

Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, May 10

From the Pastor

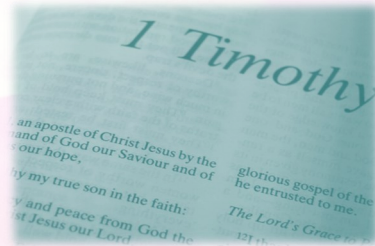
One of the things that I enjoy most about being in church are the people that make up the church. I know that the church is not a building; the church is the family of God.

But, on Sunday morning, we get up, we get ready and as the church, we come to church. I am already learning how much the folks at Ayden Christian Church love being the church and love being in church.

This coming week in church, we are going to think about how we, as individuals, live as the church. Of course, you know we are in the first chapter of I Timothy, where Paul is telling Timothy some things that will help him become a better pastor. What we have learned is that these are some instructions that will also help all of us become better Christians in general. All of us have benefitted, I hope, from coming to a better understanding of our calling and our Gospel.

This Sunday, we are going to talk about knowing ourselves. Who are we in Christ? Who are we in relationship to God? Who are we in relation to our pasts? These are all questions we will ask and hopefully try to answer this week. Being a Christian depends, in so many ways, on us knowing who we are. Only when we know ourselves can we truly live as God's people. Hope to see you Sunday.

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:

[Disciples Women](https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/congregations/disciples-women/)



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Scripture for Sunday

I Timothy 1:12-17 (RSV)

12 I thank him who has given me strength for this, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful by appointing me to his service, 13 though I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and insulted him; but I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; 16 but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Scholarship

Scholarship applications are available on the table in the vestibule by the church office. Please return completed applications to the church office by Sunday, May 28 at noon. Scholarships will be awarded on Graduation Sunday. See Marty Stancil for more information.



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).

Operation Christmas Child

Year-round-shopping suggestions for May are hygiene items, such as brushes, comb, soap, washcloths, and deodorant.



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.



Prayer & Bible Study Group



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

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

Dates to Remember



May

- 14 - Mother's Day
- 19 - Louis Sutton
- John & Kathy Urton
- 20 - Trish Williams
- 21 - Pentecost Offering
- 22 - Wesley Hardee
- Ron & Julie Venters
- 25 - Hookerton District Union Meeting
- 26 - Ross Gunst
- 28 - Pentecost Offering
- 29 - Bear & Sarah Baldree
- 30 - Brooks Buck
- Wesley & Connie Hardee

June

- 5 - Joanna Murphrey
- 6 - Robert & Amanda Abbott
- CMF/CWF Dinner
- 7 - Seth & Brandan Newman
- 9 - K.R. Roberson
- 10 - Ryan Hardee
- Ned & B.J. Craft
- 11 - Wilson Venters
- 13 - Ronnie Huggins
- Andrew Shue
- 15 - Colin Baldree
- Keith & Scottie Gaskins
- 19 - Denelle Roberson
- 22 - Robert & Sandy Spence
- 25 - Connie Hardee
- 27 - Addison Hardee
- 28 - Ray & Carol Ann Hardee
- 29 - Thomas & Trudy Tyson
- Wilson & Katherine Venters
- 30 - Coy & Brooks Buck
- Ed & Ann Carraway

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 (May 14):

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Jorja Venters
- * Children's Minute: Lou Anne Sutton
 - * Scripture: I Timothy 1:12-17
 - * Sermon Title: "Know Yourself"
- * Elders: Kim Baker, Gaynell Deans
- * Greeters: Addison Hardee, Emme Wainright
- * Mic Runner: Jennifer Hardee
- * Worship Leader: Becky McLawhorn
- * Worship Rep: Sarah Taylor

Next Sunday (May 21):

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Reed Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Emme Wainright
- * Elders: M.C. "Bear" Baldree, Jennifer Hardee
- * Greeters: Gaye Morgan, Darlene Pollard
- * Mic Runner: Addison Hardee
- * Worship Leader: Steve McLawhorn
- * Worship Rep: Ryan Hardee

Service Chairs for May

- * Joyce Barnes, Alice Huggins