

Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, May 31

From the Pastor

This past Sunday was Pentecost Sunday. Our focus was on the coming of the Holy Spirit into the life of the church and how this coming turned on the power for the early followers of Jesus. As a result of having the empowering presence of God in their lives, the church flourished and grew. In fact, there were six characteristics of the church and these same six things characterize the church today.

First, the church is made up of people who are Christians, people who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and who have committed their lives to following him. Second, the church's foundation is the Bible. Who we are and what we do as the church is determined by God's Word, not by what our society or culture says is relevant. Third, we hold certain things in common; our common theological belief is our commitment to Christ, but we also have a common commitment to helping each other. Fourth, we are devoted to fellowship and prayer. The church understands that in order to be the church, we need to spend time together, praying and being present with each other. Fifth, we are called to praise God, through thankfulness, worship and being obedient to God. Finally, as a result of the church being the church, people are attracted to who we are and want to know more about Jesus.

This is a quick reminder of who we are as the church; I hope all of us will reflect on these things and continue to think on how we as individual Christians have a role to play in the life of the church.

Grace and peace,

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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.

Link of the Week:

[Ayden Allows Church to Install Digital Sign](https://www.reflector.com/standard/news/local/ayden-allows-church-to-install-digital-sign-introduces-new-staff/article_b71ca4e0-717d-53e2-9d32-2e1a723bb383.html)



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Scripture for Sunday

I Timothy 2:1-8 (RSV)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. 3 This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;

Announcements

Backpack Pals

The Backpack Pals ministry is taking a break for the summer. Friday will be the final delivery. Thank you for your generous support this year!



Ayden Community

Juneteenth Fair

We have been invited to participate in the Juneteenth Cultural Health & Wellness Fair on Sunday, June 18 from 2-7 p.m. The \$35 vendor fee can be waived for our church if we would like to set up a booth. Volunteers can get in touch with the church office. See attached flyer for more information.

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.

Online Donations



We are now accepting donations online through Zelle. Send to email address aydencfinance@gmail.com. See Emme Wainright for questions and assistance.

Opportunities This Week

Adult Sunday School

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

Sunday Morning 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.



Choir Practice

 The choir will practice Sunday immediately following the worship service. If you love to sing, please join us!

Prayer & Bible Study Group

The Prayer and Bible Study Group meets on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited.



Fellowships

The CMF/CWF is now known as Disciple's Men's Fellowship (DMF) and Disciples Women's Fellowship (DWF). The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. Please come and bring a dish to share.

Dates to Remember



June

- 5 - Joanna Murphrey
- 6 - Robert & Amanda Abbott
 - CMF/CWF Dinner
- 9 - K.R. Roberson
- 10 - Ryan Hardee
 - Ned & B.J. Craft
- 11 - Wilson Venters
- 13 - Ronnie Huggins
 - Andrew Shue
 - Board Meeting
- 15 - Colin Baldree
 - Keith & Scottie Gaskins
- 18 - Father's Day
- 19 - Denelle Roberson
- 22 - Robert & Sandy Spence
- 25 - Connie Hardee
- 27 - Addison Hardee
- 28 - Ray & Carol Ann Hardee
- 29 - Thomas & Trudy Tyson
 - Wilson & Katherine Venters
- 30 - Coy & Brooks Buck
 - Ed & Ann Carraway

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, June 4

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Addison Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Jennifer Hardee
 - * Scripture: I Timothy 2:1-8
 - * Sermon Title: "Prayer That Can Change the World"
- * Elders: Joyce Barnes, Gaynell Deans
- * Greeters: Reed Hardee, Ryan Hardee
- * Mic Runner: Becky McLawhorn
- * Worship Leader: Sarah Taylor
- * Worship Rep: Tommy Stancil

Service Chairs for May

- * Joyce Barnes, Alice Huggins

Next Sunday, June 11

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Jorja Venters
- * Children's Minute: Gaye Morgan
- * Elders: Darlene Worthington Baker, Jennifer Hardee
- * Greeters: Emme Wainright, Sue Venters
- * Mic Runner: Sarah Taylor
- * Worship Leader: Becky McLawhorn
- * Worship Rep: Steve McLawhorn

Service Chairs for June

- * Donna LaMotte, Lou Anne Sutton