

# Ayden Christian Church

## NEWSLETTER

2023  
JUNE

Wednesday, June 28

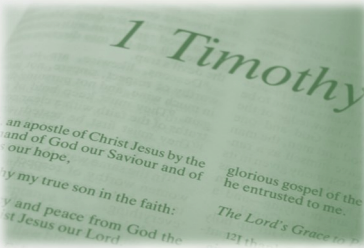
### From the Pastor

As we continue to walk through I Timothy, we are constantly confronted with the radical nature of God's call in our lives as his people. As God's people, we are expected to live in ways that are often in direct opposition to what the world says about relationships and the nature of commitment. A good example is the list of qualifications that Paul gives for elders and deacons in I Timothy 3. When I read them, I am reminded of how hard it is sometimes to measure up to God's standards. What I tried to communicate this past Sunday, though, was that none of us are perfect and that none of us get it right every time. Thank goodness that God is patient with us and forgives us when we mess up.

I also tried to stress that the qualifications are not really just for elders and deacons; they are for all Christians. Again, I know this is a daunting realization, but our goal as Christians should be to grow and mature and become better Christians. I hope all of us will take some time and reflect on how we can more consistently apply God's principles to our lives. This coming Sunday, we will be looking at I Timothy 3:14-16 and we will be talking about godliness. Godliness is a broad concept, but in the context of I Timothy, Paul is using it to refer to conduct for living. I hope to see you in church.

Grace and peace,

Reece



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### Pastors' Office Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday  
8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
8 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Friday  
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.



**HAPPY**  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY

### Link of the Week



[Today in Christian History](https://christianhistoryinstitute.org/today)

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## Scripture for Sunday

### I Timothy 3:14-16

“I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion:

He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated in the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
preached among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.”

## Announcements

### Independence Day

The Prayer and Bible Study Group will **not** meet on Tuesday, July 4. The church office will also be closed.

### Ayden Community

#### Summer Meal Program

New Kingdom of Judah Ministries, 4361 Lee St., will provide breakfast and lunch for any child in the Ayden area from June 20 through August 17, 2023.

#### Local Outreach

Donations put into the Gratitude Jar go towards relieving financial burdens on families in the Ayden community. Donations are always appreciated and really do make a difference in people's lives.



## Opportunities This Week

### Devotions

Daily devotions from Reece Jones on our Ayden/Red Oak Christian Churches Shared Ministry Facebook page can be found here:



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090787755890>

### Adult Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m. in Johnson Hall. **Everyone** is encouraged to attend.

### Sunday Worship

Come worship with us Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.! For those who are not able to attend, find us on Facebook for a live stream.  
<https://www.facebook.com/aydenchristian/>



### Youth Church

We welcome all youth in grades K-8 to worship the Lord in a "youthful" setting after Children's Minute during the regular church service.

*Dates to Remember*



# June

28 - Ray & Carol Ann Hardee

29 - Thomas & Trudy Tyson  
- Wilson & Katherine Venters

30 - Coy & Brooks Buck  
- Ed & Ann Carraway



4 - Independence Day

7 - Trudy Tyson

13 - Louis & Lou Anne Sutton

14 - Ronald & Sue Venters

20 - Ronnie & Alice Huggins

21 - Bobby Venters

28 - Sydney & Althea McNairy

29 - Tony Tripp

*Please submit all items for next week's newsletter no later than Tuesday at 12 p.m.*

## Serving Schedule

*If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and let the church office know. We like to have the correct names in the bulletin.*

### **This Sunday, July 2**

- \* A/V: Sadie Horton
- \* Acolyte: Addison Hardee
- \* Children's Minute: Gaynell Deans
  - \* Scripture: I Timothy 3:14-16
  - \* Sermon: "Godliness"
- \* Elders: Lou Anne & Louis Sutton
- \* Greeters: Marena Ausbon, Reed Hardee
- \* Mic Runner: Lou Anne Sutton
- \* Worship Leader: Becky McLawhorn
- \* Worship Rep: Sarah Taylor

### **Service Chairs for June**

- \* Donna LaMotte, Lou Anne Sutton

### **Next Sunday, July 9**

- \* A/V: Sadie Horton
- \* Acolyte: Jorja Venters
- \* Children's Minute: Jennifer Hardee
- \* Elders: Becky & Steve McLawhorn
- \* Greeters: Jennifer & Ryan Hardee
- \* Mic Runner: Lou Anne Sutton
- \* Worship Leader: Alice Huggins
- \* Worship Rep: Steve McLawhorn

### **Service Chairs for July**

- \* Carol Ann Hardee, Connie Hardee