



# The Ayden Christian

June

“Come, Grow With Us ... In Christ”

2016

Hello all,

School is only two weeks away from being a distant memory for our youth, with summer vacation on the horizon. Kara and I are feeling some of the anxiety that comes with trying to find activities to keep our three girls content during the summer vacation months. And truthfully, we know that this is just the beginning of what our summers will entail as our girls grow older.

One focus of the summer for our girls is not forgetting about growth in learning all that can be learned in God's World. We are playing in the earth to learn about creatures in our back yard. We are planting vegetables, flowers, and bushes to make our house a home. And we are reading books that enlighten their minds as well as their hearts. The Bible enlightens us at any age, and when read continuously, is able to form a bond with those who came before us. At least we are trying to incorporate these activities into our weeks.

But to be truthful it is difficult. How many of us have the time to sit and read anything together anymore, work on anything as busy as our lives are during the summer? It seems that when I was growing up that, summer marked a slow-down in our lives that we do not see today. With all the possible activities that we do throughout the school year from sports, to clubs, to tutoring, to any sort of lesson we can take to get ahead in school; being a focus in our lives today. It is hard to find time to just spend time with our families. Quality time that allows spiritual growth and family growth through game nights together around the kitchen table, piling on the couch to watch a movie, making s'mores, or even just taking turns reading the Bible aloud. And the summer doesn't mean a break from these activities anymore, it often means an intensifying or more concentrated form of them, in extra hours, weeks, or special programs only offered outside of the school year.

I know when I was in Jr and Senior High School, my brother and/or I were always somewhere playing in a basketball, football or baseball tournament during the summer. But my parents made us sit down and watch a movie together once a week, we sat around the table and discussed our day with each other during dinner or at other times. We spent quality time together, even if it was for a small time.

Quality time can be a slippery slope. We often confuse quantity of time with quality of time. Just because we are together does not mean we are honestly focused on one another and engaged with one another. I want to challenge us all to spend time this summer, slowing down and prioritizing one another and our faith over all else.

“Everything arises and passes away. When you see this, you are above sorrow. This is the shining way.”

--Siddhartha Gautama

*Chad*



June 4<sup>th</sup> is the Summer Youth Yard Sale in the Family Life Center from 7:00-11:00 AM. Thank you to those who gave items to the youth.



Graduation Sunday is June 5<sup>th</sup> during the morning Worship Service. We are honoring: *Sophia Penhorwood, Lily Huggins, Scarlet Huggins, Hailey Jones, Rachel Speight, Charlie St. Andrews, Amanda Brooks, Lauren Barnes and Kacie Mizell.*

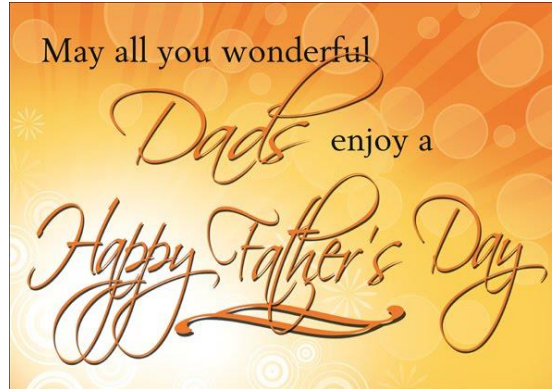


*Sunday June 5 is our start of Summer Worship at 10:00AM in the Main Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars for these Sundays as they are our Pot-Luck Luncheon Sundays: June 12, July 10 and August 28.*

The Youth Year End Party will be at Pastor Chad's House at 2121 Cameron Court in Winterville on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 3:00 PM. All Youth, even if you are not active in our group at this time, and parents are welcome to come to the party as well. Please bring a swimming suit to swim if weather permits. We will have hamburgers, hotdogs, and veggie burgers for those who want them. We just ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share.



**Father's Day Sunday is June 19<sup>th</sup>. Please come and honor those who have been a Father or Father figure to you throughout your life.**



*Dear Churches of the Hookerton District:*

*On behalf of the Regional Assembly Vision Team, I write to thank you for the various ways you supported and participated in the recent Regional Assembly, meeting last month in Greenville. We have heard much positive feedback as to the quality of the Assembly – from speakers and programs, to the meals and accommodation. Of course, all of this would not have been possible without your hard work and attendance.*

*Thank You!*

*Associate Regional Minister, the Reverend Valerie Melvin, challenged the Vision Team at the beginning of 2015, saying that the Hookerton District needed to raise the bar in this Assembly, and that the rest of the region would be watching us. I think we rose to the occasion with the 168<sup>th</sup> Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina being something that all Disciples could be proud of.*

*Blessings to you in your churches and in your efforts to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with the world.*

*Gratefully,*

*Rev. Mark A. Benson  
Gordon Street Christian Church*





### **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 will renew this event on **Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:00PM**. 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. Please have to office form filled out by June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Membership & Evangelism Committees encourages you to attend!!! If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to call Becky McLawhorn or Joyce Barnes 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

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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](mailto:aydendisciples@gmail.com).
- 2.) Print out this form, fill the form out by hand and return it to the church office.



### *Message from the Chair,*

*I use to hear retired folks say they were so busy, they didn't know how they ever had time to work! Well, I know exactly what they were talking about now. There is always something to do, either at home, in the yard & garden, at the Lake House or here at church. Over the last few months, there's been so many exciting things going on here at ACC. In February we had the Valentine's Dinner hosted by the Youth, March brought all the Easter activities, April held the Regional Assembly, and May was jam packed with Pastor Chad's Installation (Finally!), Mother's Day and the Kings-Of-Q Festival. June is going to be super busy too, as we start our blended service at 10:00 with Graduation Sunday on June 5<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day on June 19<sup>th</sup>, the reinstatement of Family Fun Day on June 18<sup>th</sup> and Vacation Bible School from Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup>; Jennifer Hardee and Amanda Abbott have worked hard to make it fun and filled with the spirit of God!*

*I'm so excited about our Summer Blended services, with the mixing of the Contemporary and Traditional services, which Ronnie and I both love. The monthly Pot Luck lunch will also add to the fellowship that we all love. Finally we can catch our breath in July before we gear up for the start of school in August and Collard Festival in September. Obviously, God is at work and Ayden Christian Church is **ALIVE AND WELL!** If you haven't been here lately, please, Come **back**, As You Are and Leave Changed!*

Pastor Chad,

We were strangers and you welcomed us. We needed judging space and you took us in. We were "Hungry" and you Fed us 'cue!

As judges for the Inaugural "Kings of Q," we want to say thank you for the excellent facility to work out of. Please accept our small Thank You gift to further the work of Jesus Christ in Ayden.

Peace,

Tom and Shirley Ditt  
Raleigh, NC

