

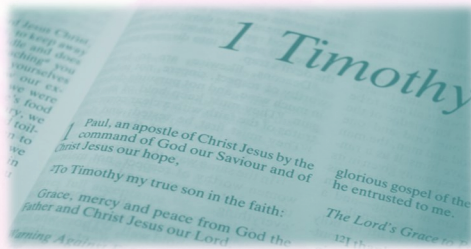
Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

2023
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Wednesday, May 3

From the Pastor

Once again, I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome you have given me and my family. Thanks especially for the reception on Sunday. That was a great way for Ayden and Red Oak to get together for a time of fellowship. I feel like I am starting to settle in and starting to understand better how to navigate our shared ministry. Both congregations are committed to making this work and are providing me with everything I need to be successful and effective.



This past Sunday, I started preaching through the book of I Timothy. It has only been in the last several years that my preaching focus shifted. I spend a lot more time preaching through books of the Bible. When we do that, we get a clear picture of what God wants us to know about how to be his people in the world. Last week, we talked about knowing our calling. All of us who are baptized Christians have a specific call from God; God gives us the gifts we need in order to be the person he has called us to be. At the same time, there are other more general things that all Christians are called to do and be. We talked about three - continue to grow and mature as we get older, show up and be present with people, and learn from our mistakes.

This week, our focus will be on the importance of knowing our gospel. What is the gospel that preach and teach, that we believe is good news? It is the simple gospel of grace. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This was an especially important theme for Timothy in Ephesus, as false teachers had crept in who were teaching things about Jesus that were not accurate. Not much has changed; there are people in the church today who teach a different gospel than that delivered to the saints. I hope to see you Sunday as we talk more about this.

Grace and peace,
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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:



Church Women United: May Friendship Day

[https://
www.churchwomenunited.net/may-friendship-day/may-friendship-day](https://www.churchwomenunited.net/may-friendship-day/may-friendship-day)

Scripture for Sunday

I Timothy 1:3-11

3 As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, 4 nor to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies which promote speculations rather than the divine training that is in faith; 5 whereas the aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and sincere faith. 6 Certain persons by swerving from these have wandered away into vain discussion, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make assertions.

8 Now we know that the law is good, if any one uses it lawfully, 9 understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 immoral persons, sodomites, kidnapers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, 11 in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

Announcements

Board Meetings

Starting Tuesday, May 9, our board meetings will be on the second Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Scholarships

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).

Thank You!

Thank you to all the ladies who cooked, ran errands, and helped serve today for the Jean Smith Family luncheon. We appreciate each one of you.

Friendly Reminder

We have added blue bins with a recycling logo throughout the church for items that can be recycled. This includes cans, plastic bottles, and paper. Regular trash goes in bins that are not blue.

Opportunities This Week

Graduation Party

Emme Wainright and Drew Browne's graduation party is on Saturday, May 6, at 4 p.m. in the ACC Family Life Center.

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.

Choir Practice

The choir will practice immediately following the worship service on Sunday. If you love to sing, please join us!

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/>

Prayer & Bible Study Group

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

Board Meeting

The May Board Meeting is Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in Beland Hall.

Dates to Remember



May

- 6 - Graduation Party for Emme & Drew
- 7 - Franklin Graham Event
- 8 - Chris Engleby
- 9 - Board Meeting
- 14 - Mother's Day
- 19 - Louis Sutton
- John & Kathy Urton
- 20 - Trish Williams
- 22 - Wesley Hardee
- Ron & Julie Venters
- 25 - Hookerton District Union Meeting
- 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 (May 7):

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Addison Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Gaye Morgan
 - * Scripture: I Timothy 1:3-11
 - * Title: "Know Your Gospel"
- * Elders: Lou Anne & Louis Sutton
- * Greeters: Jennifer Hardee, Sue Venters
- * Mic Runner: Lou Anne Sutton
- * Worship Leader: Sarah Taylor
- * Worship Rep: Ryan Hardee

Service Chairs for May

- * Joyce Barnes, Alice Huggins

Next Sunday (May 14):

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Jorja Venters
- * Children's Minute: Lou Anne Sutton
- * Elders: Kim Baker, Gaye Morgan
- * Greeters: Addison Hardee, Emme Wainright
- * Mic Runner: Jennifer Hardee
- * Worship Leader: Becky McLawhorn
- * Worship Rep: Sarah Taylor