

# Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, November 8

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been talking about the difficulty involved with being a minister. Of course, I hope we all realize by now that ministry is synonymous with being a Christian, because all Christians are called to be a minister. So, when Paul writes to Timothy, he is writing to all of us who are baptized believers in and followers of Jesus. Now, we have also acknowledged that we don't face the types of difficulties the early Christians did. They were being persecuted and beaten and jailed and sometimes killed for their faith. That is not a part of our story, but we do have challenges and difficulties especially when it comes to making sure our priorities are on God's will and not the world's wisdom.

I want to encourage all of us to think about areas where we struggle with this, especially are as where we tend to be more world-like than God-like. Maybe we have a problem with honesty, or integrity, maybe we have a problem with gossip or talking about people behind their back. Maybe we have a problem with going to someone and talking when we have a question or a concern. This is not an exhaustive list. But spend some time this week thinking and praying about things that you struggle with as you live out your call to ministry. Ask God to help you do better, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and peace,

Reece

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Tuesday & Wednesday  
8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday  
8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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online:



<https://www.zellepay.com/>  
Send Zelle donations to:  
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See Emme Wainright for  
questions and assistance.

## Link of the Week

Thanksgiving Offering



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Divinity Houses

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Your Thanksgiving Offering  
will be Part of a 129 Year  
Legacy of Educational Support

The graphic features a piggy bank with a graduation cap on top, a QR code, and the Disciples Mission Fund logo.

<https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/thanksgiving/>

## Scripture for Sunday

### **II Timothy 2:11-13 (RSV)**

“The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.”

## Announcements

### **Nominating Committee**

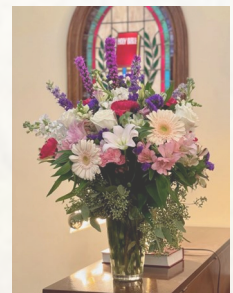
The Board has approved the following for the Nominating Committee: Carol Ann Hardee, Jennifer Hardee, Donna LaMotte, Becky McLawhorn. Please give your suggestions and feedback for 2024 officers, elders, and deacons to these ladies.

### **Offering Envelopes**

Envelopes for 2024 will be in the back of the church on Sunday. If you do not see your name, feel free to pick up an unlabeled one. You may also stop by the church office at your convenience to collect them.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to Henry Wood for donating the beautiful flowers in the sanctuary this past Sunday.



### **Christmas Program**

You are invited to share your talents with the church on Sunday, December 24, during the morning worship service. We welcome Christmas-themed instrumental music, poetry, scripture, singing, or other things you feel led to share. There will be a signup sheet in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday.

# Opportunities This Week

## Devotions

Daily devotions from Reece Jones are available on our Ayden/Red Oak Christian Churches' Shared Ministry Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090787755890>

## Romans Bible Study

Join us for a study of Romans on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. at Red Oak Christian Church, led by Reece Jones.

## Angel Tree

We are now accepting applications for the Angel Tree from local families in need. Participants must complete both sides of the application and return to the church office by Friday, November 10. Applications are available in the vestibule.

## Wedding

Emme and Drew invite you to attend their wedding on Saturday, November 11, at 3:30 p.m. Please sign the RSVP list in the back of the church if you are able to attend. (invitation attached)

## Operation Christmas Child

Packed shoeboxes must be in the church office by Sunday, November 12. Please include \$10 to cover shipping costs. Empty shoeboxes and labels are available in the vestibule.

## Adult Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m. in Johnson Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Sunday Worship

Come worship with us Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.! For those who are not able to attend in person, find us on Facebook for a live stream.

<https://www.facebook.com/aydenchristian/>

## 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

Everyone who loves to sing is welcome to join the choir for rehearsal on Sunday immediately following the worship service.

## Prayer & Bible Study

The Prayer & Bible Study Group meets on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. In Beland Hall. Everyone is welcome!

## Board Meeting

The November board meeting will be Tuesday, November 14 at 7 p.m.

## Dates to Remember



- 9 - Stan Ainsley
- 10 - Dale Huggins
- Morgan Brooks
- Angel Tree applications due
- 11 - Emme & Drew's Wedding
- 12 - Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes due
- 13 - Mike Goff
- June Whaley
- 14 - Board Meeting
- 17 - Jennifer Hardee
- 20 - Marc & Trish Williams
- 23 - Shannon Lubiani
- Thanksgiving
- 26 - Joyce McLawhorn

*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, November 12**

- \* A/V: Sadie Horton
- \* Acolyte: Easton Ausbon
- \* Children's Minute: Emme Wainright
  - \* Scripture: II Timothy 2:11-13
  - \* Sermon: "The Faithful Believer"
- \* Elders: Joyce Barnes, Gaynell Deans
- \* Greeters: Addison Hardee, Emme Wainright
- \* Mic Runner: Jennifer Hardee
- \* Nursery: Amanda Abbott
- \* Worship Leader: Alice Huggins
- \* Worship Rep: Ronnie Huggins

### **Next Sunday, November 19**

- \* A/V: Sadie Horton
- \* Acolyte: Addison Hardee
- \* Children's Minute: Marendra Ausbon
- \* Elders: Donna LaMotte, Darlene Smith
- \* Greeters: Jennifer & Ryan Hardee
- \* Mic Runner: Alice Huggins
- \* Nursery: Amanda Abbott
- \* Worship Leader: Sarah Taylor
- \* Worship Rep: Steve McLawhorn

### **Service Chairs for November**

Ann Carraway, Darlene Smith

## Prayer Concerns

### Members of Church

Susan Alligood  
The Ausbon Family  
Craig & Laura Buck  
Ann Carraway  
Patricia Crockett  
Family of Lena Darden  
The Horton Family  
Alice & Ronnie Huggins  
Jimbo Jackson  
Gaye Morgan  
Royce Richardson  
K.R. Roberson  
Marc & Trish Williams  
David Worthington

### Family & Friends of Church

Lisa Aldridge  
Gene Alligood  
Marsha Beatley  
Chuck & Gayle Bosse  
Pal Boyd  
Gloria Branch  
Jim Cairns  
Eleanor Carraway  
Gordon Clark  
Abbott Conger  
John Cooper  
Amy Cromartie  
Iris Davis  
Hubert Denton  
Darren Doorman  
Mae Eichorn  
Jonna Erber  
Dawn Gable  
Greg Gaylor

John Geary  
Carol Gordon  
Theo Harrison  
Olivia Hill  
Bessie James  
Pam Jolly  
Colin Jones  
Sandra Joyner  
Bob Lucas  
Victoria Lucas  
Arthur Marks  
Gray Mathis  
James Maury  
Don McNeill  
Patty Mercer  
Laverne Mills  
Frances Mitchell  
Tim Mizelle  
Doris Moore  
Donna Moran  
Ashley Norville  
George Oakey  
Mike Paige  
Brian Peterson  
Patsy Ransom  
Jo Anne Sellers  
Judy Stocks  
Sue Turnage  
Lincoln Venters  
Sherry Vernelson  
Aubrey Wahlen  
Robin Whitten  
Bess Willis  
Bobbie Worthington  
Danielle

### Shut-Ins

Barbara Engleby  
Carol Hart

### General Requests

Ayden Community  
Mark Brown & all Military,  
& Families  
Those facing Alzheimer's/  
Dementia  
Our teachers,  
administration, &  
students  
Our Public Service &  
employees  
Those facing acts of  
terrorism  
Those recovering from and  
affected by natural  
disasters  
Those suffering from Covid  
Situations in the Ukraine &  
Israel  
Unity & Peace  
Unspoken requests

### Church

For Visitors to feel welcome  
at all times  
All members  
The ministries we are  
blessed to provide  
The NC Church, our region,  
and the General  
Ministries of the  
Christian Church