

The Red Oak Christian

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One of the areas of the Christian life that we have to be especially intentional about is faithfulness in the midst of temptation. So often, we end up giving in and falling into either a moment or season of hypocrisy. When that happens it can be devastating, not only to us, but also the people around us. We talked two weeks ago about two people, Ananias and Sapphira, who gave in to pride and hypocrisy and lost their lives as a consequence.

I want to encourage all of us to reflect on this story and think about the ways in which we sometimes compromise our faith and end up being hypocritical. I acknowledged that we will sometimes mess up; but knowing that is a possibility should not keep us from working extra hard to be as faithful and obedient as we can. Remember, we have the Holy Spirit to give us the power, but we need to exercise the free will that God gives us to do the right thing.

As we have continued through the book of Acts, we have seen how those early Christians understood what was at stake when it came to how they lived out their faith. After the story about Ananias and Sapphira, Luke gave us another summary account of what was happening in the church. We read this past week that the church continued to be effective in its witness and ministry.

We learned that the church was a supernatural church, where God allowed the apostles to do signs and wonders. In addition, it was a church that was respected and growing. It was also a church where healing was a reality. Finally, it was a church where God's people understood God's call and did what God wanted them to do. My prayer is that we will emulate them in all that we do.

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 October 2026 Newsletter to Lisa Belue via church email – redoakchristianchurch@yahoo.com or in writing to the office by **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 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: September 23rd

The mission team will spotlight the Pitt County Council on Aging Meals on Wheels service during the month of September by making a \$200.00 donation.

The Pitt County Council on Aging is a non-profit agency committed to improving the quality of life for older adults through advocacy, services, life enrichment activities and friendship. One of the services offered is Meals on Wheels, which provides hot meals on weekdays and a boxed meal on Saturday. These meals are delivered to homebound adults, ages 60 and over, who cannot prepare their own meals and have no one else to do it for them.

They also have a Nutritional Supplement Program that offers Ensure, Glucerna and Nepro products at reduced prices.

If you or someone you know needs either of these services, you can contact them at 252 752-1717.

A meal will be provided to the Community Crossroads Shelter on September 23, 2026. Sarah Pittman will lead the cook team. If you are available and interested in helping out, please let her know.

Sandy Smith, Co-Chairman, Mission Team



It's time for a New Directory. Pictures will be taken here at Red Oak on October 5th and at Ayden on October 19th. You may have your picture taken at either church. Sign-up sheet and registration forms are available now. Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory. Be sure to sign up to be included in our new church family album.



Hookerton District Union Meeting

Rountree Christian Church

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Meal at 6:15 pm

Menu: BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad,
Green Beans, Dessert, Tea - \$10.00

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Please sign up by Sunday,
September 13th if you plan to
attend.

Blessing of the Backpacks - 2026



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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Isabelle O'Geary, Srah Pittman, Julie, Gene Hemby, Brandon Smith, Daniel Chamberlin, Tucker Jones, Barbara Parker, Cliff Whitehurst, 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 August 2026 \$ 11,922.00

Year to Date \$103,109.22



The Zelle QR Code is available for electronic donations.

See Melissa with any questions about Zelle.

Elders For September 2026: Mary Durham (Worship Leader) &

Tod Williams

Deacons for Communion: Emilee Lancaster - Sep 6
Sharon O'Konek- Sep 13
Madison O'Konek – Sep 20
Emilee Lancaster – Sep 27
Claudy Jones