

Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

2023
MARCH

Wednesday, March 8

From the Pastors

Friends in Christ,
Lent not only invites us to remember those dry times in our faith journey, it also reminds us of where God has poured streams of mercy over us, quenching our thirst and cleansing us. In fact, our lectionary readings this week carry us *through water and to water*.



In our *Old Testament* reading from *Exodus* 17, even though God has brought some exhausted slaves from Egypt through the waters to freedom, here in the wilderness, they are dry again and complain that God has brought them here to die!

God tells Moses four important things:

*Go ahead and take some of the elders with you.
Take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile.
I will be standing there right in front of you on the rock.
Strike the rock and water will come out.*

The rock has often been read as a foreshadowing of Jesus, our Living Water, who even though he was struck down, poured out forgiveness and mercy.

When in your dryness, you are tempted to doubt God, hear these words again, “I will be standing there right in front of you on the rock.” Remember that when you wonder, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

God is here, calling you forth to fresh streams and new beginnings! Praise God!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Penny

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Pastors' Office Hours:

Sunday

11am-1pm

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

8am-2pm

Friday

8am - 12pm

Link of the week:

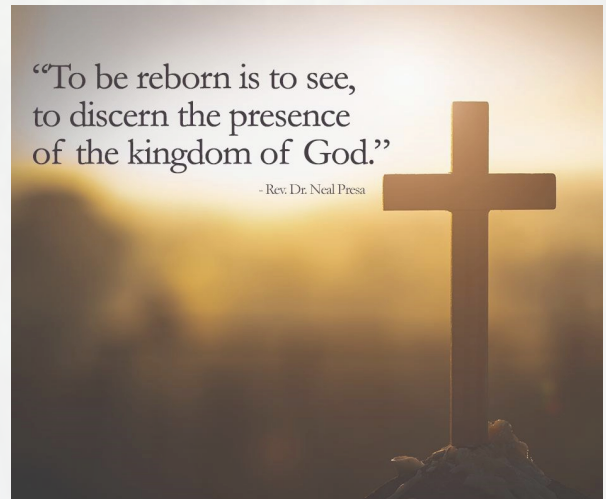
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John 3:1-17 -Sacred Secrets Unfold -

(from March 1, 2023)

Nicodemus met with Jesus at night. What drew him to Jesus? What secrets were revealed? In the stillness of the night, sacred secrets, He (the Lord) will unfold. Communication with God will slowly work things out. Revelations and discoveries are made; flesh/Spirit, earth/heaven, light/darkness, believing/not believing, and doing evil/doing the truth.



Once in the stillness of the late midnight
hour,
I felt the presence of the Lord's saving pow-
er;
I fell on my knees and cried to Him there,
Oh, merciful Savior, hear a lost sinner's
prayer.

Every hour and every day,
Every moment, in every way;
I'm leaning on Jesus the rock of my soul,
I'm singing His praises wherever I go.

I'll never forget that night on my knees,
The joy of that hour has never left me;
It's life's sweetest memory that time can't erase,
I'm saved by His mercy, redeemed by His grace.

Precious memories,
how they linger,
How they ever flood
my soul;
In the stillness of
the midnight,
Precious, sacred
scenes unfold.
Sacred secrets the
Lord will unfold.

Blessings,
Pastor Marilyn

Announcements

Search and Call Update

Rev. Reece Jones has accepted our offer to pastor Ayden Christian Church, along with Red Oak Christian Church. Please be in prayer for him, our two churches, and the congregation he is preparing to entrust to new leadership.

Arrangements for Kent Allen

We will serve lunch to the family of Kent Allen on March 25 at 12:00pm. The memorial service will follow at 2:00pm.

Link to obituary: <https://coastalcremationsnc.com/obituaries/david-kent-allen/>

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers. It's coming together. My health still needs prayers, I am with God's help working on that.

*Thank
You*

Thank you,
Trish

New address:
Trish Crocket
2605 Whitaker Dr. Apt C2
Greenville, NC 27834

Church Internet and Phones

Last Tuesday, we had an internet outage while the provider was doing maintenance on their equipment. When internet service was restored, our network did not come back up properly. Our friend at Langley Computers was able to fix the problem. If you need to connect, please see the worship leader or a greeter for the new Wi-Fi password.

The church phones have had a lot of static since that incident as well. Someone is coming Friday to correct this issue. We apologize for these inconveniences.

Because the internet and printer were both down, we were not able to get a newsletter out last week. We have included Pastor Marilyn's comments this week to help make up for this.

Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes shipped today! We are expecting them sometime on Friday. They will be discounting the price to compensate for the delay. If all goes well, we may be able to take them home on Sunday.

Opportunities This Week

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 Service

Come worship with us Sunday morning at 10am! For those who are not able to attend, find us on Facebook for a live stream.

Board Meeting

We will have a Board Meeting this Sunday following the worship service. Please stay if you are able.

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 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



10 - A Day Apart Retreat day 1

11 - Greg & Cindy Rhue

- A Day Apart Retreat day 2

12 - Board Meeting

20 - Thomas Tyson

22 - Elizabeth Gunst

- David & Melissa Johnson

24 - Phyllis Newman

25 - Linwood Allegood

27 - Steve & Becky McLawhorn

31 - Roy & Patty Richardson

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 (March 12)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- * Acolyte: Addison Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Emme Wainright
 - * Scripture: John 4:4-30, 39-42 (NRSV)
 - * Title: "Welling Up"
 - * Keep it 5 minutes or less
- * Elders: Kim Baker, Gaye Morgan
- * Greeters: Darlene Pollard, Sarah Taylor
- * Mic Runner: Lou Anne Sutton
- * Minister: Rev. Penny Ziemer
- * Worship Leader: Alice Huggins
- * Worship Rep: Ryan Hardee

Next Week (March 19)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- * Acolyte: Jorja Venters
- * Children's Minute: Alice Huggins
- * Elders: Carol Ann & Ray Hardee
- * Greeters: Sue Venters, Emme Wainright
- * Mic Runner: Addison Hardee
- * Minister: Rev. Penny Ziemer
- * Worship Leader: Becky McLawhorn
- * Worship Rep: Gaye Morgan

Service Chairs for March

- * Brooks Buck, Sandy Spence