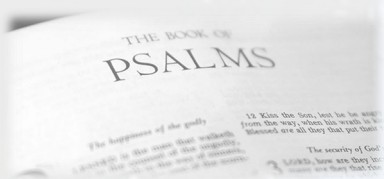


# Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

2023  
JULY

Wednesday, July 12

## From the Pastor



One of the things that I have really enjoyed doing over the last couple of months is continuing the online devotions from the book of Psalms. They have been as beneficial to me as I hope they have to you. Last week, in Psalm 125, the psalmist talked about three different people and their approach to the Word of God. One group are the faithful, committed people who follow God and live for him. Another group are those who willfully choose to reject God. In the middle are those Christians who compromise their commitment because they want to do what they want rather than what the Bible says they should do. In response to my comments, someone asked me if I had some sin specific sin in mind when I talked about how some Christians rationalize bad behavior.

I wanted to clarify that I was talking in broad, general terms. As Christians we will sometimes disagree on what is sin and what isn't sin. But as long as we agree on our commitment to Christ, we can continue to stay together and be the church. We are each responsible to God for our relationship with God. It is not my place or anyone else's to judge or criticize what another Christian does. Remember to be humble. I hope this helps clarify some things. I am grateful to the person who posed the question. Have a great week and I hope to see you Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Reece

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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.

**Online donations:**



<https://www.zellepay.com/>

Send Zelle donations to:

[aydencfinance@gmail.com](mailto:aydencfinance@gmail.com)

See Emme Wainright for questions and assistance.

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**Link of the Week:**

 **NC COALITION<sup>to end</sup>  
HOMELESSNESS**

<https://www.ncceh.org/>

## Scripture for Sunday

### I Timothy 4:7-12 (Revised Standard Version)

“Have nothing to do with godless and silly myths. Train yourself in godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

## Announcements

### Wedding Shower



We are so excited!!! We have a date, Sunday, October 15th, for a floating wedding shower from 2:00-4:00 for Emme Wainwright and Drew Browne. When it is time to plan decorations and food, we will share with you. It is so exciting to have these two young people, who are so active in our church, be united in marriage at our church on November 11th.

### Prayer Tree

We have a Prayer Tree outside that is always available for anyone who wants to leave a request.

### Ayden Community

#### Summer Meal Program

New Kingdom of Judah Ministries, 4361 Lee St., will provide breakfast and lunch for any child in the Ayden area from June 20 through August 17, 2023.



## Opportunities This Week

### Devotions



Daily devotions from Reece Jones on our Ayden/Red Oak Christian Churches Shared Ministry Facebook page can be found here:

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

### 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, 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



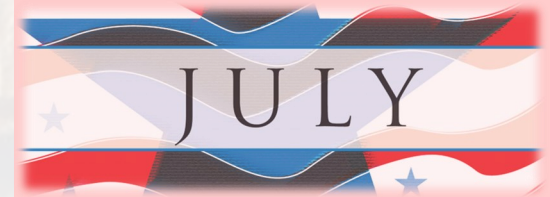
Everyone who loves to sing is welcome to join the choir for rehearsal on Sunday immediately following the worship service.

### Prayer & Bible Study

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



## Dates to Remember



- 13 - Louis & Lou Anne Sutton
- 14 - Ronald & Sue Venters
- 20 - Ronnie & Alice Huggins
- 21 - Bobby Venters
- 28 - Sydney & Althea McNairy
- 29 - Tony Tripp
- DoC General Assembly 2023 begins

## August

- 6 - Tony & Gina Tripp
- 10 - Joyce Barnes
- 11 - Pat Nichols
- 14 - Keith Gaskins
- Dale & Sandy Huggins
- 18 - Lou Anne Sutton
- 21 - Lyndsey Brock McLawhorn,
- Robin Richardson
- 22 - Katherine Venters
- 24 - Becky McLawhorn
- 27 - Steve McLawhorn
- 30 - Brianna Jones
- 31 - Amanda Brooks

*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, July 16**

- \* A/V: Sadie Horton
- \* Acolyte: Reed Hardee
- \* Children's Minute: Alice Huggins
  - \* Scripture: I Timothy 4:7-12
  - \* Sermon: "Practicing the Word"
- \* Elders: Marty & Tommy Stancil
- \* Greeters: Marty Stancil, Sue Venters
- \* Mic Runner: Jennifer Hardee
- \* Nursery: Amanda Abbott
- \* Worship Leader: Gaynell Deans
- \* Worship Rep: Ryan Hardee

### **Next Sunday, July 23**

- \* A/V: Sadie Horton
- \* Acolyte: Easton Ausbon
- \* Children's Minute: Gaye Morgan
- \* Elders: Gaynell Deans, Jennifer Hardee
- \* Greeters: Becky & Steve McLawhorn
- \* Mic Runner: Alice Huggins
- \* Nursery: Amanda Abbott
- \* Worship Leader: Darlene Smith -Worthington Baker
- \* Worship Rep: Todd Ausbon

### **Service Chairs for July**

- \* Carol Ann Hardee, Connie Hardee