

Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

2023
JANUARY

Wednesday, January 4

From the Pastors

The pace of Jesus' life goes from zero to one hundred. From his birth to his baptism. Advent to Epiphany. We no longer see him as a child. It is in this season between Advent and Lent that we learn the character of Jesus. God employs him, yes, he is God's son, but he came for one purpose and one purpose only to redeem the world. He is indeed the Servant of God.



Pastor Marilyn

Isaiah 42: 1-7

42 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
2 He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
3 A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
4 he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”
5 This is what God the Lord says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:
6 “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,
7 to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in dark-
ness.

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Pastors' Office Hours:

Sunday

11am-1pm

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

8am-2pm

Friday

8am - 12pm



Link of the week:

**Timothy Christian
Church (D.O.C.)**

[https://
timothy-
ccnc.weebly.com/](https://timothy-ccnc.weebly.com/)

Racial Equity Training for Clergy & Church Leaders

A Racial Equity Training for Clergy and Church Leaders will be held January 20-21, 2023 at First Christian Church in Greensboro. Meeting times are Friday 10:00 am to 6:00pm; and Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The registration deadline is January 13, 2023.

(flyer attached)

Offering Envelopes

Several people have asked about offering envelopes for 2023. We placed an order back in October. When they did not arrive on time, we inquired and the company said they have had difficulties with both equipment and staff. They hope to have our order shipped by the end of this month. In the meantime, you are welcome to use the envelopes provided in the pew pockets.

Hookerton District Union Meeting

Our district meeting will be January 26 at 6:15pm at Timothy Christian Church. The menu has not been set, and the meal will be provided as a gift from the church. Please RSVP to Rev. Lee Parker at lee.at.timothycc@gmail.com by January 23.

(flyer attached)

Church Office Closed on Friday

The church office will be closed this Friday, January 6.

Friendly Reminder

Remember to collect your communion cup and other trash and toss it in the trash cans as you exit. This is another step to help prevent the spread of germs.

Opportunities This Week

Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School Class invites you to join them on Sunday morning at 9:00 am.

Sunday Morning Worship Service

Join us for Sunday Morning Worship at 10 am. We will install our 2023 church officers in a brief ceremony.

Board Meeting

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

Prayer and Bible Study Group

The Prayer & Bible Study Group meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in Johnson & Beland Halls. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Local Benevolence

Money from our Gratitude Jar goes to support local families in need of assistance, usually with utilities or rent. If you have an abundance, please consider giving regularly to help ease their burdens.



Dates to Remember



Jan 4 - Evan Peterson

Jan 6 - Tommy & Marty Stancil

Jan 8 - Installation of Officers

- Board Meeting

Jan 10 - Carol Ann Hardee

Jan 11 - Gaye Morgan

Jan 14 - District Lunch Meeting

Jan 16 - Coy Buck

- Betty Jo Manning

Jan 18 - Althea McNairy

Jan 20-21 - Racial Equity Training for Clergy and Church Leaders

Jan 25 - Greg Rhue

Jan 26 - Hookerton District Union Meeting

Jan 31 - Raegan Wainright

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 (January 8)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- * Acolyte: Addison Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Gaye Morgan
 - Scripture: Isaiah 42: 1-7
 - Title: "The Chosen Servant"
 - 5 minutes or less
- * Elders: Joyce Barnes, Gaynell Deans
- * Greeters: Becky & Steve McLawhorn
- * Mic Runner: Lou Anne Sutton
- * Minister: Rev. Marilyn Williams
- * Worship Leader: Sarah Taylor
- * Worship Rep: Ryan Hardee

Next Week (January 15)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- * Acolyte: Becky McLawhorn
- * Children's Minute: Lou Anne Sutton
- * Elders: Jennifer Hardee, Darlene Smith Worthington
- * Greeters: Ronnie Huggins, Gaye Morgan
- * Mic Walker: Sarah Taylor
- * Minister: Rev. Melissa Acres
- * Worship Leader: Alice Huggins
- * Worship Rep: Steve McLawhorn

Service Chair for January

- * Marty Stancil