

# Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

2023  
JANUARY

*Wednesday, January 25*

## From the Pastors

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

My time with the congregation draws to a close; however, I know you are in the capable and nurturing hands of Pastors Marilyn and Penny. It was a pleasure to provide for the congregation and share time with the people of Ayden CC (DOC). May you feel the presence of the Lord surround you within the gifts of faith and community.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”  
Jeremiah 29:11. (NIV)

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Melissa Acres

## Donation Statements

2022 Givings statements are in the box on the table outside the church office. Those who live out of town or do not attend regularly will receive their statements by mail. Any letters not picked up by February 1 will be mailed.

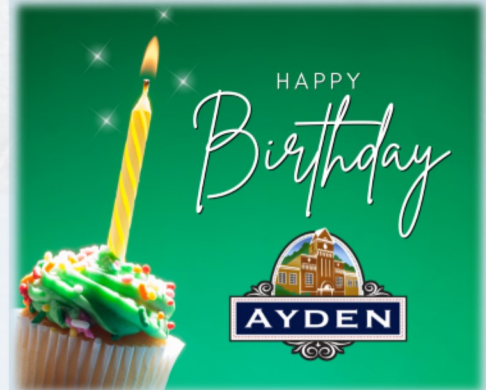
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### Pastors' Office Hours:

Sunday  
11am-1pm

### Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
8am-2pm  
Friday  
8am - 12pm



### Link of the week:

Ayden Founder's Day Celebration:

[https://  
www.aydenchamber.com/  
event-5108200](https://www.aydenchamber.com/event-5108200)

## Gayle Wainright

We offer our most sincere condolences to the family of Gayle Wainright.

They will receive friends Thursday, January 26, from 6 to 8 pm at Wilkerson Funeral Home.

We will serve lunch to the family on Friday.

A graveside funeral service will be held Friday, January 27, at 2 pm in the mausoleum at Homestead Memorial Gardens, officiated by Rev. Ronnie Braxton.

Memorial donations may be sent to:

The Charles Wells Wainright Endowed Scholarship Fund  
University of Mount Olive Office of University Advancement  
PO Box 90  
Mount Olive, NC 28365

Obituary Link: [Gayle Wainright](#)

## Regional Assembly

Ayden Christian Church is allowed three delegates to the regional assembly, and three alternates. If you are interested in representing us in Charlotte on April 29 and in Wilson on October 14, see Wendy Peterson to apply. Please let us know by February 21.



## Offering Envelopes

*Latest update from the offering envelope company:*

Our envelopes are still in production and could ship anytime between now and mid-February. They apologize for the uncharacteristic delay.

# Opportunities This Week

## Adult Sunday School

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

## Sunday Morning Worship Service

Come worship with us Sunday morning at 10 am!

## 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 rehearse following the Sunday morning worship service. Come join us if you like to sing!

## Prayer and Bible Study Group

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

**Dates to Remember**



Jan 25 - Greg Rhue

Jan 26 - Hookerton District Union Meeting

Jan 31 - Raegan Wainright

### February

Feb 3 - Ayden Founder's Day events

Feb 4 - Mike & Cindy Goff

- Emme Wainright

- Ayden Founder's Day events

15 - Robert Spence

17 - Cameron Rhue

- Kim Baker

19 - Week of Compassion Offering begins

20 - Cindy Goff

21 - Asa Spain

- Sue Venters

22 - Tommy Stancil

26 - Week of Compassion Offering ends

*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.*

## **This Week (January 29)**

- \* A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- \* Acolyte: Reed Hardee
- \* Children's Minute: Jennifer Hardee
  - \* Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12
  - \* Sermon Title: "Beatitudes; Blessings From Above"
  - \* 5 Minutes or less
- \* Elders: Donna LaMotte, Denelle Roberson
- \* Greeters: Sarah Taylor, Emme Wainright
- \* Mic Runner: Addison Hardee
- \* Minister: Rev. Melissa Acres
- \* Worship Leader: Becky McLawhorn
- \* Worship Rep: Gaye Morgan

## **Next Week (February 5)**

- \* A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- \* Acolyte: Easton Ausbon
- \* Children's Minute: Alice Huggins
- \* Elders: Becky & Steve McLawhorn
- \* Greeters: Addison Hardee, Jennifer Hardee
- \* Mic Runner: Emme Wainright
- \* Worship Leader: Darlene Baker
- \* Worship Rep: Ronnie Huggins

## **Service Chairs**

January

- \* Marty Stancil, Donna LaMotte

February

- \* Alice Huggins, Denelle Roberson