEIPTS	YEAR-TO-DATE	
		8:15	10:45			
9/29	352	N/A	446	\$29,187	Needs	\$1,574,653
10/6	315	94	377	\$38,905	Receipts	\$1,497,452
10/13	428	111	429	\$20,055	Over/(Under)	(\$77,201)
10/20	447	111	438	\$24,797		