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Connecting People with Jesus Christ

Save The Dates: 2020

February 9

Arts@Ardmore Violin Concert
Kevin Lawrence

March 6 - 8

Youth Music Mission Trip

March 20

Arts@Ardmore
Ballet Magnificat

May 23 - 30

Adult Mission Trip - Bahamas

June 17 - 20

Passport Kids Camp

June 19 - 29

Music Mission Trip - Brazil

July 13 - 17

Vacation Bible School

August 3 - 7

Music & Arts Camp

Our Mission:

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

Why Sign Up for Ardmore's Marriage Seminar?

Jay and Luelle Crumpler attended our Marriage Seminar in 2018. Being our "senior" couple in the group, I asked them why they chose to attend:

How long have you been married? Have you attended other marriage seminars over the years?

Jay and I have been married 44 years and counting. We have attended seminars offered by various organizations and in different formats - weekend get-aways, day-long seminars, and seminars offered (like the one coming up here) for an hour or two at a time over several weeks.



Why did you choose to attend those marriage seminars?

We feel it is helpful, over time, to continue taking a look at our marriage for ways to strengthen and improve it. In 44 years, we have changed a lot - as have our family and our circumstances. We have experienced life together on the mountaintop, in the deep valleys, and in the mundane. It helps to 'hit the pause button' every once in a while and get some fresh insight. It's especially helpful to get that insight from an outsider - particularly one who is trained to give an encouraging and discerning perspective. These seminars require that we spend time focusing on 'us'. In all the routines of life, it is easy to put our focus on everything else, ignoring the relationship second only to our relationship with God in importance.

One simple analogy might be how we do (or don't) take care of our cars. We own vehicles that we would like to have run well for a very long time. It would be easiest to just put gas in them when necessary and then drive them whenever we need to go somewhere. However, our cars are much more likely to meet our expectation of a long life expectancy if we take care of them. If a car needs a good tune-up every now and then, certainly we should do the same thing for our marriage!

Jay and Luelle have been members of Ardmore Baptist since 1994. Both have served as deacons. Jay serves as our Church Moderator, teaches in the Adult 8 Class, and serves on the Personnel Council. Luelle teaches in the 6th Grade Class and sings in the Adult Choir.

Ardmore's 2020 Marriage Seminar begins February 9. For more information, check out <https://tinyurl.com/MarrEnrichFlyer>.

- Gina Brock

How Does Our Faith Shape Our Service?



Everyone knows about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his work for justice. Every elementary, middle, and high school student is studying his *I Have A Dream* speech in some way or another this month. It is important work for our children to learn about the history of the United States and how people with conviction and passion work on behalf of others.



In *Start With Why*, author Simon Sinek talks about how easily companies get caught in the rut of only ever sharing what they are doing or how they are doing it. He says the effective companies start by sharing their why. What our children learned in Mission Kids this month is the why.

These 4th-6th grade students discovered that Martin Luther King, Jr.'s why came from his faith in God. They read parts of his speeches and found that he quoted a lot of scripture in those speeches. The children were surprised to learn that this man they have learned about every year in school was fueled by his understandings of God's scripture. They read Matthew 5:43-48 and saw that Jesus instructs us to love our enemies and they saw how Dr. King worked to put that instruction into his life's work. How does your faith shape your service?

- Lee Ritchie

Disciple Now



DNOW 2020 won't soon be forgotten. The speaker and worship leaders spoke into the hearts and lives of the students attending. Our theme of "what's your story" allowed students to think about getting ready for God, moving forward even with a past, following God even when it doesn't make sense, and changing our perspective about ourselves and God; just taking that first step.

When students were asked about the meaningful moments in their weekend they said:

"Hearing about being available to God, and knowing that God has an endless amount of forgiveness."

"Conversations in small groups about how we can get in a routine and not think about how God is impacting our story."

"God spoke to me this weekend by reminding me that there is a great path for me, I just need to be open to walking on it."

"It was helpful to hear that God's ways are not our ways and at times we can't see what God can see until down the road or when we have connected with him more."

"I really appreciated the sharing of stories by adults from the church. I gained insight into their life, and it helped me better understand them."

This weekend, students were challenged. Challenged to take steps tomorrow that will shape their future in a way that will help them grow in faith. Students shared things like: working to be on their phone less, seeking to overcome guilt or shame from the past, being thankful in the small moments, and trusting even when things don't make sense. It was an awesome weekend!

- Dane Martin

Ardmore Snapshot



Franklin Watkins (and his wife, Mackenzie) has been a member of Ardmore Baptist since 2005. He is a native of a small farming community in eastern Tennessee and is a graduate of the University of Tennessee (Go Vols!). Franklin works as a physician in geriatric medicine at Wake Forest Baptist Health and serves as chair of our Deacon Council this year.

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

When Mackenzie and I moved to Winston-Salem, we were looking for a “home church” that met both of our spiritual needs. Mackenzie worships best through hearing the Word in sermon form, and I worship most deeply in the form of music (especially hymns). We found that Ardmore delivered both of these in the depth and quality that we were looking for in a church. You could feel God’s presence. As a (then) young couple, we were looking for a church that would be able to help us raise our family in Christ, and we absolutely can attest that Ardmore has been “home” for our family.

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

I am a man of action. Starting from early childhood, hard work has been instilled in me as a virtue and an expectation. The things I love (my family, my church, and my profession) require a significant commitment of time and work to perform to the standards that I desire to achieve. Currently, God is teaching me patience and the need for intermittent rest – everything has a season, and not every answer is “work harder”. Sometimes, faith and waiting patiently is the spiritual medicine that heals best.

How is your life different because you follow Jesus?

Jesus provides a calling and purpose for my life. I see my life (both at work and at home) as a ministry. We are all called to be ministers. My role is to try to extend the love, mercy, and grace that Christ shows for us to those in my life and to those whom God will bring into my life in the future.

What gives you hope?

I continuously have to remind myself that God is in control. As much as we as humans can try to mess things up and get in the way, God has a plan; and God is not done with any of us yet – we are all still works in progress. That gives me hope!



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Notes Of Gratitude

Elizabeth Gordon Family

Ardmore ABCs...

Congratulations to:

Fletcher & Raquel Harrell on the birth of their son, **William Levi Harrell** born on January 7;

Jack & Helen Baker married 60 years on February 14;

Gina Brock, Associate Pastor – 3 years on February 26

The following participated in our Parent-Child-Church Covenant on Sunday, December 15:

Connor James Elliott – Parents are **Andrew & Stephanie Elliott**; grandmother is **Elaine Elliott Hooven**

Give your prayerful support to Wayne Heidel who was baptized on January 12

2019 Unified Budget Report

Giving Goal: \$1,949,570

Gifts Received: \$1,935,228

Amount Below Goal: (\$14,342)

% of Goal Received: 99.26%

For the Record – December 29, 2019 - January 19, 2020

ATTENDANCE				STEWARDSHIP		
DATE	SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY	MORNING WORSHIP		BUDGET RECEIPTS	YEAR-TO-DATE (2020)	
		8:15	10:45			
12/29	NA	NA	386	\$55,993	Needs	\$113,817
2019 Wrap-up	NA	NA	NA	\$39,701	Receipts	\$87,769
1/5	482	101	498	\$30,720	Over/(Under)	(\$26,048)
1/12	455	NA	484	\$29,830		
1/19	460	NA	515	\$27,219		