

Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

2023
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Wednesday, April 12

From the Pastors

Greetings, Church Family!

As my time with you draws to a close, I want to let you know what a joy it has been to serve you, worship with you, share life with you, learn from you, pray with you, and grow with you. You are, and always will be, dear to my heart. Thank you so much for the love and gifts you showered on Pastor Penny and me last Sunday. What a Blessing. All my love, joy, and prayers will continue for you. We truly have bonded in the Christian faith. Remember, you are a community, a church family with many gifts; allow God to continue to use you as he blesses you with Rev. Jones and his family. Everybody has a role to play, nothing is too small, no idea, no gesture. Share your talents and be led by the Holy Spirit in all that you do. You are born again in hope, in love, and in belief. Remember, the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead now dwells in you.

Blessings,
Pastor Marilyn

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Sunday
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Monday - Thursday
8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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1 Peter 1:3

Link of the Week

Franklin Graham
"God Loves You" Tour
[https://
godlovesyoutour.com/
events/albemarle/](https://godlovesyoutour.com/events/albemarle/)

Scripture for Sunday

I Peter 1:3-9

“3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

Announcements

New Sunday Service Time

Beginning April 23, our Sunday morning worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Shower

We will have a shower for Lyndsey Brock, Becky & Steve McLawhorn’s daughter, on April 23 from 2 -4 p.m. in Beland Hall. It’s a girl! They are registered at Amazon and Target. Contact Trish Williams to volunteer.

Reception

We will welcome our new pastor, Rev. Reece Jones, with a reception on April 30 at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please bring a dish to share. The Red Oak CC congregation has been invited to join us.

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.

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/>

Opportunities This Week

FLC Cleanup

Come out at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday to help us finish getting the Family Life Center in order. You are invited to bring a vacuum.

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.

Board Meeting

We will have a board meeting this Sunday following the worship service. Please stay if you are able.

Prayer & Bible Study Group



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

Local Outreach

ACC uses donations to the Gratitude Jar to bless local families experiencing financial hardship. Please consider contributing as you are able.



Operation Christmas Child



Suggested shopping items for April are stuffed animals.

Dates to Remember



- 14 - Kathy Urton
- 16 - ACC Board Meeting
- 17 - Jim & Phyllis Newman
- Start date for Rev. Jones
- 19 - Stephen Venters
- 21 - Donovan Abbott
- 22 - Ryan & Jennifer Hardee
- 22 - Salem Snow
- 24 - Darlene Smith-Worthington

May

- 2 - Ben Tyson
- Marena Huggins Ausbon
- 8 - Chris Engleby
- 19 - Louis Sutton
- John & Kathy Urton
- 20 - Trish Williams
- 22 - Wesley Hardee
- Ron & Julie Venters
- 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: (April 16)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Jorja Venters
- * Children's Minute: Emme Wainright
- * Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9 NIV
- * Sermon Title: "My Heavenly Gift"
- * Keep it 5 minutes or less
- * Elders: Linwood Allegood, Donna LaMotte
- * Greeters: Becky & Steve McLawhorn
- * Mic Walker: Sarah Taylor
- * Worship Leader: Steve McLawhorn
- * Worship Rep: Gaye Morgan

Next Sunday: (April 23)

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Reed Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Jennifer Hardee
- * Elders: Becky & Steve McLawhorn
- * Greeters: Gaye Morgan, Darlene Polard
- * Mic Runner: Emme Wainright
- * Worship Leader: Gaynell Deans
- * Worship Rep: Tommy Stancil

Service Chairs for April

- * Alice Huggins, Becky McLawhorn