

The Red Oak Christian

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This past Sunday, we recognized the three women that have passed away in our church over the last year. It was nice to have family members present who were able to say some things about their loved ones. I was fortunate to have been able to form relationships with all of them. I am thankful for Estelle Williams, Carol Gordon and Betty Riggs and for all that they meant to our congregation.

I also want to thank you for giving me such a wonderful Pastor appreciation luncheon and for all the kind gifts you gave me. I definitely feel appreciated. I was also grateful for the kind words that Tod spoke at the luncheon. There seems to be a consensus that I am where I am supposed to be. When I left Red Oak back in April of 2022, I had no idea that a year and a half later, I would come back to be the pastor of not only Red Oak, but also at Ayden Christian Church. Things continue to work out for both congregations and again, I am so grateful to be here.

Finally, I wanted to remind you of the discussions we have been having in church over the last couple of weeks. In I Corinthians 12, Paul focuses on the importance of spiritual gifts in the life of the church. As Christians, we are all called to be ministers and God gives us the spiritual gifts we need in order to be effective in our spheres of influence. The key is for us to recognize what our gifts are and then put them to work. It is also important for us to understand that every gift matters. No one gift is more important than any other gift. Yes, we are different, but our diversity is one of the things that keeps us together and enables us to be the church.

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 7 PM 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 Avery

Choir News 🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵

Choir Rehearsals Wednesday Night – 6 PM.

Church Board News

BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2024

Thursday, Nov 14 @ 6 PM

Congregational Business Meeting Dec 1 Following Worship Service
Shared Ministry Meetings with Ayden: Dec 2nd

Christian Education News

Evangelism and Membership News

Sunday, December 8th– Church Christmas Dinner – Sunday Evening- 5:30 pm
fellowship, 6 pm dinner, entertainment and fun following. Catered by Rosie’s Kitchen.
All are invited. Cost is \$15 per person. Please sign up in Narthex or see Faye Avery
for details.

Faye Avery & Sandy Hazelton - Co-Chairs

Property Work Day – Saturday, November 30th – 9 am – 12 pm

Newsletter Information – Please submit any information you would like included in the
December Newsletter to Lisa Belue via church email –
redoakchristianchurch@yahoo.com by Friday, November 22nd. Thank you!

WORSHIP NOTES

The Worship Team continues to work to ensure you have a meaningful worship experience. We welcome ideas from the congregation regarding special services, hymns you would like to sing as a congregation or as special music and other ideas that you believe would enhance the worship experience.

Please mark your calendars and watch you bulletins for the following information:

Our 2024 Christmas cantata is planned for Sunday, December 15th. The choir will soon begin preparing that music. If you cannot commit to an “every Sunday” choir membership but would like to be part of the Christmas cantata, please let Jordan know as soon as possible.

In His Service,

Carla Smith, Worship Team Leader

Stewardship Team Meeting – Monday, November 4th at 6 pm in church office.



Mission News

FEEDING THE HOMELESS: November 27, 2024

Next Mission Team meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6 @ 6:00 in the church library. All are invited to attend.

The November Mission Team Project is Honoring our US Military Veterans's. We are requesting a \$5.00 Donation to ROCC Missions – for each individual Veteran's picture to be displayed on the church screen during Sunday morning announcements during November. Please take pictures to our Secretary- Lisa to post. She will copy your picture for power point presentation and give it back to you. If you posted pictures last year and would like them to be reposted again this year, please let Lisa know. You are also welcome to donate additional monies to help paralyzed Veteran's. Be sure to write- Missions/ Veterans on Offering Envelope. All money collected will be given to The Paralyzed Veterans of America Organization. The Missions Team will also have a bulletin Board honoring US Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2024.

(Mission News Continued)

Thanksgiving Special Offering will be collected on November 17th and 24th during regular church service. The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. The Thanksgiving Offering supports everything from scholarships to religious life offices, to faculty growth and development. By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering, you are helping our institutions invest in students as they prepare themselves to become leaders. Please give generously to this offering. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students, and it makes a difference in the world.

Community Crossroads meal will be provided Wednesday, November 27th. Volunteers are desperately needed to purchase, prepare and deliver a meal for approximately 80 residents. Please let Sandy Smith or Clara Faye Whitley know if you can help in any way.

The week before Thanksgiving is Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week. Greenville is blessed to have multiple agencies that offer assistance. As you prepare for your own Thanksgiving with family and friends, why not seek out these ministries that serve the homeless and hungry and offer your time, financial assistance and prayer when able. Your contribution can really make a difference to those that find themselves in an unexpected temporary situation.

In lieu of a Toys for Tots drive, this year the Mission team will spotlight the Crossroads Community Shelter in December by collecting H.U.G.S. which stands for Hats, Underwear, Gloves and Socks for the residents to benefit from during the winter months. Your donated items can be put in the box in the Narthex between November 17th to December 15th. They currently have approximately 30 men in residence ranging in sizes L to XXL. Children are aged from 1 to 16. Women would need M to XL. Thick socks are recommended since some residents are outside for numerous hours. If you are unable to shop but would like to make a donation, mark your offering accordingly and someone will shop for you. Also, our church is scheduled to provide dinner for the shelter on Christmas Day; therefore, we will be serving a bagged dinner consisting of a sandwich, fruit, chips and a snack cake. We are making this a church wide project. We prepare for approximately 80 people. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex asking for these items. Please sign up to provide whatever you can. All items will be needed by Sunday, December 22nd. Thank you so much for your love and support of this worthy organization.

All those interested in the one-day bus trip to "Christmas at the Rudy" in Selma, NC scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2024 must let Sandy Smith know by November 15th. The cost is \$88.00 that includes transportation, lunch and show. Leaving from Washington Square Mall at 8:30 and returning at 5:30. Carpool to Washington will be available.

Sandy Smith, Co-Chairman Mission Team

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Gianni Young, Family of Gwen Tinker, Allen Carter, Brenda Allen, Sandra Hazelton, Nick Masterton – Mike’s son, Baby Marley (Eileen Gauthier’s great nephew), Ed Cavanaugh, Amanda Savage, Charles Wheeler, Peggy Christopher, Lynette Wyller (Eileen Gauthier’s sister), Gene Hathaway, Baby Austin Duran, Massy Petty, 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 2024	\$165,238.20
Offerings Received Month of October 2024	\$ 10,125.00
Year to Date	\$122,624.50



**The Zelle QR Code is available for electronic donations.
See Melissa or Kim with any questions about Zelle.**

- Elders: Marilyn Harris (Worship Leader) & Mary Durham**
- Deacons for Communion: Mike Worthington 11/3
 Worth Williams 11/10
 Clara Faye Whitley 11/17
 Nancy Hardison 11/24

NOVEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1 Reece Jones Ryan Smith	2 Carla Smith
3 ALL SAINTS DAY	4 Candy Boswell	5 Elizabeth Mills	6 Choir 6 Bible Study 7 Mission Team Meeting 6	7	8 Wayne Avery	9
10	11 <i>Veterans's Day</i> Cam Pittman	12	13 Choir 6 Bible Study 7 Clara Whitley	14 BOARD MTG Joseph Dail	15	16 Allen/Kim Carter Peggy Jordan
17 Thanksgiving Special Offering	18	19	20 Choir 6 Bible Study 7	21	22	23
24 Thanksgiving Special Offering	25 Reece/Claudy Jones	26	27 Choir 6 Bible Study 7 Feed Homeless	28 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	29	30 Property Work Day – 8-12