

March

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

2017

Season's Greetings,

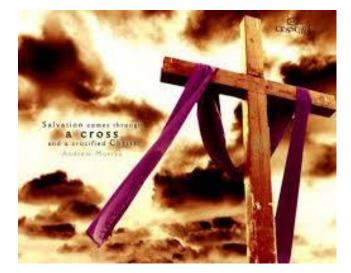
My salutation above is usually used by people at and reserved for Christmas time by the Greeting Card Companies. But, this greeting is also appropriate for the Easter Season we are entering as well. Both seasons bring Hope, Peace, Joy and Love to those who believe in the wonders and majesty of God within 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 1st 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 12th. 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 12th following the church service. Please bring a dish to share with your Faith Family. The church will provide the beverages.



On Palm Sunday, April 9th, 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 |
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| Mar 12 th | Lou Anne & Louis Sutton |
| Mar 19 th | Sissy & Kay Dunn |
| Mar 26 th | Denelle & KR Roberson |
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Greeters:

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

Deacons:

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

Worship Leaders:

| Mar 5 th | Becky McLawhorn |
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| Mar 12 th | Lena Darden |
| Mar 19 th | Craig Buck |
| Mar 26 th | Denelle Roberson |
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Worship Representatives:

| Mar 5 [™] | Ray Hardee |
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| Mar 12 th | Robert Spence |
| Mar 19 th | Jack Hardison |
| Mar 26 th | K.R. Roberson |
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Children's Moment:

Mar 5th Jennifer Hardee Mar 12th Alice Huggins Mar 19th Marenda Ausbon Mar 26th 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 nd | |
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| Apr 9 th | Connie & Wesley Hardee |
| Apr 16 th | Carol Ann & Ray Hardee |
| Apr 23 rd | Lou Anne & Louis Sutton |
| Apr 30 th | "Sissy" & Kay Dunn |

Deacons:

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

Worship Leaders:

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

Worship Representatives:

Apr 2ndCobby DeansApr 9thWesley HardeeApr 16thTommy StancilApr 23rdLouis SuttonApr 30thCraig Buck

Children's Moment:

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