

# Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

2023  
FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 8

## From the Pastors

My family in Christ,

It was such a joy to worship with you this past Sunday. To observe the technical preparation behind the scenes, to meet you, fellowship with you, break bread with you, see and feel the “light” in our Young Disciples’ message, share the Word with you, and listen to the Spirit move in our prayers and through the powerful choir anthem -all these and more were gifts from God poured out through you! Praise God, and thank you.

If you learn of any pastoral needs, or would like a call or visit, please let me know.

Last Sunday, Jesus told us we are “salt” and “light.” One of our lectionary readings for February 12 is I Corinthians 3:1-9, where Paul reminds us that we are “God’s field.” We have a variety of roles in that field. Some of us plant there. Some water there, while God gives the increase.

Sometimes our roles change, as new talents, relationships, needs, and possibilities are discovered. All this is the work of the Spirit. Imagine we are in that field right now – GOD’S FIELD! Who is God shaping us to be? What is God leading us to do?

Closing Prayer: Generous Creator, show us what it means to be your people in this moment. Bring clarity when the way is dim. Enlighten us in times of confusion or anxiety. Help us reimagine how we are your “field,” and equip us to share your abundant grace with others. In Jesus’ Name we pray. May it be so.

In Christ’s love,

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## Pastors’ Office Hours:

Sunday

11am-1pm

## Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

8am-2pm

Friday

8am - 12pm

## Link of the week:



## Chalice Press:

[https://  
chalicepress.com/](https://chalicepress.com/)

## Scripture for Feb. 12 - Matthew 5:23-24 (NRSV)

“So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.”

## Directory

We are putting together an informal church directory. You can email a photo and current contact information to [AydenDisciples@gmail.com](mailto:AydenDisciples@gmail.com). Alternatively, You may see Lou Anne Sutton to take a photo.



## Regional Assembly

Ayden Christian Church is allowed three delegates to the regional assembly, and three alternates. If you are interested in representing us in Charlotte on April 29 and in Wilson on October 14, see Wendy Peterson to apply. Let us know by February 21.

## Benevolence

Our Local Benevolence program assists members of our community with utility bills, rent, and other needs. Thank you to everyone who supports this outreach.



# Opportunities This Week

## Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School Class invites you to join them on Sunday morning at 9:00 am in Johnson Hall.

## Sunday Morning Worship Service

Come worship with us Sunday morning at 10 am.

## 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.

## Board Meeting

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

## Prayer and Bible Study Group



The Prayer & Bible Study Group meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in Beland Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Dates to Remember



### February

- 12 - Board Meeting
- 15 - Robert Spence
- 17 - Cameron Rhue
- Kim Baker
- 19 - Week of Compassion Offering begins
- 20 - Cindy Goff
- 21 - Asa Spain
- Sue Venters
- 22 - Tommy Stancil
- Ash Wednesday
- 26 - Week of Compassion Offering ends

### March

- 5 - Kolby Wainright
- 6 - Nathan & Shannon Wainright
- 11 - Greg & Cindy Rhue
- 20 - Thomas Tyson
- 22 - Elizabeth Gunst
- David & Melissa Johnson
- 24 - Phyllis Newman
- 25 - Linwood Allegood
- 27 - Steve & Becky McLawhorn
- 31 - Roy & Patty Richardson

*Please submit all items for next week's newsletter no later than Tuesday at 12 pm.*



# 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 Week (February 12)**

- \* A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- \* Acolyte: Addison Hardee
- \* Children's Minute: Emme Wainright
  - \* Scripture: Matthew 5:23-24
  - \* Title: "If We Remember"
  - \* Keep it 5 minutes or Less
- \* Elders: Marty & Tommy Stancil
- \* Greeters: Marena Ausbon, Marty Stancil
- \* Mic Runner: Becky McLawhorn
- \* Minister: Rev. Penny Ziemer
- \* Worship Leader: Steve McLawhorn
- \* Worship Rep: Todd Ausbon

## **Next Week (February 19)**

- \* A/V: Sadie Horton, Trey Horton
- \* Acolyte: Jorja Venters
- \* Children's Minute: Gaye Morgan
- \* Elders: Lou Anne & Louis Sutton
- \* Greeters: Becky & Steve McLawhorn
- \* Mic Runner: Jennifer Hardee
- \* Minister: Rev. Marilyn Williams
- \* Worship Leader: Marena Ausbon
- \* Worship Rep: Ryan Hardee

## **Service Chairs for February**

- \* Alice Huggins, Denelle Roberson