

Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

2023
JUNE

Wednesday, June 21

From the Pastor

I hope everyone had a great Father's Day weekend. I want to thank Lou Anne Sutton for bringing the message in my absence. I thought her message was great. We have two fathers, a heavenly father, and an earthly father. She did a great job of describing the relationship we have with both. I am more convinced than ever that we all need fathers. In fact, I think that it has become evident that children, growing up today, need both a mom and a dad if they are going to successfully navigate life in the 21st century.



This Sunday, I will return to I Timothy and we will be looking at what Paul says concerning the qualifications for leadership in the church. Paul gives

some specific instructions about the selecting of elders and deacons in the church, and the characteristics that should describe those who serve in leadership positions. My goal is to help all of us understand better what those characteristics are and to help us as a church understand better the tremendous responsibility we have to follow these instructions as we seek to make sure we have the right people in the right positions. I hope to see you on Sunday.

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.

Link of the Week

[Disciples Youth](https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/congregations/youth/)



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Scripture for Sunday

I Timothy 3:1-13

“3 The saying is sure: If any one aspires to the office of bishop, he desires a noble task. 2 Now a bishop must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, dignified, hospitable, an apt teacher, 3 no drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and no lover of money. 4 He must manage his own household well, keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way; 5 for if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how can he care for God’s church? 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil; 7 moreover he must be well thought of by outsiders, or he may fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

8 Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for gain; 9 they must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them also be tested first; then if they prove themselves blameless let them serve as deacons. 11 The women likewise must be serious, no slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons be the husband of one wife, and let them manage their children and their households well; 13 for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

Announcements

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.

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 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.

Prayer & Bible Study Group

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

Dates to Remember



June

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

July

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, June 25

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Easton Ausbon
- * Children's Minute: Emme Wainright
 - * Scripture: I Timothy 3:1-13
 - * Sermon Title: "Leadership in the Church"
- * Elders: Linwood Allegood, Donna LaMotte
- * Greeters: Jennifer Hardee, Reed Hardee
- * Mic Runner: Addison Hardee
- * Worship Leader: Lou Anne Sutton
- * Worship Rep: Tommy Stancil

Next Sunday, July 2

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Addison Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Gaynell Deans
- * Elders: Lou Anne & Louis Sutton
- * Greeters: Marendra 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