

Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, March 29

From the Pastors

Greetings, Church Family!

As we look forward to Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, I remember the story you may have heard about the little boy with a sore throat who stayed home with his grandma one Palm Sunday. When the rest of the family returned from church, they were carrying palm branches. The little boy asked what they were for. His father told him that people laid them before Jesus when he walked by. In a sad, disappointed voice, the little boy said, "Wouldn't you know it? The one Sunday I miss is the Sunday Jesus shows up!"



Count on the children to get straight to the heart of things. This week, Jesus asks us to show up – show up to watch and pray with him during his loneliest times on earth, show up to stand with him when others run away, show up at the Cross to witness and receive the love and forgiveness he pours out!

Whatever you are going through, remember this. Jesus showed up for us, and that made, and continues to make, all the difference.

Prayer: Lord, just as you showed up to bring us new life, help us to show up this week to bear your pain and to receive your mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

In Christ's Love,
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Pastors' Office Hours:

Sunday

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friday

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Link of the Week

Learn more about the
Easter Offering:

[https://
disciplesmissionfund.org/
special-offerings/easter/](https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/easter/)

Scripture for Sunday

“When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ 4 This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ 10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ 11 The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’”
~ Matthew 21:1-11

Opportunities to Participate

We need four volunteers to read scripture at the Maundy Thursday Service at Red Oak CC on April 6. Email or call the church office to sign up and get your reading.

We also have an opening for someone to sing a verse of a favorite hymn at the same service. Email or call the church office to make your selection and any other arrangements.

Announcements

Christian Men's Fellowship & Christian Women's Fellowship

Please join us Tuesday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. Bring a dish to share.

Maundy Thursday Supper and Service

We will have a joint dinner and service for Maundy Thursday at Red Oak Christian Church. Supper is at 5:30 p.m. and the service will begin at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Easter Egg Hunt at Red Oak

Red Oak's Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 8th at 10 a.m. A pizza lunch will follow. Kids of all ages are welcome to come and bring friends for fun, games, and prizes.

Community Sunrise Service

Ayden will have a Community Sunrise Service downtown on Easter Sunday at 6:30 a.m. 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 p.m. 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.

Opportunities This Week

Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School Class invites you to join them on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in Johnson Hall.

Sunday Morning Worship

Come worship with us Sunday morning at 10 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.

Easter Special Offering

The Easter Special Day Offering supports most of the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These ministries operate across the U.S. and Canada as well as around the world. Through care, service and advocacy for others; sharing resources, stories and worship, general ministries partner with regions to strengthen congregations for the mission our Church.



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 pm in Beland Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Dates to Remember



31 - Roy & Patty Richardson

April

1 - Amanda Abbott

- David Worthington

2 - Palm Sunday

- Special Easter Offering

4 - Cassius Williams

- CMF/CWF Dinner

5 - Collin Peterson

- Jody Venters

6 - Maundy Thursday Supper & Service

8 - Red Oak CC Easter Egg Hunt

9 - Easter

- Community Sunrise Service

- Special Easter Offering

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 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 Week: (April 2)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- * Acolyte: Easton Ausbon
- * Children's Minute: Lou Anne Sutton
 - * "Laying It All Down"
 - * Matthew 21:1-11
 - * Keep it 5 minutes or less
- * Elders: Jennifer Hardee, Darlene Smith-Worthington
- * Greeters: Ryan Hardee, Emme Wainright
- * Mic Runner: Becky McLawhorn
- * Minister: Rev. Penny Ziemer
- * Worship Leader: Sarah Taylor
- * Worship Rep: Steve McLawhorn

Next Week: (April 9)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- * Acolyte: Addison Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Marty Stancil
- * Elders: Connie & Wesley Hardee
- * Greeters: Jennifer Hardee, Reed Hardee
- * Mic Runner: Gaye Morgan
- * Ministers: Rev. Marilyn Williams, Rev. Penny Ziemer
- * Worship Leader: Becky McLawhorn
- * Worship Rep: Sarah Taylor

Service Chairs for March

- * Brooks Buck, Sandy Spence

Service Chairs for April

- * Alice Huggins, Becky McLawhorn