

Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

2023
APRIL

Wednesday, April 19

From the Pastor

First, let me say how excited I am to be the pastor here at Ayden Christian Church. I am grateful for the opportunity. I know this will be a time of transition for y'all and for the folks at Red Oak Christian Church. But I also think this relationship has great potential. I will ask that everyone be patient as we try to navigate a situation that neither church has ever experienced. Secondly, I am a creature of habit, so the best way for me and for both congregations to make this work is to have a set schedule, but at the same time, we all have to be flexible. My plan is to focus on Ayden on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and then to focus on Red Oak on Thursday and Friday. At this point, I plan to take Monday off. By focus I mean that I will be in the office and also visiting people in the congregation.

Finally, I will spend a lot of time getting to know you. There is no way to effectively pastor without knowing those whom I have been called to serve. The best way I know to get to know people is to be present with people. So, I will be calling and coming by to visit with you. I won't ever just show up, but I will be calling. Thanks again for this great opportunity.

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](#)

DOC Green Chalice



Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

[https://
www.discipleshomemissions.org/
missions-advocacy/green-chalice/](https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/green-chalice/)

Scripture for Sunday

James 2:14-18 (RSV)

“14 What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

18 But some one will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.”

Announcements

New Sunday Service Time

Beginning this Sunday, April 23, our worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Pastor's Office Hours

Initially, the new office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Keep in mind that Reece may be called away sometimes, so if you need a firm time feel free to make an appointment.

Reception

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

Graduation Party

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

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/>

Opportunities This Week

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.

Baby Shower

We will have a shower for Lyndsey Brock, Becky & Steve McLawhorn's daughter, on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in Beland Hall. It's a girl! They are registered at Amazon and Target. Contact Trish Williams to volunteer.

Prayer & Bible Study Group

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

Backpack Pals

Because we are ministering to so many children this year, donations for Backpack Pals are always welcome. If you are not a shopper, you can give money and the shopping will be done for you. Thanks for all you do to bless the children in our community.



Dates to Remember



- 19 - Stephen Venters
- 21 - Donovan Abbott
- 22 - Ryan & Jennifer Hardee
- 22 - Salem Snow
- 23 - Lyndsey Brock's baby shower
- 24 - Darlene Smith-Worthington

May

- 2 - Ben Tyson
- Marena Huggins Ausbon
- 7 - CMF/CWF dinner
- 8 - Chris Engleby
- 19 - Louis Sutton
- John & Kathy Urton
- 20 - Trish Williams
- 22 - Wesley Hardee
- Ron & Julie Venters
- 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 23)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Reed Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Jennifer Hardee
 - * Scripture: James 2:14-18
 - * Sermon Title: "What It's All About"
 - * Keep it 5 minutes or less
- * Elders: Becky & Steve McLawhorn
- * Greeters: Gaye Morgan, Darlene Pollard
- * Mic Runner: Emme Wainright
- * Worship Leader: Gaynell Deans
- * Worship Rep: Tommy Stancil

Next Sunday: (April 30)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Easton Ausbon
- * Children's Minute: Gaynell Deans
- * 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

Thank You

Our ACC Family,

Marilyn and I want to let you know what a joy it has been to serve you. We also want to thank you for your thoughtful and generous gifts.

All our prayers are with you, Rev. Jones, and Red Oak as you begin your shared ministry. What an exciting time this is!

Godspeed and every blessing to you.

Much Love,
Marilyn & Penny

*Thank
You*