

The Red Oak Christian

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As we begin Summer, I want to encourage everyone to stay as engaged as you can. We are in the midst of what I believe is a very important sermon series - working our way through the book of Acts. Acts tells the story of the early church, but also describes the way that the Holy Spirit moved and worked in the lives of believers.

Over the last two weeks, we have moved into chapter 3 and examined how Peter and John emerged as leaders in the church and began to put their faith into action. As James, the brother of Jesus, and another leader in the early church, wrote, faith without works is dead. Think this week, leading up to Sunday, how you can put your faith to work.

Acts chapter 3 tells the story of how the early disciples began to put their faith to work. People become Christians by believing in and committing their lives to Jesus Christ. As we read in Acts chapter 2, the earliest followers of Jesus formed a local congregation where they could study the Bible, spend time together in worship, celebrate the Lord's Supper and pray together. But being a Christian is more than those things.

Being a Christian is also about putting our faith to work. It is about making what we believe practical. That is what Peter and John do in the third chapter of the book of Acts. Peter uses his spiritual gift of healing to heal a man who had been lame since birth. And that man's life is transformed. As Christians, we all have spiritual gifts and God expects us to use them to make a difference in the lives of the people that he puts in our lives.

Grace and peace, Reece

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY On Break Until Aug 5 - 7 PM - with Rev Jones

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.

The choir will be advertising soon for a new choir director. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Sandie Worthington.

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

Church Board News

BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2026

July 9 October 8 November 8th, following worship
Congregational Meeting – December 6th, following worship

Newsletter Information – Please submit any information you would like included in the August 2026 Newsletter to Lisa Belue via church email –

redoakchristianchurch@yahoo.com or in writing to the office by **MONDAY, JULY 27th**.

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: June 24th

Mission team will meet on July 8, 2026 @ 6:00 in the church library. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

A meal will be provided to the Community Cross Roads Shelter on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. Marilyn Harris and Sandy Smith will lead this team. If you are available to help, please let Marilyn or Sandy know.

On behalf of our congregation, we will donate \$200 to the Creative Living Center located at 4748 Statonsburg Road, Greenville, NC 27834.

Creative Living Center is a dual licensed Adult Day Health and Day Care Program. It provides day services for both older adults and individuals with physical and cognitive impairments. As the only adult day health facility in Pitt County, Creative Living Center is licensed and certified by the NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services. Their seasoned program assistants ensure participants at the Creative Living Center have a structured day by offering diverse programs, games, and activities adapted to meet each participant's needs.

Daily programs include:

- Sensory activities designed to improve fine motor skills.
- Trivia/word games, board games, bingo and card games
- Physical fitness and exercise programs including walking programs, chair aerobics, group exercise and adapted sports.
- Spiritual and religious activities, Bible study, daily devotionals and singing.
- Reminiscing and mind-stimulating activities.
- Arts and crafts, gardening and painting.
- Seasonal activities and special events.
- Community outings and more!

Sandy Smith, Co-Chairman, Mission Team



July 26 will be McCade's (pianist) last Sunday with us and we are having a congregational luncheon in his honor. Chicken will be provided as usual and we ask people to bring a side/dessert. There will be a basket on the table for cards and expressions of appreciation and well wishes.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

We thank all of you who have agreed to do Children's Moment. It can be so rewarding and so much fun!

The intent of Children's Moment is to allow the children to be seen, valued and included in the service as more than just spectators. We urge you to limit your message to two to three minutes in respect of the children's attention span, the order of worship and the pastor's time to deliver his sermon.

Lisa, our church Office Administrator, will email you the sermon title and scripture the week prior to the Sunday you are delivering your message, so be sure to check your email. If you struggle to come up with a brief, related message, GOOGLE has some amazing ideas.

If you have a longer, more in-depth message you feel led to deliver to the children, Children's Church provides the age-appropriate environment to teach biblical concepts and lessons. Tod Williams is our Christian Education Team leader and leads Children's Church. I'm sure he would welcome your assistance with that ministry.

Thank you again for supporting our children, the future of our church.

ROCC Worship Team



Dear Red Oak Church Family,
Thank you so much for the money. It was a very generous gift. I appreciate you for thinking of me on my graduation.
Davis

To Red Oak,
Thank you for the very generous card and supporting me and my family for at least my whole lifetime. I am very blessed to be surrounded by the great members of Red Oak.
From, Carson Worthington

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ronnie Smith, Brandon Smith, Family of Dalton Scantlin, Marilyn Harris, 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, and Vernon Powers.

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 2026	\$173,738.44
Offerings Received Month of June 2026	\$ 9,070.01
Year to Date	\$ 79,769.22



The Zelle QR Code is available for electronic donations.

See Melissa with any questions about Zelle.

**Elders For July 2026: Sandy Smith (Worship Leader) &
Mary Durham**

Deacons for Communion: Marshal Blazer - July 5
Robert Blazer- July 12
Nancy Hardison – July 19
Clara Faye Whitley – July 26