

Ayden Christian Church

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, April 26

From the Pastor

Thank you so much for the wonderful welcome y'all gave my wife and me on Sunday. I thought it was a good day and I tried to use it to give you a bit of an introduction to you. As I said, I know the process by which I was called to Ayden was a bit unconventional. My guess is that very few of you have been asked to vote to call a pastor without meeting him first. But, again, you trusted the search committed and you trusted the process. Just to let you know, I did get to Red Oak on time as well. Like Ayden, they are also trying to transition into this new way of being the church.

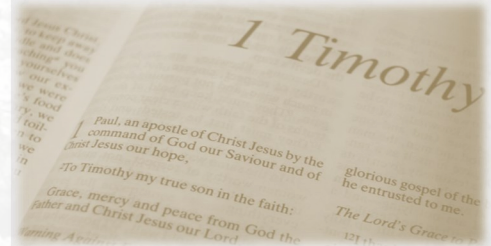
I also mentioned on Sunday that beginning this week, I am going to begin preaching through I Timothy. Paul wrote this as a letter to Timothy, who was a pastor in Ephesus. Paul loved Timothy like a son and a great deal invested in him and his calling as a pastor. But like many of us, Timothy sometimes lacked confidence and needed to be encouraged. This letter, along with II Timothy, was Paul's way of encouraging Timothy to be the pastor he could be. But, the letter has great practical value for all Christians. This Sunday, we will look at the first two verses of chapter 1 and talk about how important it is for us to know our callings as Christians. Hope you have a great rest of your week and hope to see you Sunday.

Grace and peace,
Reece

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Monday - Thursday
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Link of the Week

Ayden/Red Oak Christian Churches Shared Ministry Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/AydenRed-Oak-Christian-Churches-Shared-Ministry/100090787755890/>

Scripture for Sunday

1 Timothy 1:1-2 RSV

“1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, 2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Announcements

Graduation Party

Emme Wainright and Drew Browne’s graduation party is on Saturday, May 6, at 4 p.m. in the ACC Family Life Center.

Hookerton District Union Meeting

Our next district union meeting will be at Winterville Christian Church on Thursday, May 25, at 6:15 p.m. The meal includes appetizers, lasagna, salad, bread, strawberry shortcake, and iced tea for \$10. Please RSVP by May 20 to Julia at 252-714-7035 (text) or juliageorge23@gmail.com (email).

Franklin Graham Event

The God Loves You Tidewater Tour is coming to the Albemarle Sound region to give the lost an opportunity to know Jesus and encourage believers in their faith. The free evening will feature a message of hope from Franklin Graham and music by Newsboys and Marcos Witt. The date is Sunday, May 7, at 4 p.m., at the American Legion Post 40 Fairgrounds (1317 West Queen Street, Edenton, NC 27932). Website: <https://godlovesyoutour.com/events/albemarle/>

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

This morning at church I wanted to tell you how much your prayers, thoughts and kind deeds have meant to me over the past two years. I was getting emotional so I could not express my gratitude to you. I have watched our church on FB every Sunday (thank you Sadie), but it does not compare to physically being present. I tend to avoid large groups because of being immunocompromised. That is the reason I got to church exactly on time and left during the hymn of invitation. (Those who know me, know that I am a hugger and very social.)

“Philippians 4:13. ‘I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.’ I am thriving by God’s Grace. I give Him the glory and praise. Through His protection, guidance, wisdom and your prayers, my body is prospering just as my soul is prospering.”
Thoughts from my Caring Bridge page on 2/23/23 and I continue to believe.

I appreciate your continued prayers as I continue my journey.

Love to each of you,
Ann T. Carraway

Lyndsey, Becky and Steve would like to thank our church family for the beautiful baby shower that was given for Lyndsey and her expected baby girl. Everything was lovely. The food was delicious and thanks to everyone that took part in this celebration. As always you can feel the love from our Church family.

In Christian Love and Deep Appreciation,
Lyndsey, Becky and Steve

Dear ACC Family,

God has blessed us with the most awesome church family anyone could ask for. You have called on us, prayed for us, fed us so well, and we truly appreciate you all!

Love,
Alice & Ronnie & family

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.

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 immediately following the worship service on Sunday. If you love to sing, please join us!

Reception

We will welcome our new pastor, Rev. Reece Jones, and his family with a reception this Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please bring a dish to share. The Red Oak CC congregation will join us.

Prayer & Bible Study Group

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



Fellowship Dinner

CMF/CWF meets Tuesday evening at 6:30. Please bring a dish to share for our evening of food, fun and fellowship.

Dates to Remember



April

30 - Reception for Rev. Jones & Family

May

2 - Ben Tyson

- Marena Huggins Ausbon

- CMF/CWF dinner

6 - Graduation Party for Emme & Drew

8 - Chris Engleby

14 - Mother's Day

19 - Louis Sutton

- John & Kathy Urton

20 - Trish Williams

21 - Board Meeting

22 - Wesley Hardee

- Ron & Julie Venters

25 - Hookerton District Union Meeting

26 - Ross Gunst

29 - Bear & Sarah Baldree

30 - Brooks Buck

- Wesley & Connie Hardee

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: (April 30)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Easton Ausbon
- * Children's Minute: Gaynell Deans
 - * Scripture: I Timothy 1:1-2
 - * Sermon Title: "Know Your Calling"
 - * Keep it 5 minutes or less
- * Elders: Marty & Tommy Stancil
- * Greeters: Marty Stancil, Sarah Taylor
- * Mic Runner: Becky McLawhorn
- * Worship Leader: Lou Anne Baldree Sutton
- * Worship Rep: Steve McLawhorn

Service Chairs for April

- * Alice Huggins, Becky McLawhorn

Next Sunday: (May 7)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Addison Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Gaye Morgan
- * Elders: Lou Anne & Louis Sutton
- * Greeters: Jennifer Hardee, Sue Venters
- * Mic Runner: Lou Anne Sutton
- * Worship Leader: Sarah Taylor
- * Worship Rep: Ryan Hardee