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Connecting People with Jesus Christ

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help with our Open Sanctuary Prayer times. Volunteers will be in the narthex to assist with sign-in, direct people to the restroom, and offer hand sanitizer and masks, if needed. One volunteer is needed each time the sanctuary is open. Please contact [Gina Brock](#) to sign up.

Volunteer Times

Tuesdays

9:40 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Thursdays

5:40 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Our Mission:

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

Jesus instructed us to, "Love your neighbor as yourself." It is a simple command, but one that we overlook because it is so simple. As we examine Jesus' instruction, we will focus on neighborliness this fall. Let's start right outside your very own door and get to know the people who live on your street. This is about building relationships with your neighbors because if you actually know your neighbors then you can know how to love them.



Action Steps for Loving *Your* Neighbor

- **Chalk the Walk/Make A Card:** Use chalk to spread kindness and encourage your neighbors on your neighborhood sidewalk or street; or paint, draw, write cards to your neighbors to let them know you are thinking about them or maybe even just say *hi*.
- **Driveway or Green Space Meet-ups:** An easy and socially-distanced gathering in your front yard or common area to hang out, share desserts, let the kids play, do a book club, set up your chairs and talk, etc.
- **Mason Jar Ministry:** You may have them laying around your house or you may have seen them in packs at the store. Mason jars are a sign of hospitality and welcome. Grab a few and fill them with gift cards, flowers, baked goods, candy, or anything else you think of and pass them along to your neighbors with a note. You might even encourage them to fill it back up with something and pass the kindness along to the next neighbor.
- **Do-A-Grid:** Make a grid of the houses or apartments that immediately surround your own home. Just the ones right around you. Who do you know? Write down the names of the people you know living in each home. Do you know their first and last names? Now write down what facts you know about them or what observations you may have made. Do you have a relationship with your neighbors? On the same grid see if you can write down any of their hopes, dreams, and aspirations. You may know a few of your neighbors really well and some less so. That's okay! Let this grid be a guide to allow and encourage you to get to know your neighbors and build relationships.

We encourage you to share your experiences and pictures on social media using #ardmorebaptistlovesneighbors!



Help a neighbor with yard work

Early in June, the Youth Ministry pivoted from an overnight mission trip experience to a local, at-home, virtual mission trip. As this “mission trip” was being planned it was obvious that the we had lost momentum and excitement, but all of that would soon change once the mission experience started. Each day of the virtual mission trip we prompted students and adults to engage in a different mission project. Each night we debriefed and shared stories from the day and how the project went. We found that, when we invested in our neighbors right around us, we started to see differently. Students shared about meeting neighbors for the first time. One student even had a conversation about something they had written in chalk as an encouragement to the neighborhood. We completed the week full of joy, thankfulness, energy in being able to invest in others, and a knowledge that it only takes intentionality in the simple little things to positively effect someone else.

- Dane Martin



Write cards of encouragement

Youth

Virtual



Pay for someone behind you in the drive thru or share kindness with an essential worker

Mission

Trip



Write encouraging notes in your neighborhood



Bake something for a neighbor and deliver it

Ardmore Snapshot



Recently, I (Tyler Tankersley) was visiting the home of Jason, Tamara, and Daniel Snipes (members of Ardmore Baptist Church since 2008). They told me about an annual tradition they have had for years in their home called Cookie Bake Night. The event would take place near Christmas and the Snipes would turn their home into an arena for baking, decorating, and fellowshiping (imagine the tent from The Great British Bake Off). That idea struck me as exactly the kind of "loving your neighbor" activity we are trying to emphasize this month. The Snipes family was kind enough to allow me to interview them about it.

Where did you get the idea of inviting your neighbors over to decorate cookies?

Tamara: I am not really sure where the exact idea came from except that we love to bake, especially at Christmas, and we were looking for a way to start a new tradition. Growing up, spending time with family was such a big part of my holiday traditions, but we were here in Winston without family. So, we did the next best thing; we spent time with the "family" we had adopted here in Winston. To begin with this was mostly neighbors. We had all moved into our homes at about the same time. We had been together when kids were born, and spent a lot of time together. Neighborhood kids were the closest thing Daniel had to siblings and/or cousins nearby, so we began the cookie party as a fun way to spend some time together at Christmas before we all hit the road to visit out of town family.

How has that event strengthened your relationship with your neighbors in the past?

Tamara: As I said before, neighbors had become like family. Opening our home for something so messy and chaotic made everyone feel like home. People were always welcome, in fact often we didn't even lock the front door and neighbors would just walk right in to say hello. At one point four families on the street had a key to our home and we had their house keys. We were a very ethnically diverse group that was able to help raise each other's kids and they interacted much like siblings. This was great because many of them were only children and they learned an appreciation/respect for a variety of cultures.



Why do you value being a good neighbor?

Tamara: Being a good neighbor has opened the door to share our beliefs with a wide variety of people and encourage people in their own walk with God. Jesus spent his time among the masses, he ate with people, talked with people, and loved those around him. Being good neighbors allows us to do the same. It also has given us an extended family to share life with.

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Gifts Have Been Given August

In Memory of:

Marvin Henderson
Jean Matthews
Bonnie Whitaker

In Honor of:

Richard & Evalyn Bell
Charlie & Ellen Bumgarner
Ray & Vicki Freeman
Vernon & Darlene Osborne
Dick Pegg
Gene & Jo West
Billy Whitaker
Bill Yates

Ardmore ABCs...

Congratulations to the following on their wedding anniversaries:

Gene & Jo West - 49 years on August 7;
Landon & Loretta Dowell - 63 years on September 6;
Charles & Susan Griffin - 5 years on September 19



Timeline For Deacon Nominations & Elections

End of August: A packet with instructions, Qualifications & Expectations of a Deacon, and a Deacon Nomination Ballot will be emailed to ABC members (and mailed to those who do not have email). The packet will also be available on our website.

September 1 - 15: Deacon Nomination Ballots should be completed and returned to the church office.

September 16 - 30: Nominees will be contacted about willingness to serve. Information sessions will be held at date/time TBD.

October 8 - 31: Deacon Election Ballot will be emailed to ABC members (and mailed to those who do not have email). The ballot will also be available on our website. Completed ballots will be returned to the church office.

Notes Of Gratitude

Ron & Kaye Hunter & Family