

The Red Oak Christian

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April 2024

As we begin the month of April, we find ourselves having journeyed through Lent and Easter. I hope you had a fruitful time of growing and maturing as you were intentional about focusing on how to become a more fruitful Christian. I am also excited about the tremendous worship experience we had on Easter, culminating the last six weeks. For the next fifty days we will be in the season of Easter, which lasts until Pentecost Sunday. During this time, we will continue to think about the resurrection and the way in which it influences our lives. From a practical perspective, I am going to spend the next two weeks finishing our sermon series in II Timothy.

April 15, which is only a couple of weeks away, will signify exactly one year since I have been back in North Carolina. I must admit, I did not know what to expect with the yoked, or shared ministry. But I am convinced it has been a wonderful time and a fruitful experience for me and for both congregations. I want to thank you for the way that you have committed yourselves to making sure that this worked, and for the ways that both churches have cooperated in joint services like Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and the mid-week Bible study. It has truly been a collaborative effort and I hope and pray that it will continue to be so.

Please be in prayer as we move forward. It takes all of us working together, praying together, worshiping together and being together. I think the potential for what this shared ministry can become is limitless.

Grace and peace,

Reece

DAILY DEVOTIONS ON FACEBOOK with Rev. Reece Jones –
Ayden/Red Oak Christian Churches Shared Ministry

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY Book of Acts 7PM with Rev Jones

SUNDAY MORNING SHARED FELLOWSHIP TIME in the Fellowship Hall 10:30-11:10
coffee, juice, light refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Signup for host volunteers in 2024
in Narthex. Faye Joyner

NEW WEBSITE! We have a new church website, www.redoakchristian.church. From the
website you can view the current newsletter, and also find Facebook links to Sunday Worship
Services and Weekday Devotions. Donna Williams

Choir News 🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵

Choir Rehearsals Wednesday Night – 6PM .

Church Board News

BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2024

May 9 @ 6PM

July 11 @ 6PM

Sept 12 @ 6PM

Nov 14 @ 6PM

Congregational Business Meeting Dec 1 Following Worship Service

Shared Ministry Meetings with Ayden: June 3rd, Sept 9th, Dec 2nd

Christian Education News

Thank you to all who assisted with the Easter Egg Hunt and preparation with the Hot Dog
Lunch on Saturday, March 30th. The weather was beautiful and it was a great success.
Sarah Pittman, Chair

Please be sure to sign up as a Nursery Volunteer for a Sunday morning during Worship
Service. Volunteers work on an as-needed Sunday. We do have small ones now on
Sundays. 2024 Sign-up Sheet in Narthex.

Evangelism and Membership News

The next covered dish lunch will be held on Sunday, June 2nd. Please invite folks to join us for
Sunday worship. – Faye Joyner & Sandy Hazelton, Co-Chairs

FEEDING THE HOMELESS: April 24, 2024

The Missions Team is supporting the Center for Family Violence Prevention in Pitt, Martin, and Washington Counties for the month of April. Their Mission statement is to Break the Cycle of Domestic Violence while Enhancing Individual Self-sufficiency and Promoting Healthy Family Relationships in our Community.

A few of the services they provide include free legal services, court services, individual and group adult counseling, parenting classes and child counseling, in addition to safe houses.

The New Directions safe house is an emergency safe house for abused individuals and their children. It is a beautiful home setting for survivors and their children to stay while they try to heal and rebuild their lives. They provide counseling, support groups, food, clothing, advocacy, and referrals to other community agencies.

We are asking that you review the wish list below and donate to this organization if you can.

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| Baby Items | Cleaning Supplies |
| Children's Playroom/Playground Items | Personal Care Products |
| Kitchen Supplies | Medication for Adults |
| Laundry Supplies | Nonperishable Food |
| Gas Cards/Gift Cards | |

A box will be located in the Narthex for your donations.

Thank you for your support! Kim Carter, Co-ordinating

The Women's Emmaus Walk will be held in Dunn, NC on April 11-14, 2024. Please keep this event and the women participating in your daily prayers. Pray they receive what God has prepared for them to receive. We have two from our church working in the conference room and some working behind the scenes.

Community Crossroad Shelter will be fed Wednesday, April 24, 2024 with Clara Faye Whitley heading up the team. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Clara.

Sandy Smith, Co-Chair Missions Team

Prayer Concerns (Please hold our brothers and sisters in prayer)

PRAYER CONCERNS: Hubert Garris, Fonda Ross, Family of Deb Lascalette, Peggy Christopher, Eddie Walker, Charles Wheeler, Lynette Wyller (Eileen Gauthier sister) Allen Carter, Gene Hathaway, Carol & Curtis Gordon, Baby Austin Duran, Massy Petty, Willard Kinsaul, Eddie Brooks, Claudia Manning, Estelle Williams, Linda Umphlett, Becky Jones, Jennifer Burnette, Vernon Powers, Ed Cavanaugh



Don't Forget
Your Tithe

Let these words from the scriptures guide you as you consider your financial gifts to the church in support of our programs and ministries:

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also Matthew 6:21.

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (II Corinthians 8:9)

TOTAL BUDGET FUNDS NEEDED FOR 2024	\$ 165,238.20
Offerings Received Month of March 2024	\$ 20,605.95
Year to Date	\$ 41,062.75

SERVING IN APRIL 2024

Elders: Sandie Worthington (Worship Leader) & Sandy Smith

Deacons for Communion:

- 4/7 Allen Carter
- 4/14 Ethan Carter
- 4/21 Sarah Pittman
- 4/28 Davis Pittman

APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2 Marshal Blazer	3 Choir 6 Bible Study 7	4 Blanche Anti	5	6
7	8	9 Mary Durham	10 Choir 6 Bible Study 7	11	12	13 Nancy Hardison
14 Worth Williams	15	16	17 Choir 6 Bible Study 7 Dorian Bum	18 Tod/Donna Williams Tom/Ellie Boyd Nolan/Ellen Klenow	19	20
21	22	23	24 Choir 6 Bible Study Feed Homeless Ethan Carter	25 Ethan Jones	26	27 Dearing Jones
28 Wayland/Elaine Denton	29 Donna Willams	30	1	2	3	4