

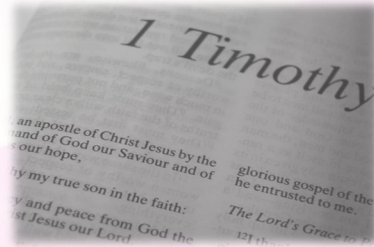
Ayden Christian Church NEWSLETTER

2023
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Wednesday, May 17

From the Pastor

Over the course of my time as a pastor, I have often changed the way I do things. One of the things that has changed over the last several years is my preaching. Like a lot of preachers in mainline traditions, I was trained in seminary to use the Lectionary. While there are a lot of positives attached to this method, I made the decision a few years ago to start preaching through books of the Bible. The official term for this is expository preaching. I like it because it allows me to deal with everything in a particular book, even if it is something that I would rather ignore. It also allows all of us to spend more time in intentional study of God's Word.



This coming Sunday, we are going to continue our expository journey through the book of I Timothy. We will finish up chapter 1 and look at the last of Paul's admonitions to Timothy about the importance of knowing and understanding certain things about his faith. This week will talk about knowing our mission. Understanding our calling is part of the picture, but once we have gained an understanding of what God has called us to do, we then have to understand how to live out our calling. Hope to see you Sunday.

Grace and Peace,

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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.

Link of the Week:

[Pentecost Offering](https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/pentecost/)



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Scripture for Sunday

I Timothy 1:18-20 (RSV)

18 This charge I commit to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophetic utterances which pointed to you, that inspired by them you may wage the good warfare, 19 holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their faith, 20 among them Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Announcements

Scholarship

Scholarship applications are available on the table in the vestibule by the church office. Please return completed applications to the church office by Sunday, May 28 at noon. Scholarships will be awarded on Graduation Sunday. See Marty Stancil for more information.



Hookerton District Union Meeting

Our next district union meeting will be at Winterville Christian Church on Thursday, May 25, at 6:15 p.m. The meal includes appetizers, lasagna, salad, bread, strawberry shortcake, and iced tea for \$10. Please RSVP by May 20 to Julia at 252-714-7035 (text) or juliageorge23@gmail.com (email).

Opportunities This Week

Painting Party

We will have a painting party Thursday, May 18th, at 1:00 pm to start work on the Sunday School rooms. Bring a brush and a roller!



Adult Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m. in Johnson Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Sunday Morning 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.

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.

Pentecost Offering

Your gifts to the 2023 Pentecost Offering, received this year on May 21 and 28, help ensure our movement continues to embody the Disciples of Christ vision: to be and to share the Good News, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Half of your gift supports the local new church movement through your region's ministry. The other half supports New Church Ministry efforts across the United States and Canada to equip, train, and empower new leaders.

Choir Practice

The choir will practice Sunday immediately following the worship service. If you love to sing, please join us!

Prayer & Bible Study Group

The Prayer and Bible Study Group meets on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited.



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

Dates to Remember



May

- 18 - Paint Party
- 19 - Louis Sutton
 - John & Kathy Urton
- 20 - Trish Williams
 - RSVP due for Hookerton District Union Meeting
- 21 - Pentecost Offering
- 22 - Wesley Hardee
 - Ron & Julie Venters
- 25 - Hookerton District Union Meeting
- 26 - Ross Gunst
- 28 - Pentecost Offering
 - Scholarship applications due
- 29 - Bear & Sarah Baldree
- 30 - Brooks Buck
 - Wesley & Connie Hardee

June

- 5 - Joanna Murphrey
- 6 - Robert & Amanda Abbott
 - CMF/CWF Dinner
- 9 - K.R. Roberson
- 10 - Ryan Hardee
 - Ned & B.J. Craft
- 11 - Wilson Venters
- 13 - Ronnie Huggins
 - Andrew Shue
- 15 - Colin Baldree
 - Keith & Scottie Gaskins
- 19 - Denelle Roberson
- 22 - Robert & Sandy Spence
- 25 - Connie Hardee
- 27 - Addison Hardee
- 28 - Ray & Carol Ann Hardee
- 29 - Thomas & Trudy Tyson
 - Wilson & Katherine Venters
- 30 - Coy & Brooks Buck
 - Ed & Ann Carraway

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, May 21

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Reed Hardee
- * Children's Minute: Emme Wainright
 - * I Timothy 1:18-20
 - * "Know Your Mission"
- * Elders: M.C. "Bear" Baldree, Jennifer Hardee
- * Greeters: Gaye Morgan, Darlene Pollard
- * Mic Runner: Addison Hardee
- * Worship Leader: Steve McLawhorn
- * Worship Rep: Ryan Hardee

Next Sunday, May 28

- * A/V: Sadie Horton
- * Acolyte: Easton Ausbon
- * Children's Minute: Gaynell Deans
- * Elders: Carol Ann & Ray Hardee
- * Greeters: Becky & Steve McLawhorn
- * Mic Runner: Gaye Morgan
- * Worship Leader: Darlene Worthington Baker
- * Worship Rep: Steve McLawhorn

Service Chairs for May

- * Joyce Barnes, Alice Huggins