

The Red Oak Christian

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We are currently in the fourth chapter of the book of Acts on Sunday morning. This chapter focuses on the boldness of the apostles. After receiving the Holy Spirit, they were given the power to do all the things that Jesus told them they would be able to do, but that came with a price. The price was persecution. After healing the lame man, Peter and John were then arrested and told to stop preaching the resurrection of Jesus or else. In the face of persecution, they stood strong; they were bold.

Holy boldness is possible only because of the resurrected Christ and the power we have through the Holy Spirit to appropriate his resurrection into our lives. Although we don't face the kind of persecution they did, we are still given opportunities to either stand up for our faith or to give in and back down. With the Holy Spirit, we have the same power that the early Christians did to practice holy boldness.

This coming week, we are going to think about two more reasons for their boldness - their belief that salvation comes only through Jesus and their belief that through Jesus their lives had been transformed. So many people try to get to God through doing certain things and living in a certain way. The Christian faith teaches us that the only way for us to have a relationship with God is through God's grace, given to us when we exercise faith in Jesus.

Another source of boldness was their transformed lives. When a person accepts Christ, their life is changed, they become a new person. Not only do we receive the Holy Spirit, but we also begin to see things from a different perspective. We see the world and life through the eyes of God. That gives us boldness. Hope to see you Sunday.

Grace and peace, Reece

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 7 PM - with Rev Jones – REVELATION
Facebook Video on Thursday

SUNDAY MORNING SHARED FELLOWSHIP TIME

Coffee in the Fellowship Hall before worship - 10:30-11:10.



Choir News

Choir Rehearsals Wednesday Night – 6 pm – all are welcome.

If anyone is interested in having fun and singing, please join us at our Wednesday choir practices.

Church Board News

BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2026

October 8 November 8th, following worship

Congregational Meeting – December 6th, following worship

Newsletter Information – Please submit any information you would like included in the September 2026 Newsletter to Lisa Belue via church email – redoakchristianchurch@yahoo.com or in writing to the office by **MONDAY, AUGUST 24th**. Thank you!

Children's Church

We are now having Children's Church each Sunday for children 4-7 years old. Please have children stay in the sanctuary until after the Children's Moment each Sunday.

Children's Moment – Volunteers are needed for Children's Moment for 2026. Please sign sheet in Narthex for a date. Thank you in advance for helping to inspire our youth!

Mission News

FEEDING THE HOMELESS: August 26th

The mission team will spotlight the Joy Community Center and Soup Kitchen located at 700 Albemarle Ave. Greenville, NC 27858 during the month of August.

Since 1995, Joy's Soup Kitchen has served Greenville by providing an average of 250–300 meals each day, often serving as the only meal many patrons receive. Rising demand for takeout meals has significantly increased supply costs, with items such as soup containers and meal trays more than doubling in price. To support their mission, the Mission Team will purchase and donate \$200 worth of essential supplies, including three-compartment takeout trays, vinyl gloves, and foil sheets for wrapping hot sandwiches, helping Joy's Soup Kitchen continue serving those in need throughout our community.

A meal will be provided for the Community Crossroads Shelter on August 26, 2026. Tod and Donna Williams will lead the cook team. If you are available and would like to help, please let them know.

Sandy Smith, Co-Chairman, Mission Team



Youth Event – All are invited!

Join us on Saturday, August 15th to see the Wilson Warbirds play at Marvel Night. Suit up for an action-packed night of baseball as the ballpark transforms into the Marvel Universe! Join your favorite superheroes and villains for special Marvel-themed entertainment and in-game surprises worthy of the Avengers themselves. No matter who you are repping, this is your chance to experience America's pastime with a super-powered twist.

Tickets are \$16 for adults and includes a ticket behind the dugout on 1st baseline, hotdog, drink & ice cream sandwich. Game starts at 7:05 am.

Youth Tickets will be purchased by church.

Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend!

Property Work Day

HELP TEND TO THE CHURCH PROPERTY



Saturday, August 1st
8 am – 12 noon



Red Oak Church Family,
Thank you for the 50 dollars!
I really appreciate it.
Kateri Blazer

Can you decipher the books of the book of the bible represented by each set of emojis? (From Concordia Supply) Answers on page 5

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Gene Hemby, Sarah Pittman, Julie, Brandon Smith, Daniel Chamberlin, Tucker Jones, Barbara Parker, Cliff Whitehurst, Michael Stroud, Kristen Skalak, Gary Everett, Phyllis Spain, Nathan Wainwright, Richard Sutton, Mary Allen Stephens, Brenda Allen, Nick Masterton, Baby Marley, Lynette Wyller, Gene Hathaway, Willard Kinsaul, Claudia Manning, Linda Umphlett.

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



Don't Forget
Your Tithe

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 2026 \$173,738.44

Offerings Received Month of July 2026 \$ 11,418.00

Year to Date \$ 91,187.22



The Zelle QR Code is available for electronic donations.

See Melissa with any questions about Zelle.

**Elders For August 2026: Curtis Gordon (Worship Leader) &
Carla Smith**

Deacons for Communion: Allen Carter - Aug 2
Ethan Carter- Aug 9
Randy Avery – Aug 16
Debbie Avery – Aug 23
Allen Carter – Aug 30

(Puzzle answers – 1. Exodus, 2. Jonah, 3. Ruth, 4. Psalms, 5. Luke)