



# Ardmore Announcer

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## Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ



Over the last several months, we've been thinking about how we can be a good neighbor in our own neighborhood, the Ardmore neighborhood, with our Ardmore ministry partners, and now some of our Winston-Salem ministry partners. Jesus instructs us to love God and our neighbors, so check Facebook in December as each week we post interviews with people who serve these ministries. This is a great way for us to learn what these ministries do, the needs they have, and how you can get involved.



ADVENT AT ARDMORE 2020

# HOME for Christmas

MARK'S HOUSE NOVEMBER 29	MATTHEW'S HOUSE DECEMBER 6	LUKE'S HOUSE DECEMBER 13	JOHN'S HOUSE DECEMBER 20

This week, there are three giant Rubbermaid containers that I will need to fish out of the back of one of our closets. Each of them is appropriately red with a green lid and contain all of our family's Christmas decorations. There are the cheap Styrofoam ornaments that Jess and I bought at Dollar Tree for our first Christmas as a married couple (they were all we could afford!). There is the ornament with a picture of our first dog Walter. Each ornament and decoration is connected to hundreds of memories and moments.

This year, we will all be celebrating Christmas a little differently. Rather than the pomp and circumstances of large community gatherings, Moravian love feasts, and bustling shopping experiences, we will all be spending more time at home. Our congregation's theme for Advent this year is: *Christmas at Home*. As we reflect on God's gift to us, we will be on a journey to the homes of the four Gospel writers (Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John) to explore how they have decorated their homes to celebrate the arrival of the Christ child. And as we do, it is my prayer that this journey will inform your own home's Christmas celebration so that we all may be infused with the hope, peace, joy, and love of our Savior.

- Tyler Tankersley

### Our Mission:

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

**New Deacons 2021**



Becky Bryant



Clark Cothran



Rod Guthrie



Will Hege



Adam Horton



Jennie Kerley



Amanda McIntyre



Roger Scott



Tamara Snipes



Gretchen Martin





## Ardmore Snapshot

### Introducing Two of This Year's Choral Scholars

This year we continue our Choral Scholars Program in which we adopt four college students to become part of our Adult Choir and church family. The program provides an opportunity to develop relationships with the students and area colleges and provides a supportive "home away from home" church family for the students. Here are the responses to a set of questions I asked each of the choral scholars.

- David Fitzgerald



**Josh Prillaman** – Martinsville, VA: I am an engineering major at Wake Forest University with a double minor of mathematics and computer science, and I am hoping to go on to grad school afterwards to get my master's in computer engineering. I love to listen to pretty much every genre of music, but I'm currently enjoying Luke Combs. Italian is, and always will be, my favorite food because I've grown up with it. My favorite movie is a tough one because I love all sorts of movies, but I could probably focus in on one of the original six Star Wars movies. My favorite thing about Ardmore is the community so naturally, I would have to say that the choir retreats are my favorite. I love all the people at Ardmore. It really is a second home where I can have a great time each week. Being a choral scholar at Ardmore has been a truly great experience where I've met a ton of great people and kept my religion at the forefront of my life.

**Evan Smith** – Raleigh, NC: I've always been interested in singing at church, so when the opportunity for the Choral Scholars Program presented itself, I took it. I am a student at UNCSA majoring in Vocal Performance. After I graduate I want to do something on stage. I like to listen to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Michael Ball. I love NC BBQ. I play disc golf and go rock climbing for fun. I like how much the Ardmore choir enjoys music. It's nice to just enjoy singing instead of being overly concerned with how you sound. I think the best thing about being at Ardmore is how welcoming everyone is.



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## College Ministry Update



What do you do when you can't be on a college campus? What do you do when the ministry focuses on presence and face time with students? You can throw in the towel, or you can reinvent how you connect with and minister to students. The College Ministry here at Ardmore Baptist supports the Campus Cooperative Ministry and Listening Post at UNC School of the Arts. This campus ministry seeks to invest in students weekly, through simple conversation and providing snacks for UNCSA students. The group of people joining together to support this ministry is very ecumenical: Presbyterians, Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, and Jewish volunteers. While this group

hasn't been able to be on campus, they figured out how to connect with students, and so was born The Listening Post Care Packs. Volunteers gathered outdoors for a packing party and were excited to share these with every student living on campus. When hard things happen we always have a choice, pack up and go home or reinvent ourselves and discover how God can use us. We are excited for how these care bags will affect students and impact their day/week. It is our hope that they can enjoy a simple snack, but more than that, we desire for each student to know they are remembered and loved. Who knows the impact you can make if each of us will simply try.

- Dane Martin

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## Gifts Have Been Given

### In Memory of:

Becky Berry  
Jane Boger  
Laurel Boyles  
Carolyn Carter  
Mary Doby  
Penny Ender  
Marion Hodges  
Dianne Putnam  
Pat Whisnant

### In Honor of:

Foy Crouse  
Ray & Vicki Freeman  
Russell McBride  
Barbara Mowery  
Debra Norris  
Sandy Simmons  
Warren & Kathy Steen

## Ardmore ABCs...

### Congratulations to the following on their wedding anniversaries:

**Maurice & Mabel Hall** – 66 years on December 11;  
**Bill & Barbara Fowlkes** – 45 years on December 20;  
**Jason & Lee Ritchie** – 20 years on December 23;  
**Paul & Bonnie Mullen** - 40 years on January 3



## Coming Soon: A New Announcer Format

Beginning in January 2021, the *Announcer* will be undergoing some major changes. Rather than a monthly, 4-page publication, the *Announcer* will become a quarterly, 8-page magazine. Each of our primary ministry areas will be featured on a page and will offer both reflections on past events and forecasting some exciting opportunities in the future.

There will be no *Announcer* published in December as we prepare for this new format to debut in January.

Additionally, our weekly newsletter (*Quickbits*) will feature a new section called *Milestones & Memorials*. This will be a list updated weekly that will include:

- Ardmore ABCs (birth celebrations, wedding anniversaries, baptisms, and parent-child dedications)
- Memorials
- Notes of gratitude

For anyone who does not have email and receives the *Quickbits* via postal mail, this list will be included in your mailing each week.

Thank you especially to our Ministry Assistant for Communication, Debra Norris, for her continually good work on keeping us all informed!

- Tyler Tankersley

