

# Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

2023  
FEBRUARY

*Wednesday, February 1*

## From the Pastors

Friends in Christ,

I look forward to meeting each of you and worshipping with you this Sunday! It will be a joy to share this ministry with Pastor Marilyn Williams and all of you. I'm passing along my email and cell number. Please let me know of any needs you have.

Our Sunday lectionary readings are so rich every week- each one a feast from the Lord! Here is a passage from The Storyteller's Bible's translation of our epistle lesson from I Corinthians 2:9-10, which I pray will nourish you:

“...God has prepared things for those who love him that no eye has seen, or ear has heard, [things that] haven't crossed the mind of any human being. God has revealed these things to us through the Spirit [who] searches everything, including the depths of God.”

Sometimes change is hard. Transitions are unsettling, yet you are the Lord's, Ayden Christian Church, and new things await you that may not have crossed your minds! We ask God to reveal them!

Closing Prayer: God of new beginnings, search our lives and open our hearts to all you have for us. Bless each one in your Body, and show us your path ahead. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

In Christ's love,

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### Pastors' Office Hours:

**Sunday**

**11am-1pm**

### Church Office Hours:

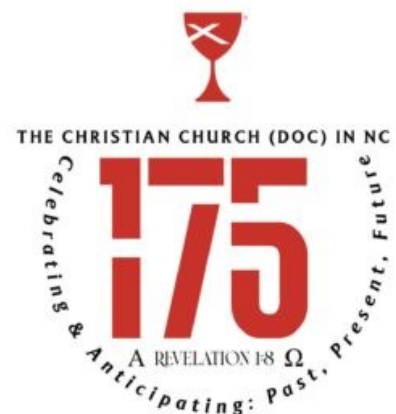
**Monday - Thursday**

**8am-2pm**

**Friday**

**8am - 12pm**

### Link of the week:



### Regional Assembly:

[https://ncdisciples.org/  
regional-assembly/](https://ncdisciples.org/regional-assembly/)

## Scripture for Feb. 5 - Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSV)

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

## Regional Assembly

Ayden Christian Church is allowed three delegates to the regional assembly, and three alternates. If you are interested in representing us in Charlotte on April 29 and in Wilson on October 14, see Wendy Peterson to apply. Please let us know by February 21.



We have not had any interest shown for this event. Please read this week’s link to learn more about the importance of the Regional Assembly.

( <https://ncdisciples.org/regional-assembly/> )

## Operation Christmas Child



For those who like to work on shoeboxes year-round, suggested shopping items for February are fashion accessories (hair ties, jewelry, sunglasses, watches, for example).

# 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

Come worship with us Sunday morning at 10 am. We will welcome our newest co-pastor, Rev. Penny Ziemer!

## 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 rehearse following the Sunday morning worship service. Come join us if you like to sing!



## Prayer and Bible Study Group



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

## Dates to Remember



## February

- 3 - Ayden Founder's Day events
- 4 - Mike & Cindy Goff
  - Emme Wainright
  - Ayden Founder's Day events
- 12 - Board Meeting
- 15 - Robert Spence
- 17 - Cameron Rhue
  - Kim Baker
- 19 - Week of Compassion Offering begins
- 20 - Cindy Goff
- 21 - Asa Spain
  - Sue Venters
- 22 - Tommy Stancil
  - Ash Wednesday
- 26 - Week of Compassion Offering ends

*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 (February 5)**

- \* A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- \* Acolyte: Easton Ausbon
- \* Children's Minute: Alice Huggins
  - \* Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSV)
  - \* Sermon Title: "Being Salt and Light"
  - \* 5 Minutes or less
- \* Elders: Becky & Steve McLawhorn
- \* Greeters: Addison Hardee, Jennifer Hardee
- \* Mic Runner: Emme Wainright
- \* Minister: Rev. Penny Ziemer
- \* Worship Leader: Darlene Baker
- \* Worship Rep: Sarah Taylor

## **Next Week (February 12)**

- \* A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- \* Acolyte: Addison Hardee
- \* Children's Minute: Emme Wainright
- \* Elders: Marty & Tommy Stancil
- \* Greeters: Marena Ausbon, Marty Stancil
- \* Mic Runner: Becky McLawhorn
- \* Minister: Rev. Penny Ziemer
- \* Worship Leader: Steve McLawhorn
- \* Worship Rep: Todd Ausbon

## **Service Chairs for February**

- \* Alice Huggins, Denelle Roberson