



The Ayden Christian

October

"Come, Grow With Us ... In Christ"

2016

On September 18th, during my sermon I made many in our congregation "GASP" as I removed the Cross, Christ Candles and Eucharist from the Lord's Table. Many of you agreed that there would be some "turning in their graves" over my actions. I was also informed that I could have taken it a step further to explain how simplistic we are supposed to be as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). And yes, I could have told the story of Alexander Campbell and the Token, but that is for another time.

What I do want to address in this article is how we, like so many other Christians, can get too focused on what others think, rather than what we are called to do. We get so focused on the symbols themselves instead of what and why we even have them. It is not about who gave the candles, or the cross, or the cup and plate. It is about how those candles are lit each Sunday to represent the light of Christ present in our worship. It is about how the cross reminds us each week of the sacrifice of God's Son, who came to earth to die for us. It is not about the cup and plate, it is about the remembrance that Christ asked of us, to remember him in all things we do even in such a simple and mundane thing like the breaking of bread.

The point being is that when people started worrying about how I handled the items, we lost sight of what those items mean in our Faith Lives as The Ayden Christian Church Family. Sometimes we need a little shake up to recall us to our calling. Because it is not our past that defines us but our future moving forward as a family that defines our place in God's World. It is not the actions, wants or ideals of our past that we should be focusing on, but the needs of our family, today.

I challenge us all to start looking at what really matters within our life at Ayden. Does it matter that we have gorgeous crosses, plates, pictures, etc.? Why those items are important is how we today use them that give us meaning. Or, that we are willing to forgo tradition, holding true to what others have proclaimed/lifted up as important, and look to what is working for us today.

Christians have a hard time of seeing the past as just the past. The past is stepping stones that we can use as illustration of where we were, but not as defining who we are today.

"It is easy to tell the toiler how best he can carry his pack. But no one can rate a burden's weight until it has been on his back"

---Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Blessings and Love,

Chad

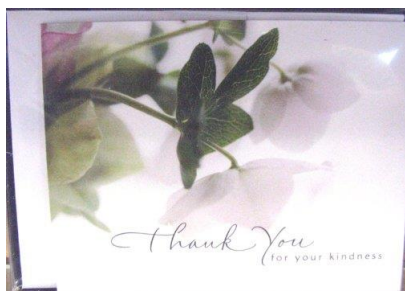


Dear Chad and the Congregation of Ayden Christian Church,

Thank you Chad for your words of love and support during my mom's sickness. Thank you congregation for your thoughts and prayers, and the wonderful lunch you prepared. The Chapel glowed with God's radiance and we felt so held as we honored her.

*Chad, thank you for a perfect service!
So much love for all of you!*

*Dava Melton
(Jackie Allen's daughter)*



Dear Ayden Christian Church members,

Thank you for your support at this difficult time and for providing a meal for our family after Bill's funeral. The food was delicious. Your efforts on our behalf are greatly appreciated by the family.

Thank you for your special words of sympathy, cards and prayers. We are grateful for your support and friendship. God Bless each of you.

As Bill would say, "Thank you kindly" and "Best Wishes".

Sincerely,

Joyce McLawhorn

Dear Ladies of Ayden Christian Church and Church Family,

Thank you so much for providing the meal for the family of Jackie Allen. You are such a loving and thoughtful church family.

The family would like to express our sincere appreciation for the thoughtfulness and love you have shown to us during Jackie's sickness and Homegoing. Cards, food, flowers, calls, texts and memorial donations have brought us much encouragement and comfort.

Love,

The Allen Family





Serving in October

Elders:

Oct 2nd Denelle & KR Roberson
Oct 9th Carol Ann & Ray Hardee
Oct 16th Laura & Craig Buck
Oct 23rd Becky & Steve McLawhorn
Oct 30th Marty & Tommy Stancil

Greeters:

Oct. 2nd Robert Spence & Louis Sutton
Oct 9th Connie & Wesley Hardee
Oct 16th Alice & Ronnie Huggins
Oct 23rd Sue Venters & Linwood Allegood
Oct 30th Kay & Sissy Dunn

Deacons:

Oct 2nd Lena Darden, Amanda Abbott, Rachel Speight, JoAnn Oakley
Oct 9th Ernie Lubiani, Andrea & Jack Hardison, Shelia Dixon
Oct 16th Jim & Phyllis Newman, Trudy Tyson, Cobby Deans
Oct 23rd JoAnn Oakley, Amanda & Shawn Brooks, Morgan Brooks
Oct 30th Connor Sutton, Kolby Wainright, Jennifer & Ryan Hardee

Worship Leaders:

Oct 2nd Linwood Allegood
Oct 9th Trudy Tyson
Oct 16th Lou Anne Sutton
Oct 23rd Ernie Lubiani
Oct 30th "Bear" Baldree

Worship Representatives:

Oct 2nd Ryan Hardee
Oct 9th Jim Newman
Oct 16th Cobby Deans
Oct 23rd Lou Anne Sutton
Oct 30th Jim Newman

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, it is your responsibility to find your replacement

Serving in November

Elders:

Nov 6th Robert Spence & Louis Sutton
Nov 13th Connie & Wesley Hardee
Nov 20th Sue Venters & "Bear" Baldree
Nov 27th Gaynell Deans & Lou Anne Sutton

Greeters:

Nov 6th Gaynell Deans & Joyce Barnes
Nov 13th Denelle & KR Roberson
Nov 20th Sissy & Kay Dunn
Nov 27th Laura & Craig Buck

Deacons:

Nov 6th Nancy Braxton, Shannon Lubiani, Cindy Rhue, Marenda Ausbon
Nov 13th Jody Venters, Emme Wainright, Jessica Braxton, Connor Sutton
Nov 20th Jennifer & Ryan Hardee, Andrea & Jack Hardison
Nov 27th Cindy Rhue, Lena Darden, Jody Venters, Trudy Tyson

Worship Leaders:

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Children's Moment

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 Oct. 9th Rev. Penhorwood
 Oct. 16th Rachel Speight
 Oct. 23rd Gaynell Deans
 Oct. 30th Trudy Tyson

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Nov 6th Marty Stancil
 Nov 13th Jennifer Hardee
 Nov 20th Nicole Speight
 Nov 27th Alice Huggins

*A Retreat for Present & Future Caregivers (aka
 "everyone")*

*For Clergy and Laypersons of ALL AGES
 Thursday, October 6 – Saturday, October 8, 2016
 Camp Caroline, 3398 Janiero Road, Arapahoe, NC
 28510*

*\$90.00 per person includes materials, meals and
 lodging* at Camp Caroline*

(\$54.00 if you would like to lodge elsewhere)

Please make check payable and mail to:

Christian Church in North Carolina

P. O. Box 1568

Wilson, NC 27894



YOUTH FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 30, 2016

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (following service)

Lasagna, salad, bread, tea/water

\$8.00 per plate

Eat in or take-out

Come join us for some fun and fellowship



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 5, 2016

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

First Christian Church

Grifton, NC (corner of Queen & Church Streets)

Crafts, baked goods, Holiday Décor

And lots more

We'll also have hot sausage biscuits and coffee for sale

Free admission

To rent a table for \$25 or if you have questions, contact

Vicki Kennedy at 252-524-4798



OCTOBER MEETINGS

Board Meeting

October 25

7:00 PM

CMF/CWF

October 19

Meal @ 6:30 PM

Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Choral Practice

Every Wednesday

7:00 PM