

The Red Oak Christian

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September 2024

As we approach the end of the summer, I am excited about the way that so many people have been staying engaged in church. Our attendance has been good, and there seems to be an excitement in the air every Sunday morning at church. Things are going in the right direction. We have a new office administrator, Lisa Belue, and after just a few days, I know she is going to do a fabulous job. The choir continues to sound great under the leadership of Jordan and is growing every week.

As we now move into the Fall, I want to encourage everyone to think of ways to stay involved and engaged. Over the last several weeks in my sermons, we have been reminded about the importance of discipline when it comes to our effectiveness as Christians. It takes commitment and hard work to grow and learn as Christians. One of the ways we live that out is through our involvement in our local congregation.

Please take advantage of the opportunities we are providing to do that. Our Wednesday night Bible study continues to be a place where our faith is challenged and strengthened as we study the book of Acts and engage some really helpful conversations. The morning FB devotions have become a time for all of us to learn more about the Old Testament. This is important as most of us have probably spent a lot more time in the New Testament than the Old. I know that I have learned things about the Israelites and their relationship with God that are helping me grow in my own commitment. So, thanks for your faithfulness and 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 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

Sept. 19 @ 6 PM

Nov 14 @ 6 PM

Congregational Business Meeting Dec 1 Following Worship Service

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

Christian Education News

Evangelism and Membership News

Sunday, September 29th – We will have a 90th Birthday Covered Dish Luncheon honoring Hildegarde McLaughlin following the Worship Service. Please bring your favorite dish; chicken will be provided.

Sunday, December 8th at 6 pm – Church Christmas Dinner. Catered by Rosie's Kitchen. All are invited.

Faye Avery & Sandy Hazelton - Co-Chairs

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, watch you bulletins and check your mail for the following information:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024, OUR WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM. Our sister church, Ayden Christian, will be having homecoming services beginning at 10:30 a.m. To enable our pastor to join in Ayden's homecoming festivities, **ROCC WILL BEGIN WORSHIP 9:00 AM.** ROCC has been invited to join Ayden at their homecoming service and festivities. We will provide you with more information on the Ayden homecoming as it is received.

Sunday, September 22, 2024, will begin the ROCC Stewardship Campaign. There will be acknowledgements of the Campaign during each service through October 27th and a dedication of your pledges during the November 3rd worship service. Please be in prayer for this campaign and for the Stewardship Team as we strive to prepare a workable budget for the 2025 fiscal year. **Your pledges will be a vital part of that effort.**

October is Pastor Appreciation month. You will receive a mailing with information on this recognition of our pastor during this time.

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

Newsletter Information – Please submit any information you would like included in the October Newsletter to Lisa Belue via church email – redoakchristianchurch@yahoo.com by Tuesday, September 24th. Thank you!

FEEDING THE HOMELESS: September 25, 2024

The next mission team meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th @ 6:00 in the church library. All that are interested in the missions of the church are welcome to attend.

Reconciliation Special Offering will be received on September 29th and October 6th. This offering celebrates and supports the church's work toward wholeness and imagining a world where racism is dismantled and all of God's children can flourish. Please pray for God to touch your heart for this worthy cause and financially participate as best you can. Jeremiah Chamberlin will share more information about the importance of this special offering on Sunday, September 29th during announcements.

All are invited to the Pamlico Emmaus Fest on September 14, 2024. It will be held at Antioch Baptist Church at 6670 Old US 421, Lillington, NC 27546 from 11:00 to 4:00. It will be a day full of fun, food and fellowship. A meal will be provided for lunch. There will be a mini concert and testimonies. If you have attended an Emmaus Walk or are thinking about attending you are welcome to come and share this experience to get a small taste of what God has done in the lives of our Emmaus Family. Please let Sandy Smith know by September 12th if you would like to attend so she can RSVP for your meal or need additional information/directions or possible carpool options.

A meal will be provided to the Community Crossroads Shelter on Wednesday, September 25th. The meal preparation team will be led by Sandy Smith. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Sandy at 252 814-4954 if you are able to help.

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Suicide is a major public health concern. It is one of the leading causes of death. Suicide is complicated and tragic, but it is often preventable. Knowing the warning signs and how to help can save lives. To learn more, visit the Mental Health Information/Suicide Prevention website. If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis or having suicidal thoughts, remember you are not alone, please call the Suicide and Crisis Helpline at 988.

The mission team spotlight for September will be Blessings in a Blanket. Amazing things can happen with the simple kindness of a blanket when it is most needed. Participating in this worthy cause is all about sharing your love through a simple act of kindness and providing warmth to others less fortunate than you. The cost is \$10.00 per blanket.

Sandy Smith, Co-Chair Mission Team

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Debbie Avery, Kenny Ellen, Jim Jackson, Dickie Allen, Candy Boswell, Sandra Hazelton, Sarah Winbourn, Nick Masterton – Mike’s son and Ingrid’s family in Germany, Baby Marley (Eileen Gauthier’s great nephew), Ed Cavanaugh, Elva Wilson, Amanda Savage, Fonda Ross, Charles Wheeler, Peggy Christopher, Lynette Wyller (Eileen Gauthier’s sister), Gene Hathaway, Baby Austin Duran, Massy Petty, Willard Kinsaul, Eddie Brooks, 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 August 2024	\$ 11,009.00
Year to Date	\$ 102,382.75



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

Elders: Mary Durham (Worship Leader) & Tod Williams

Deacons for Communion: Mike Worthington 9/1
Claudy Jones 9/8
Sharon O’Konek 9/15
Madison O’Konek 9/22
Mike Worthington 9/29

SEPTEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Choir 6 Bible Study 7 Brenda Allen	5	6	7 Dickie Allen
8	9 Shared Min Mtg Ayden	10 Claudia Manning	11 Choir 6 Bible Study 7 Mission Team Mtg 6	12	13	14
15 Jackson O'Konek	16	17 Justin Carter	18 Choir 6 Bible Study 7 Russell Mills	19 Don Jackson Mike Masterton BOARD MTG	20	21
22	23 Pattie Jordon	24	25 Choir 6 Bible Study 7 Feed Homeless	26 Hookerton District Mtg Grifton	27	28
29 Covered Dish Birthday Lunch Reconciliation Special Offering	30	1	2	3	4	5