

Ardmore BAPTIST CHURCH

Connecting People with Jesus Christ



During the season of Lent, we will focus on what it means to follow Jesus. We'll explore passages from Gospels as we see how we are called to follow Jesus into authentic worship, heartfelt repentance, and the worship of God. It's a road that leads us to the truth of a cross and the hope of an empty tomb. This series and the season of Lent begin on Sunday, March 6.

March 6:

*Following Jesus
Into the Wilderness*

March 13:

Adam Horton preaching

March 20:

Following Jesus Into Repentance

March 27:

Youth Sunday

April 3:

Following Jesus through Worship

April 10 (Palm Sunday):

Following Jesus into Triumph

April 17 (Easter Sunday):

Dirt Under Your Fingernails

Equipping the Saints

This past fall I had the privilege and blessing of walking through the New Testament letter of Ephesians with a group of you on Wednesday nights. Ephesians is about *unity* and Paul gives some practical advice for marriages, families, and churches.

When it comes to pastors, Paul draws some clear lines about what the primary role of a minister should be: *The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.* (Ephesians 4:11-12) The more I studied those verses and the themes within Ephesians as a whole, the more I felt the Holy Spirit moving and working within my own soul.

I have a confession to make to you all: I don't think I've been doing this very well as your pastor. I do not think I have been effectively living into my calling to be an equipper.

Now, much of that is probably due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. When it became clear how vastly altered all of our lives were going to become due to this disease, the rest of the ministers at Ardmore and I moved into what I've called, "triage mode." Those of you in the medical community know that "triage" refers to treating the most dire and gaping wounds before moving on to less serious conditions in a body. When we moved into this "triage mode" we had to make decisions quickly and as efficiently as possible. We had neither the time nor the possibility of convening our normal meeting structures; we had to make decisions on the fly.

There are seasons in a church's life when that kind of leadership is necessary. But it is never meant to be permanent. Instead, a pastor's job is not to be a domineering leader who imposes their vision on the church. A pastor's job is to be a shepherd who equips the saints (that means y'all!) for the work of ministry. In this stirring memoir, *The Pastor*, Eugene Peterson says this about the calling of a minister: "My work is not to fix people. It is to lead people in the worship of God and to lead them in living a holy life" (137). So, during the pandemic we have managed to accomplish some wonderful things as a congregation and we should celebrate those things. But I don't want us to stay in "triage mode."

In 2022, my goal and my commitment to you is to work on being your pastor by equipping you for the work of the Gospel in your own soul and in the world (and in that order).

- Tyler Tankersley



Faith Formation: Children & Families - Lee Ritchie

Family Brunch for Baby's 1st (or 2nd or 3rd) Christmas

Did you know we've had a bit of a baby boom during the pandemic? Also, we have babies who were born just before the pandemic who didn't ever really get a chance to be with church family before things started shutting down. What to do to welcome these families? Have a Family Brunch! It was such a joy to have these families get to see one another and get to meet their child's Sunday Bible Study teachers. We found that everyone needed community and all the baby smiles, too! We invite you to pray for these families as they continue to navigate parenthood and being connected to this body of faith.



Worship, Music, & Arts: David Fitzgerald

Sights And Sounds of The Season



I want to offer a huge thank you to all of our musicians for their beautiful music during Advent and Christmas! To present Handel's *Messiah* during the pandemic was truly a miracle. I am so proud of our Adult Choir, Ardmore Choral Scholars, instrumentalists, handbell choirs, orchestra, children's and youth choirs, Jeanell, Micah, Kevin, Jim, and all of our music and arts leaders as well as our worship media technicians for their continued faithfulness, energy, enthusiasm and commitment to ministering with their gifts and talents! I also want to thank those who helped lead our

creative 8:15 services especially David Niblock, Tyler Gallaher, Amanda Walker, and Kevin Anderson. Lastly I want to thank Jane Wall for heading up our decorating team for the season along with many others who helped to make our sanctuary and church so beautiful! We have been truly blessed and God has been glorified! With deepest appreciation!

Upcoming Worship, Music & Arts Events

- **February 18 - 19:** Youth Winter Handbell Festival in Greensboro
- **March 4 - 6:** Youth Music & Arts Combined Retreat With All Youth
- **March 9:** Children's Music And Arts Resumes
- **March 2:** Ash Wednesday Service
- **Worship, Music & Arts MALT Winter/Spring Book Study** - *Ever Ancient Ever New* – *The Allure of Liturgy for a New Generation*

Invitation & Hospitality: DeNeal Fowler

Better Together



In addition to our weekly worship and Sunday Bible study, we also enjoyed gathering for:

- Cookies in The Courtyard
- Churchwide Picnic
- Advent Drive-Thru
- Coffee with The Pastor
- Caring With Cards

Looking forward to all the ways we continue to live in community in 2022. Check QuickBits each week for the latest happenings and updates.

Faith Formation: Youth & College Students: Dane Martin

College Ministry



They say laughter is good for the soul. I believe laughter is a gift from God. Laughter is a good word to describe our time with the college students during their Christmas break. For three and a half months our college students have been away from the church and each other, yet it only takes a few minutes for us to pick back up from where we left off. We came together as individuals on separate journeys, and became community. When everyone left, we were all more filled than before, but it wasn't our stomachs that were full. Instead, it was joy and the knowledge that none of us are alone in our journey of life. The night brought times to check in and see how everyone was doing, a fun Christmas game, good conversation, and lots of

laughter. Many students might not see each other until summer, but it's a great reminder that in the body of Christ we are still connected, we are still a community, and we will still experience the fun and joy of relationships that God has blessed us with.

Youth Ministry

The Christmas season is always a special time of the year. In the youth ministry, the youth Christmas party is one of the events students anticipate. Walking up on the third floor the buzz of sounds could be heard; sounds of laughter, sounds of conversation, sounds of games being played, sounds of enjoyment and delight. These sounds were joy ringing in my ears as students came with great desserts, friends, a readiness for the evening, and a hunger for this time together. This Christmas party wasn't just fun games for our students and nice giveaways. It was more than that. The time together fed a hunger for community, a hunger for having fun in the moment, and a hunger for safe spaces to be themselves. The night was exactly what we all needed, and I am grateful for that. We loved watching everyone play Christmas limbo and play the cut-throat white elephant gift exchange. My hope and desire is that we can capture moments like we had at this Christmas party throughout the year, knowing that we can have joy in the small things, love for those around us, peace in our circumstances, hope for what can be when we stay connected to Christ as we walk this journey of faith and life.

Youth Ministry Dates

February Wednesday Nights

Students will help with the JL Wilson guest house renovation

February 18 - 19

State Youth Handbell Festival
(Greensboro)

February 26

Churchwide Love the City missions

March 4 - 6

Spring Retreat

March 21 - 27

Youth Week

March 27

Youth Sunday





PLEASE NOTE:
Changes in COVID may affect schedule.

MEDIA CENTER OPEN
5:00 PM-6:00 PM

Caring with Cards
SEE IT • SAY IT • SEND IT

5:00 PM-7:00 PM
MAIN LOBBY

We provide the space and supplies. Drop by and write a few words to lift someone's spirit.



COOKIES IN THE LOBBY
5:00 PM-6:00 PM

We will provide cookies and napkins. You are invited to bring brown bag dinners. Limited seating will be available.

CHILDCARE
5:45 PM-7:00 PM
E-103

Provided for children, birth through two year olds, while parents are engaged in Adult Faith Formation.



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

6:00 PM-7:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL B & ZOOM



Senior Pastor, Tyler Tankersley, is leading us in a study of the Old Testament book of Ezekiel. *Feel free to join us.*



CHILDREN'S HANDCHIMES
GRADES 1-3 E-215



CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS
GRADES 4-6 E-112

5:30 PM-6:00 PM

Both provide children with a team building opportunity to learn to read music and to make music together.



CHILDREN'S MISSIONS
Begins February 2
6:00 PM-7:00 PM
PRESCHOOL-GRADE 2 E-104
GRADE 3-6 E-102

We will learn about our Encourager Church family in Belgium and then about refugees right here in North Carolina

CHILDREN'S MUSIC resumes March 9.



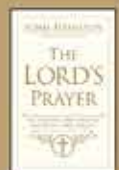
YOUTH UNPLUGGED
6:00 PM-7:00 PM
YOUTH PLACE

The youth will focus on Missions during January and February as they help with work on the JL Wilson Guest House.

We return to our regular schedule in March.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION STUDY

Begins FEB. 23
6:00 PM-7:00 PM



Gina Brock will lead this study based on Adam Hamilton's book, "The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught". Participants will need to purchase the book.

SANCTUARY
Choir
REHEARSAL

7:00 PM-8:30 PM
CHOIR ROOM

A choral opportunity for adults to learn various musical anthems and to lead our congregation in worship.

ARDMORE HAPPENINGS

PLEASE NOTE: Changes in COVID may affect schedule.

All-CHURCH EVENTS

Jan
24



CONVERSATIONS
that
MATTER

7:00 PM

An online conversation with our former pastor, Bill Ireland, via Facebook and YouTube. We will discuss his book, "Driven".

JAN
30

Fun
on the
5th

Enjoy hot chocolate in the courtyard on your way to SBS classes. We will also honor Susan Griffin during and after worship services.

FEB
8

FEAR
is the enemy of
HOPE

FINANCIAL PEACE
UNIVERSITY

7:00 PM • VIA ZOOM

Jay Van Nostrand will lead this 9-lesson, Dave Ramsey course. Info and registration at fpu.com.

FEB
17 **BLOOD DRIVE**

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL B

SIGN UP AT: redcrossblood.org

JANUARY 2022

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MARCH 2022

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FEB
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LOVE THE CITY
MISSIONS

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

This intergenerational mission event will feature opportunities to serve at City Lights Ministry and at the JL Wilson Guest House.
All ages welcome!



MAR
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ASH
WEDNESDAY
6:00 PM

MAR
6



BEGINS

8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

Pastor Tyler will lead us as we explore Gospel passages to see how we are called to follow Jesus.

MAR
21

youth
week

During this time students are intentionally given leadership responsibilities by the church. They will have special activities throughout the week and lead worship on Sunday, March 27.

Mar
28

CONVERSATIONS
that
MATTER



An online conversation with Rev. Dr. Ryan Burge, via Facebook and YouTube. We will discuss his book, "The Nones".

COMING IN APRIL

14 Maundy Thursday
Service &
Communion

15 Good Friday
Stations of
the Cross

17 Easter Sunday



Missional Engagement: Amy Gallaher

Missions Survey Results

Over the summer of 2021 the Missional Engagement MALT and Mission Resources Team asked the Ardmore Baptist Church community to take a missions survey. You may be wondering what we learned from those responses and what we did with the information. Below are some highlights from what we gleaned. Please feel free to reach out to Amy Gallaher, Minister of Missional Engagement; Brooke Preslar, Chair of Missional Engagement MALT; or Lisa Turner, Chair of Missions Resources Team, with any questions or for more information.



Findings:

- The top three issues responders want to see ABC involved in missionally are: Poverty/Homelessness, Refugees/Immigration, and Racial Justice.
- Most responders are unaware that ABC partners with and supports over 18 different organizations. Most are aware of church involvement with three to five of those organizations.
- The top five organizations we partner with, which are also personally supported by church members with their own resources, are: Partnership Missions (CBF, IMB, NAMB, CBFNC), PIVOT Ministry, Crisis Control of Winston Salem, CBF Field Personnel Janee Angel and Hary Khano in Antwerp, Belgium.
- Most responders can get behind any organization or issue that helps our congregation share the life and love of Jesus Christ with others.

Goals for Missions at Ardmore:

1. Supporting the sharing of Jesus Christ.
2. Going deeper in impact and wider in giving.
3. Balancing involvement in local, state, national, and international missions.
4. Avoiding duplication in giving to multiple organizations that do the same thing.
5. Using level of current engagement as barometer instead of history.
6. Looking for intergenerational opportunities with great breadth across age groups for serving, involvement, and education.



Delivering donations to City Lights Ministry - The Gathering Sunday Bible Study class and Global Women mission group.

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Faith Formation: Adults & Congregational Care: Gina Brock



Stephen Ministry Training

Our first class of Stephen Ministers met for their beginning training session on Sunday afternoon, January 9. This group will meet every Sunday through April to complete 50 hours of training. Our congregation will then commission them as Stephen Ministers and they will be ready to be paired with care-receivers. This first class includes Dorothy Keen, Jan Overman, Bonnie Mullen, Susan Hampton, and Debbie Newsome. Leading the training sessions are our Stephen Leaders – Laurel Link, Paul Mullen, and Gina Brock. Please pray for all these as God works through them to expand our pastoral care ministry to the congregation and our community.

