

Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, March 22

From the Pastors

“Revive Us”

Scripture: John 11: 1-45



The season of lent is all about meditation, self-examination, seeking a deeper relationship with Christ, and knowing who we are in our relationship with him. This week it's re-creation, resurrection, and new life. We have witnessed God in our

lives, in the lives of family and friends, yet we still worry while we wait. Sometimes, our faithless self causes God to weep. When we pray, don't worry; when we worry, pray. Dry bones can live. Our lives can be restored. The power of the Word gives us new life. We live in the Spirit of the one who saved us because we are believers. We praise Thee, O God, For the Son of Thy love, For Jesus Who died And is now gone above, Revive us again, Fill each heart with Thy love, May each soul be rekindled, With fire from above, Hallelujah Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen, Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Re-vive us again!

Prayer: God knows your name; he knows your lying down, your getting up your going out and your coming in. Trust Him. Let him renew your life in Him. Amen

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Pastors' Office Hours:

Sunday

11am-1pm

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

8am-2pm

Friday

8am - 12pm



Link of the week:

Little's Nursery

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John 11: 1-45

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸ The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹² The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Announcements

Easter Lilies

We will have Easter lilies from Little's Nursery this year for \$16.04, tax included. Orders must be in by this Sunday, March 25.



Maundy Thursday Supper and Service

We will have a joint dinner and service for Maundy Thursday at Red Oak Christian Church. Supper is at 5:30pm and the service will begin at 6:30pm. We can bring crackers or a dessert; soup and beverages will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Please include the number in your party and any items you plan to bring. The last day to sign up is April 2.

Community Sunrise Service

Ayden will have a Community Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday at 6:30 am. Come out for a special worship service with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Graduation Party

We are invited to celebrate and Emme Wainright and Drew Browne's graduation on May 6th at 4:00pm in the ACC Family Life Center. Please let them know by April 23rd if you plan on coming, so they can get a headcount for food.

Backpack Pals

The Backpack Pals Ministry is serving many young people this year. Donations of food and of money to buy food are encouraged.



Opportunities This Week

Memorial Service for Kent Allen

Visitation for the Allen family will be at ACC Saturday from 12:30-1:30pm, and the memorial service will follow at 2:00pm.

Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School Class invites you to join them on Sunday morning at 9:00 am in Johnson Hall.

Sunday Morning Worship

Come worship with us Sunday morning at 10am! 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 Rehearsal

The Choir will rehearse following the worship service on Sunday. Come sing with us!



Prayer and Bible Study Group



The Prayer & Bible Study Group meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in Beland Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Dates to Remember



- 22 - Elizabeth Gunst
- David & Melissa Johnson
- 24 - Phyllis Newman
- 25 - Linwood Allegood
- Kent Allen Memorial Service
- 27 - Steve & Becky McLawhorn
- 31 - Roy & Patty Richardson

April

- 1 - Amanda Abbott
- Kristel Wainwright
- David Worthington
- 2 - Palm Sunday
- 4 - Cassius Williams
- CMF/CWF Dinner
- 5 - Collin Peterson
- Jody Venters
- 6 - Maundy Thursday Supper & Service
- 9 - Easter
- Community Sunrise Service
- 14 - Kathy Urton
- 16 - ACC Board Meeting
- 17 - Jim & Phyllis Newman
- 19 - Stephen Venters
- 21 - Donovan Abbott
- 22 - Ryan & Jennifer Hardee
- 22 - Salem Snow
- 24 - Darlene Smith-Worthington

Please submit all items for next week's newsletter no later than Tuesday at 12 pm.

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.

Thank you for your patience as we adjust the schedule for illnesses and vacations.

This Week (March 26)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- * Acolyte: Reed Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Gaye Morgan
 - * Sermon info TBA
- * Elders: Joyce Barnes, Gaynell Deans
- * Greeters: Addison Hardee, Jennifer Hardee
- * Mic Runner: Jennifer Hardee
- * Minister: Rev. Marilyn Williams
- * Worship Leader: Darlene Smith-Worthington
- * Worship Rep: Sarah Taylor

Next Week (April 2)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- * Acolyte: Easton Ausbon
- * Children's Minute: Lou Anne Sutton
- * Elders: Jennifer Hardee, Darlene Smith-Worthington
- * Greeters: Ryan Hardee
- * Emme Wainright
- * Mic Runner: Becky McLawhorn
- * Minister: TBA
- * Worship Leader: Sarah Taylor
- * Worship Rep: Steve McLawhorn

Service Chairs for March

- * Brooks Buck, Sandy Spence