

The Red Oak Christian

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I want to thank Carla for preaching in my absence last Sunday. Everyone said she did a great job. It is good to have people to call on when I am gone that I know will be faithful in bringing a message that all can benefit from. Carla is a committed elder and a gifted communicator and this coming week in church, we are going to talk about another gifted communicator, Stephen.

Two weeks ago, we were introduced to Stephan as one of the original seven deacons. This week, we are going to learn more about him and about his ability to share the Gospel with his fellow Jewish people. We are also going to talk about how God calls many to more than one ministry. Stephen is an example of that. And many of you are examples of that as well.

Sometimes we fall into the trap of thinking that we are only good at one thing, when in reality there are many areas of ministry where God can use us. As we consider the example of Stephen, I want to encourage you to think about the ministries that God can use you at Red Oak. Don't shortchange yourself into thinking that there are limits on how God can use you. 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 November 2026 Newsletter to Lisa Belue via church email – redoakchristianchurch@yahoo.com or in writing to the office by **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH**. 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: October 28th

Next Mission team meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 6:00 in the church library. All are invited to attend.

The Mission team will spotlight the Carolina Pregnancy Center in the month of October by donating \$200.00 from our congregation. The Carolina Pregnancy Center "Every Life Matters" annual banquet is Thursday, Oct 8 at 6pm at the Hilton, \$150/person. Red Oak Church is not sponsoring a table this year; however, individuals may register @ 252 757 0003.

A meal will be provided to Community Crossroads on October 28, 2026. Carla Smith will lead the cook team. If you are available and would like to help, please let her know.

Sandy Smith, Co-Chairman, Mission Team

October is **PASTOR APPRECIATION** Month!

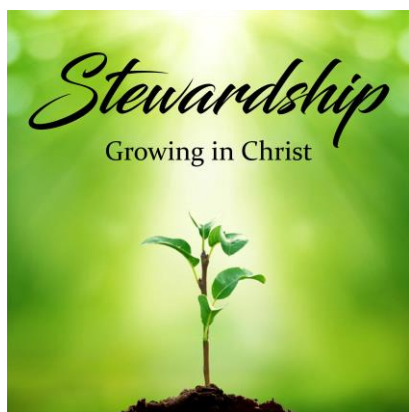
THANK YOU FOR LEADING, LOVING, AND SERVING!

Potluck Meal
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
..... FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Let's show our appreciation for Reece and his family for all they do for our church family!

There is a basket in the Narthex for cards for **Reece and Family**

thank you



2027 Stewardship Campaign

Please remember to place your 2027 Pledge Cards in the box in the Narthex. Your pledges are paramount to preparing the church budget for next year.

You may also place your ministry team selections in the box as well. Where will you help to serve next year?

New Directory – Pictures

Don't forget your appointment on Monday, October 5th to have your picture taken for the new directory.

If you do not have an appointment scheduled yet, pictures can still be taken at Ayden on October 19th, contact Cassie in the office to schedule; or at Oakmont Baptist Church in Greenville on October 23rd and 24th, call Lisa in the church office to schedule. Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sonny Bright, Ed Causey, Isabelle O'Geary, Sarah Pittman, Julie, Brandon Smith, Daniel Chamberlin, Tucker Jones, Barbara Parker, Cliff Whitehurst, Kristen Skalak, 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 September 2026 \$ 11,034.77

Year to Date \$114,143.99



The Zelle QR Code is available for electronic donations.

See Melissa with any questions about Zelle.

Elders For October 2026: Jeremy O'Konek (Worship Leader) &

Sandy Smith

Deacons for Communion: Melissa Blazer -	Oct 4
Marshall Blazer-	Oct 11
Robbie Blazer -	Oct 18
Faye Avery -	Oct 25