

March

"Come, Grow With Us ... In Christ"

2017

Season's Greetings,

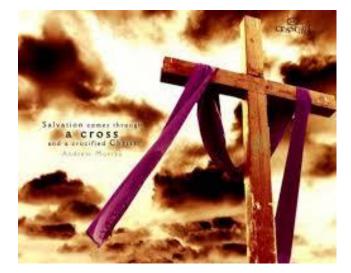
My salutation above is usually used by people at and reserved for Christmas time by the Greeting Card Companies. But, this greeting is also appropriate for the Easter Season we are entering as well. Both seasons bring Hope, Peace, Joy and Love to those who believe in the wonders and majesty of God within the world.

The Hope of new begins within our Spiritual and Human lives. Knowing that we will gain eternal life through the upcoming sacrifice of Christ. The Peace that comes from knowing that we are flawed and imperfect, but remembered and forgiven by God who sent His only to die for the rest of God's Family. The Joy of being part of something bigger and more important than ourselves. And the Love that can bring light in the darkest of places, that kindles our soul in service of God and others and a Love that is truest wisdom within a world of damaging arrogance.

March 1<sup>st</sup> starts us on our way through a season filled with praise and power, regret and pain. Only through God can we embrace all this season brings us, as well as to strengthen our spirit for the ultimate beginning of life until once again we prepare the way for the coming Christ child.

Blessings and Love,

Chad



Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life. Benedict XVI

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# Lenten Calendar

<u>April 9</u> **Palm Sunday** Easter Egg Hunt Confirmation of Candidates for Baptism Cantata at 4:00PM in the Sanctuary

> <u>April 13</u> Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00PM

> > <u> April 14</u>

**Good Friday** Prayer Vigil 8:00AM-8:00AM Ayden Christian Church Sanctuary

<u>April 16</u>

Easter 9:00-9:45 AM Breakfast Easter Events Flower Cross

> 10:00AM Service



Girl Scout Sunday is March 12<sup>th</sup>. All Girl Scouts, past and present, are invited to wear their uniforms to worship on Sunday and help lead the congregation in the Girl Scout Promise and Oath.

An All-Church Luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> following the church service. Please bring a dish to share with your Faith Family. The church will provide the beverages.



On Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, a multi-church Easter Cantata will be held at Ayden Christian Church at 4:00PM in the Sanctuary. All are asked and encouraged to attend as well as invite friends and family to join us. Please bring a dish to share after the service.



I miss you... Take care always... Dearest Pastor Chad and all my friends at Ayden Christian Church:

First, I miss you all so very much and will never forget all of you. Your love and kindness to Lindsey and me all the years we were there is something I will forever hold dear. I am finally getting used to Bayou County (crawfish, shrimp, etc.). The people are so friendly and loving, but will never take "you alls" place.

> God Bless All of You Nancy Braxton

# Card of Thanks:

The family of Mrs. Billie McLawhon greatly appreciates all of your acts of kindness during her illness and death. We are so thankful for your visits, phone calls, emails and texts, thoughtful cards, beautiful flowers, delicious food, but, especially your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God bless each of you.

With Love

The Family of Mrs. Billie



## **SERVING IN MARCH**

# Elders:

Mar 5"	Carol Ann & Ray Hardee
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lou Anne & Louis Sutton
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sissy & Kay Dunn
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	Denelle & KR Roberson

## Greeters:

Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	Marty & Tommy Stancil
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Venters, Robert Spence
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Laura & Craig Buck
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	Becky & Steve McLawhorn

## Deacons:

Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	Shannon & Ernie Lubiani
	Jo Ann Oakley, Cindy Rhue
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Morgan Brooks, Kolby Wainright
	Emme Wainright, Connor Sutton
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea & Jack Hardison
	Lena Darden, Jody Venters
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	Phyllis & Jim Newman
	Kolby Wainright, Trudy Tyson

#### Worship Leaders:

Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	Becky McLawhorn
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lena Darden
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Buck
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	Denelle Roberson

#### Worship Representatives:

Mar 5 <sup>™</sup>	Ray Hardee
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Robert Spence</b>
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Hardison
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	K.R. Roberson

## **Children's Moment:**

Mar 5<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Hardee Mar 12<sup>th</sup> Alice Huggins Mar 19<sup>th</sup> Marenda Ausbon Mar 26<sup>th</sup> Becky McLawhorn

\*If you are unable to serve on you're scheduled Sunday, it is your responsibility to find your replacement\*

# **SERVING IN APRIL**

## Elders:

Apr 2ndGaynell Deans, Linwood AllegoodApr 9thAlice & Ronnie HugginsApr 16thMarty & Tommy StancilApr 23rdSue Venters, Robert SpenceApr 30thLaura & Craig Buck

## **Greeters:**

Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>	Connie & Wesley Hardee
Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Ann & Ray Hardee
Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lou Anne & Louis Sutton
Apr 30 <sup>th</sup>	"Sissy" & Kay Dunn

## Deacons:

Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amanda & Shawn Brooks,
	Emme Wainright, Rachel Speight
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- Apr 9<sup>th</sup> Cobby Deans, Shelia Dixon, Asa Spain, Todd Ausbon
- Apr 16<sup>th</sup> Shannon & Ernie Lubiani, Morgan Brooks, JoAnn Oakley
- Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> Connor Sutton, Cindy Rhue, Amanda Abbott, Asa Spain
- Apr 30<sup>th</sup> Asa Spain, Trudy Tyson Marenda & Todd Ausbon

#### Worship Leaders:

Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jack Hardison
Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Huggins
Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lou Anne Sutton
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- Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> Andrea Hardison
- Apr 30<sup>th</sup> "Bear" Baldree

#### Worship Representatives:

Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>Cobby DeansApr 9<sup>th</sup>Wesley HardeeApr 16<sup>th</sup>Tommy StancilApr 23<sup>rd</sup>Louis SuttonApr 30<sup>th</sup>Craig Buck

#### **Children's Moment:**

Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lou Anne Sutton
Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>	Denelle Roberson
Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	Gaynell Deans
Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christy Hill
Apr 30 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Penhorwood