

MEETING PLACE  
JAMES CHAPEL AME CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
4TH MONDAY 7PM

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Mission Fuge comes to Ardmore/ Sherwood Forest Community.
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- Neighbors Helping Neighbors continues.
- Day of Caring Hosted In Ardmore/ Sherwood Forest.

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# Ardmore/ Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Newsletter

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## M-Fuge Comes to Ardmore

Meet Melissa Bell. She is the Team leader of the M- Fuge groups that has volunteered to work with the youth who attend the Pink House during our summer program.

She is from Charlotte, North Carolina. Melissa likes to play sports. She likes to play basketball, soccer, and volley ball. This is not the first time Melissa has worked at the PINK HOUSE. She was her with us three years ago with another leader but only for a week.

She is glad to be here with us this summer and we are happy to have her here.  
WELCOME MELISSA !



Melissa Bell

M- fuge showed up on the Pink Houses' steps ready to help, filled with tons and tons of energy. What is M- Fuge you might be asking . M- Fuge stands for Mission Fuge which we think is a pretty neat concept of joining together to complete a mission of love for ones fellow man for absolutely nothing. M- fuge is a group of volunteers that come from all over the United States and volunteer their time to do all sorts of things. They tutor, they sing , they read, they write, they fix things, they cleanup things they are indispensable. There is a new group of people every week. The leader stays the whole summer. They do many activities which includes bible study and arts and crafts.



## M-Fuge Arrives!



To the left  
M-fuge leader  
Talking with  
Pink House  
Kid.  
To the right  
M-fuge  
having lunch.





*The strongest bond of human sympathy outside the family relation should be one uniting working people of all nations and tongues and kindred's.*

Abraham Lincoln

#### Home Maintenance

1. How to maintain good home maintenance habits:

- A. Make a check list of all items in your home that have cosmetically changed from it's original look or function.
- B. Periodically observe areas of your home that are unnoticed, rarely visited or used.
- C. Weatherize your home.
- D. Have a phone number of a trusted repair person handy.

Alvin Birch  
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## What You Missed

This is an old story that tells of the loss of a kingdom – “For the lack of a nail, the shoe was lost; for the lack of a shoe, the horse was lost; for the lack of a horse, the rider was lost; for the lack of a rider, the battle was lost; for the lack of a battle, the kingdom was lost; all for the lack of a horseshoe nail”. Mr. Alvin Birch, our June speaker, left a lasting impression in his warning that if we ignore the small loose shingle, we

can lose not only the roof, but the whole house. Do you take frequent walks around your house? Mr. Birch advised the meeting that this is the most important step in determining the state of your property; keeping you one step ahead of occurring problems. Early detection could mean the difference between “a penny saved and a penny earned. He did a great job of bringing awareness regarding preserving our

greatest asset – our homes. So, tighten that screw, replace the washer on that faucet; the house you save might be your own.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

About two months ago, I, Renae Smack Community Liaison, went on a trip to a three day seminar in Baltimore. It was hosted by Neighbor-Works and sponsored for us by Family services and the Coastal Community Foundation. The three day seminar was called Building the Bridge you want to be. When I first heard that I thought, hum, what kind of bridge do I want to be. Before

we returned we were all fired up with what our project would be. We were so fired up we planned it at the airport. I thought of the children I work with everyday at the PINK HOUSE. I thought about what kind of bridge did I want to be for them. Another goal to reach for. I also thought of my work with the neighborhood association and all the goals we have set. Then along

comes Mission Fuge and they really shows me what bridge building is all about. It's about sacrifice, hard work, and compassion, and a no strings attach love for your fellow man. It's about Neighbors helping Neighbors! Who can you help? Who have you help? How can you help? When can you help?

## Guess Who Had A Birthday?

On June 26, 2007 our own Rev. C. King was honored by her adoring fans ( yes, those wonderful PINK HOUSE Kids) for her birthday. She was surprised by her kids and her staff with a birthday party to show her just how much we all love her.

Happy Birthday Ms. Rev. King!





# M-FUGE PCY HAPPENING IN ARDMORE



**Ben Parish and group three saying good bye to Mr. Singleton.**

**Ben Parish Fourth person from the Right, second row.**



**Mr. H. Singleton, Showing off his new bike the group got together and gave him to help him get to work. He said, "Man, those people made me cry."**

## M-Fuge Takes On Ardmore With Hammer & Nails

I guess by now you have either seen or heard about the amazing groups of people who have come to Ardmore and taken it by hammer and nails. Yes hammer and nails is what I said. In total there have been five groups of M-Fuge team that are a part of the PCY group of the M-Fuge mission. They have entered the homes in our residents and hammered and

nailed their way right into the hearts of us all. Their generosity and spirit has touched all of us. Everything is done in the name of brotherly love.

The condition are not always ideal, sometimes hot, sometimes raining, sometimes even in danger of spiders or other things, they still continue to press on and get the job done for their fellow man.

All the hard work has been coordinated by Ben Parish the group leader. He has a very quiet efficient way about him that totally takes you by surprise and a wonderful smile.

The group pictured above completed a renovation job for the Singleton family.

## M-Fuge Doing Some Good In the Hood!



**They wouldn't quit until it was done.**



**Dueling Lawn Mowers for Mr. Singleton's neighbors**



**We've almost got it!**

## Meeting Place & Date

### Meeting place

1550 Mulberry Street, 7pm  
4th Monday every month  
unless otherwise announced  
ADMSWFNA Officers  
Rev. C. King, President  
Mrs. Nancy Snow, Vice President  
Mrs. Era Franklin, Secretary  
Mrs. Shirley Marquez, Treasurer  
Rev. R. Cochran, Chaplain  
Russell Stillwagon, Chairman at Large

CTC VISTA Volunteer  
Ms. Renae Smack, Community Liaison

**P.I.N.K. H.O.U.S.E. NRC**  
**843-556-3486**

### ARDMORE /SHERWOOD FOREST BULLETIN BOARD

- \* **We are still looking for a name for the newsletter.**  
**Put on your thinking caps, so far we only have a couple of suggestions. Yours might be the name selected by an outside committee.**
- \* **Remember If Your Tree Could Talk contest is running thru August 17, 2007**
- \* **Recipes! Recipes! The cookbook committee Still needs recipes. Cookbook goes on Sale in October.**
- \* **Day of Caring is September 11, 2007, if you have a project that you would like to submit contact Renae Smack at the PINK HOUSE NRC.**

WE'RE ON THE WEB  
[WWW.NEIGHBORHOODLINK.COM/CHARLESTON/AMSWFNA](http://WWW.NEIGHBORHOODLINK.COM/CHARLESTON/AMSWFNA)

# Ardmore/Sherwood Forest Day of Caring

**Day Of Caring**  
**Tuesday, September 11, 2007**  
Trident United Way's Day of Caring is an annual, community-based event rallying thousands of people in the Tri-county area to roll up their sleeves and tackle projects for area schools and helping agencies. Volunteer teams from local businesses and organizations give time and services in an effort to improve our community. Area schools and non-profits identify project(s) that volunteer teams can complete in one day. Projects range from reading to students, to minor construction – anything that would improve service to clients or enrich our community.

Projects are posted online for volunteer teams to review and choose the one(s) that best fit their size, skills, passions, etc.

Last year, more than 100 volunteer groups participated. Ninety local businesses gave their employees the day off so

that they could be part of the event. In the past seven years, Day of Caring has provided more than 23,000 volunteers to work on almost 1,300 projects, for an estimated donated value of \$6 million.

Projects are now being accepted until August 10, 2007. If you would like to come and join your community as a volunteer or have a project to post on online or get volunteers to work on a project contact Renae Smack or Ms. Thelma Miller at 843-556-3486.



**Volunteers cleaning up**