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CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER PODCAST. ON EACH EPISODE, TYLER INTERVIEWS BIBLICAL EXPERTS, PASTORS, AND PREACHERS TO GIVE US A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS.

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AN UPDATE FROM TYLER

Ardmore Baptist Church Family,

I have some exciting news to share.

A few months ago, we conducted a survey of the congregation to ask about the topic of spiritual formation. We received over 170 responses and I am very grateful to all of you who took the time to fill it out.

The term spiritual formation is really just another way of talking about discipleship. I recently heard somebody say discipleship is basically “being an apprentice of Jesus.” I really like that image of learning from Christ by studying his life, watching how he treated people, and trying to be like him. Those are the kinds of opportunities we are hoping to offer as part of our spiritual formation programming.

We learned some interesting things about the congregation’s ability to engage in spiritual formation opportunities:

- 49.4% of people said that Wednesday Nights do not work for their family
- 41% said that they seek to have more opportunities for intergenerational community
- Many of our senior adults expressed that they are not comfortable driving in the evening
- A third of the respondents said that they would be interested in small groups that meet in homes rather than just studies that meet at the church

Given all of the information we learned from the survey, you are going to see some changes to the way we offer spiritual formation as a church. Some of those changes will include:

- Because we heard from many families that Wednesdays simply do not work for them, we will no longer be focusing on Wednesday Nights as a time for all ages to gather back at the church. Instead, you will see a focus on Family Ministry taking place on Sunday afternoons through programming we are calling All Together Ardmore.
- We will be offering opportunities for Community Groups which are small groups that will meet throughout the week. Our prayer is that these would be intentional, intergenerational times to form deeper relationships.
- There will be a focus on monthly times for our church to gather together as one family of faith to simply have fun and fellowship with one another.
- I will be teaching a Wednesday Morning Bible Study (on the Book of Romans) that will be geared towards (but not exclusively for) our senior adults.

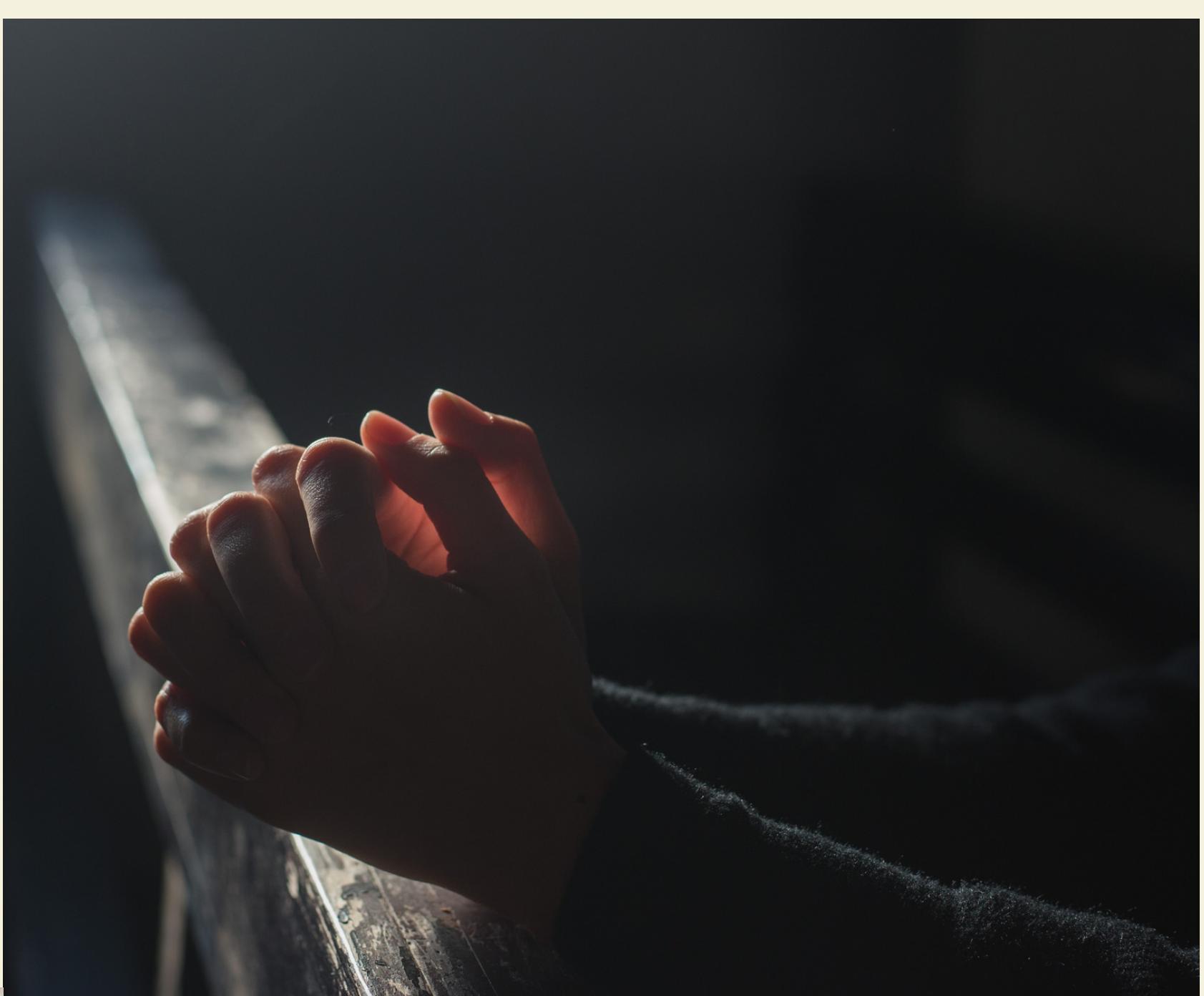
I am so grateful to help lead a church that is so willing to listen to the voice and movement of the Holy Spirit. As we engage in these new opportunities for spiritual formation together, let's all seek to be apprentices of Jesus in all we say and do.

-Tyler Tankersley

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP

In an attempt to provide opportunities for contemplative worship and reflection, Ardmore launched a contemplative service this May. This service has been incredibly beneficial and the feedback we have received has been wonderful. This service is here to stay!

If you haven't yet, join us at 8:45am for a time of special worship, prayer, and reflection.

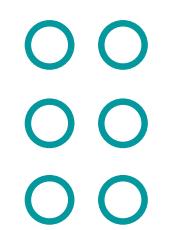


A team of Ardmore members has been attending services at other churches to learn best practice for this type of service.

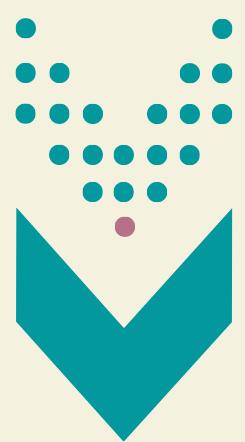
We are excited to share their findings and reflections soon! Stay tuned.

"I love this service. The moments of rest remind me to exhale and breathe. Church can often feel rushed or busy but not this service. We need more opportunities like this and I really hope that more folks will come see what makes the 8:15am service so special."

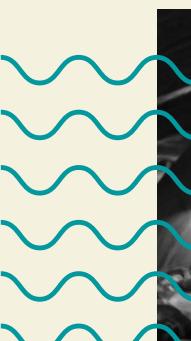
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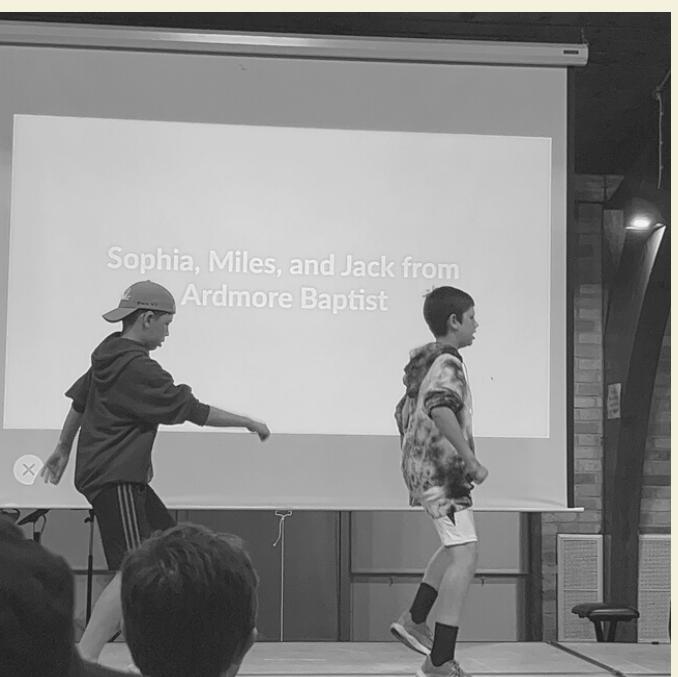
Summer Camp!



Over 30 kids/youth attended summer camps this year. Our church was active at Big Stuf in Florida, Passport Kids in Virginia, and Love Out Loud right here in Winston Salem.



A STORY IN PICTURES



CONNECTING ACROSS DISTANCE

A STORY OF INCLUSION AND HOSPITALITY BY SAM WALKER

When Dane shared the story with the BigStuf camp leadership of how one member of our youth group, Nate Watkins, was not able to attend because he was under COVID quarantine a special Facetime call was planned for that evening's Big Room worship. Dane coordinated the call with Nate's parents to be sure he would be up and ready to receive it. "The Big Room" emcee, Tega Faafa, quieted the usually raucous crowd of campers, and Dane, who was on-stage, made what appeared to be a normal call to check in on Nate. Then Tega took the phone, introduced herself, and said she had some friends who would like to say they missed him and wanted to say hello. The phone was turned to show all 1,500-plus campers who erupted into a frenzy. While our group certainly missed Nate, we found a way to include him, even for just a few moments, in a big way. It was some really BigStuf.



WELCOME HOUSE



We are thrilled that our welcome house is officially hosting a family. The renovation and flip of this house was quite the undertaking but the Ardmore Baptist community really showed up to make this ministry possible. This July, our church welcomed a family of 4!

Amy Gallaher, our Minister of Missional Engagement had this to say:

"It has been a beautiful thing to watch members from our church coordinate play dates with the kids, bring groceries, eat meals together, and share the welcome with this family. This ministry has already changed the atmosphere of missions at our church and watching how it continues to shape us and others will be life giving."

Speakers & Preachers this Summer

We have had a number of exciting speakers, discussions, and a myriad of missions opportunities this summer.

Early in the summer, Dr. Daynette Snead-Perez joined us to discuss the ministry of domestic disaster response.

Later, we heard from Ralph Stocks about the war in Ukraine and ways to help refugees through Project Ruth. A short time later, Global Women hosted Dr. Oti Bunaciu, founder of Project Ruth, and leader in the European Baptist Federation and World Baptist Alliance!

Then we had the Angel family join us from Antwerp, Belgium. Janée preached a beautiful message about the calling to love our neighbors.



Learn more at
ardmorebaptist.org/missions

ARDMORE AT CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Two members of the Ardmore Staff were able to attend the 2022 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) General Assembly. At this meeting, they heard from missions partners, advocacy leaders, and learned about successfully leading church programs. They also spent time with friends, both old and new. You'll hear more about General Assembly soon and some of the takeaways from their time there.

You can listen in to some of the worship sessions and talks from General Assembly through this link: [**cbf.net/general-assembly**](http://cbf.net/general-assembly)



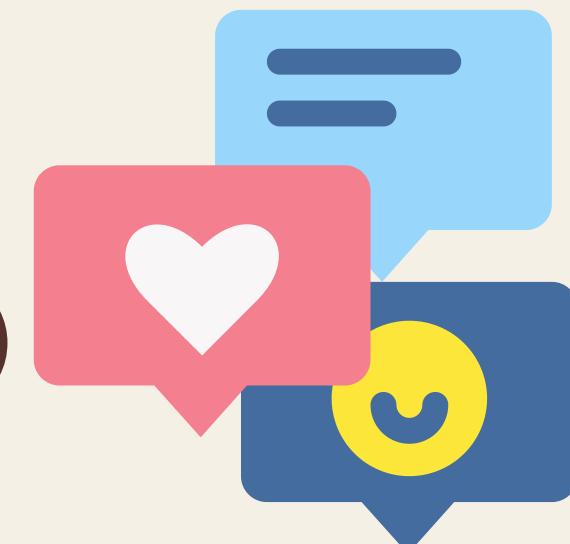
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"I'm proud to be part of a community of faith that takes seriously the call of the gospel to live into bold faithfulness, to love our neighbors, to be followers of Jesus. At General Assembly, young Baptists are welcomed to this larger community and are offered chances to learn from experienced leaders. I felt so blessed by this experience."

-Chris West, Director of Communications

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