



The Ayden Christian

May

“Come, Grow With Us ... In Christ”

2016

Newsletter Article May 2016:

From the Pastors' Desk,

May is a month that is jammed packed with activities, events and expectations; that the month goes faster than any other month in my opinion. The month of May holds “Mother’s Day” where we mark a special day to honor those women in our lives that portray what it means to a mother. Now this does not always mean that those we honor are biologically a mother to us. We also honor those who have nurtured us, watched us grow and have been there as a guide in our walk with Christ and God.

The month of May also brings forth “Pentecost” or the birth of the church (Acts 2). This celebration fluctuates from the third Sunday in May to the first Sunday in June. No matter when it is celebrated, the birth of what we know now as Christ Body in the world is an event that we all embrace. Maybe we should have a block party ourselves as the Apostles did in their day.

And as always, the end of May reminds Youth of all ages of freedom with two special events...Memorial Day and the opening of the beach scene. During this fun-filled, multi event weekend; many of us go to the beach once school and work is over on Friday. Get the boat out, go camping, or even just hit up all those nursery sales and make our lawns and gardens look spectacular. Let us not forget the parades and concerts that culminate that weekend as well, or those who gave us a model in service and sacrifice.

Yes, the month of May is over flowing with all kinds of appealing events and celebrations. I just hope we all remember the most important thing about the month of May, the opportunity to spend quality time with family! For whatever activities or events we do this month, let us do it with those we love and whom love us. Let us honor our mothers and those who were placed in our lives by God. Let us celebrate the birth of the Body of Christ as our ancestors did. Let us make the most of our time with those whom we love, in whatever fashion the family sees fit. Let us remember those who honored us all as they served their country, families and God.

“We are what we think. All that we are arises with our thoughts. With our thoughts we make the world. Speak or act with an impure mind and trouble will follow you as the wheel follows the ox that draws the cart. Speak and act with a pure mind and happiness will follow you as your shadow, unshakable.”

---Siddhartha Gautama

Blessings and Love,

Chad

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL



Thank you to everyone for the love you have shown my family and me these past 14 months. I am honored to have been called here and blessed to be part of the Ayden Faith Family.

The Ayden Ministers Alliance Invites You to

A Day of Prayer



National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5th

Downtown Ayden at

West Avenue Stage

7:00 PM

Please join us for
Prayers and gospel songs

Mother's Day Sunday



Sunday, May 8th, we will honor all women in our church with a small token of appreciation for all that they have done in God's name.

Pentecost Sunday



Sunday, May 15th, we will celebrate the birth of the Body of Christ, the Church Universal, in constant worship of God and dedication to Jesus Christ's teachings.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMPETITION



May 21st, 2016
12-2:00 PM
Ayden Christian
Church (DoC)
Family Life Center
462 Second Street
Ayden, NC 28513

\$10 for 10 samples
Or while supplies lasts

During the weekend of May 19- 21st, the **Kings of Q Cook-off** and Festival will be in Ayden, North Carolina. We have been graced with the opportunity to house the judging for this competition, which will be in our Beland and Johnson Hall. Thank you to Billy Merrill for helping us get this opportunity. On Saturday between 11:30AM-2:00PM, we will be sponsoring a **People's Choice Competition** in the Family Life Center. Each Team will submit a portion of meat that we, Ayden Christian Church, will put into pre-marked containers for the competition. Anyone who wants to purchase 10 containers at \$1.00 a piece can vote on which cooking team is the People Choice Winner for the competition. Start spreading the word so that we will have a great weekend, not only for our church, but for our community.

The youth have been feeding 41 children a week in our community through our backpack pal program. This program teaches our youth how to serve others and give back to our community. On April 30th, we will be feeding the Ayden community in a poverty area. We will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs on a first come basis. These will be free to the community. We will start serving at 12 noon and will end at 2:00 PM or until we run out. If you are interested in donating hotdogs, hamburgers, buns or condiments, please contact Amanda or Shawn Brooks, or one of our youth. Please feel free to drop items off in our church office as well. We look forward to more upcoming events! Thank you for your support.

Thank you,
Amanda & Shawn Brooks



*Sunday, May 29th, we will
remember those who had
fought
and have fallen in service to
their country, family and
God.*

April 16, 2016

Dearest Pastor Chad and the entire Church Family,

Words will never say enough to thank all of you for your love, prayers and support during Lindsey's illness and passing on April 3, 2016.

I will never forget what all of you have meant to me and my entire family.

God Bless our church and congregation.

Love,

Nancy Braxton

The words "thank you"
hardly seem enough,

But they're coming from
my heart,



A heart uplifted by your
kindness.

(Inside of card)

Dear Pastor Chad,

*Thank you and your congregation for your generous donation of \$50.00 to the **Military BibleStick Outreach**.*

We had no idea, when we launched this program in 2008, of the extent of the need and the hunger for God's Word among our troops and veterans. In fact, the demand continues to grow as chaplains in veteran's hospitals become aware of the Military BibleStick and request them for the people they minister to.

The long-term effects of your investment in these lives will not be known until eternity.

Again, thank you,

*'till all have heard,
Troy Carl
Senior Vice President*



The Annual Ayden Christian Church Family Picnic

Back in the Dr. Daily era of Ayden Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was started an Annual Family Fun Day. The first date was Saturday, May 5 1990 from 2-6 PM at the church.

We as a Faith Family should renew this event and enjoy the fellowship that comes along with it. We will have games and activities for all ages. The smell of grilled hotdogs, hamburgers will fill the air. **We ask that each family brings a dessert to share.** Sweet Tea and Water will be available. Plan to come out and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Other foods items we could use: pickles, relish, catsup, mustard, mayonnaise, onions, lettuce, tomato, and chips.

If you are planning to come, please fill out this form to indicate how many from your family will attend and what dessert and/or food items you could bring. Drop this form in the offering basket or drop it off at the church office on Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-1:00PM.

(Filling out this form is not required, but this form will help us in knowing who is planning on coming, purchasing the meat, and negotiating events for this event)

Family Name: _____

Number Attending: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Food Items you will be bringing: _____

The Membership & Evangelism Committees encourages you to attend!!! If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to call Becky McLawhorn or Joyce Barns or the church office.





Vacation Bible School Adult and Youth Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____

Cell _____

Work _____

Age Information

Date of birth _____

Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other _____

Emergency Contacts

Name _____

Phone _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Dismissal Information:

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS _____

Other Information (church use only)

Surfer Group _____

Are parents/guardians/family members helping with *Surf Shack* VBS? _____

If yes, where? _____

Please fill this form out and return it to the church office by two ways:

- 1.) Fill out the form electronically and sending the form to aydendisciples@gmail.com.
- 2.) Print out this form, fill the form out by hand and return it to the church office.





May Birthdays & Anniversaries*

2nd: Amy Gee Evans, Ben Tyson, Marenda Ausbon
3rd: Jack & Andrea Hardison*, Matthew King
6th: Dan & Kaye Dowless*, Mike Wainwright
8th: Chris Engleby, Kim Shue
9th: Sam Gee, Jordan Smith
10th: Bill Hardy, Jean White
11th: Griselle Lugo
12th: Joe Smith, Meghan Stancil
14th: John Brick, Billy & Shelly Merrill*
16th: Billy William Merrill
19th: Paul Andrews, Brent Riggs, Louis Sutton
Hunter Hardison, Holly Hardison
John & Kathy Urton* Rosalie Penhorwood
20th: Trish Williams
21st: Blake Allen, Harriet Mall, Susan Branch Meier
22nd: Wesley Hardee, Kevin Hill, Ron & Julie Venters*
Natalyah Rivera, Rachel Speight
23rd: Jonathan Merrill
24th: Gina Tripp, Scarlet Huggins
26th: George & Brianna Gee*, Ross Gunst
27th: David & Jackie Keene*
28th: Doris Bateman Carroll, Noah Butler
Ben Vaughan
29th: Bear & Sarah Baldree*
30th: Brooks Buck. Wesley & Connie Hardee*
31st: Brandon Gooding, Billy Merrill