



The Ayden Christian

November/December 2011

“Come, Grow With Us ... In Christ”

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*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a
Savior, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)*



*May the peace of Christ be with you throughout the year.
Merry Christmas,*

Pastor Mike & Cindy



**American Red Cross
Blood Drive**

**Sunday, December 18
11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
ACC Family Life Center**

All blood types needed.



Night of the Father's Love
a Christmas Cantata
by Pepper Choplin

Sunday
December 18, 2011
Ayden Christian Church
Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.

Performed by the combined Choirs of
Ayden Christian Church
and
Winterville Christian Church

Directed by
Christy Hill, Ayden Christian Church
Kyle Walker, Winterville Christian
Church

Refreshments immediately following
Nursery provided

Schedule of Events ...

Tuesday, December 6

10:00 Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 7

10:30 District Ministers' Meeting in New Bern

7:00 Choir & Band rehearsals

Sunday, December 11

7:45 Pancake Breakfast for Angel Tree Ministry

9:00 Turning Point and Worship & Wonder

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Service

Tuesday, December 13

10:00 Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 14

10:30 Keen-Agers Christmas Meeting at Parkers

7:00 Choir & Band rehearsals

Thursday, December 15

6:30 DMF & DWF Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17

11:00 Ayden Christmas Parade

1:30 Youth nursing home visit

Sunday, December 18

9:00 Turning Point and Worship & Wonder

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Service

11:30 Blood Drive

6:30 Christmas Cantata

Tuesday, December 20

10:00 Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 Choir & Band rehearsals

Saturday, December 24

8:00 Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 Combined Service in Family Life Center

Monday, December 26

Church Offices closed for Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, December 27

10:00 Prayer Group

7:00 Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 28

7:00 Choir & Band rehearsals

Sunday, January 1

9:00 Turning Point and Worship & Wonder

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Service

Monday, January 2

Church Offices closed for New Year's Holiday

Tuesday, January 3

10:00 Prayer Group

Wednesday, January 4

10:30 District Ministers' Meeting

7:00 Choir/Band rehearsals

Thelma Ankrom Scholarship Established

To the Ayden Christian Church:

It is my desire to establish a living memorial to my late wife, Thelma Ankrom, who dearly loved the Ayden Christian Church. To that end I have given an endowment to be added to the memorial gifts given by members of the Ayden Church, and used to establish the Thelma Ankrom Education Scholarship. This can be awarded annually to a person pursuing a collegiate program of education, or who is upgrading in a continuing educational program.

I request that the recipient be a member of the Ayden Christian Church, and who has been actively involved in and participating in the programs and ministries of the church. Those who seek the award should make an application, in writing, to the scholarship committee.

This award can be made on the Sunday closest to May 30 of each year in commemoration of Miss Thelma's birthday, or at a time commensurate with the program of other awards being made by the church.

Should Ayden Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) cease to exist, I desire that these funds be given to the Christian Church in North Carolina to be used for their statewide scholarship program.

Most sincerely yours,
Dr. Maurice E. Ankrom

Upcoming Youth Activities

December 11th – Pancake Breakfast

7:45am- 8:45am (prior to Turning Point Service in Family Life Center). All money raised will be given to purchase food for the **Angel Tree** families. Volunteers are needed and should arrive at the Family Life Center at 7:00 am to help prepare for the breakfast.

December 17th – Nursing Home Visit

Bring gifts made during ACC VBS to nursing home. Meet outside Beland Hall at 12:00 noon if you would like to enjoy lunch together. Otherwise, meet at Ayden Court (formerly Britthaven) at 1:30 p.m.

December 18th – Christmas Skit

A short skit, "The Christmas Guest," will be performed by some of the ACC Youth during both worship services.

December 18th- Christmas Party in the ACC nursery during Turning Point Service. All little ones in the nursery that day are asked to bring one wrapped gift that will be given to the Ronald McDonald House.

BY THE NUMBERS For October & November

Attendance:

Date	9:00	11:00	Total
10/2	77	41	118
10/9	108	42	150
10/16	109	34	143
10/23	100	41	141
10/30	113	39	152
11/6	Homecoming		218
11/13	86	32	118
11/20	122	38	160
11/27	95	31	126

Income:

Date	Gen. Op.	Debt	Sp. Funds	Total
10/2	\$4,532.00	\$ 755.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 4,532.00
10/9	\$2,852.64	\$ 125.00	\$ 341.50	\$ 3,319.14
10/16	\$7,565.00	\$ 4,185.00	\$ 344.63	\$12,094.63
10/23	\$2,205.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 312.60	\$ 2,667.60
10/30	\$3,486.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 490.58	\$ 4,026.58
11/6	\$6,634.50	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 6,814.50
11/13	\$3,038.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 222.00	\$ 3,435.00
11/20	\$3,860.39	\$ 140.00	\$ 251.55	\$ 4,251.94
11/27	\$2,796.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 2,796.00

Acknowledgements ...

Daryl and I just wanted to say thank you so much for all of the support during Hayley's dedication yesterday. Taylor was so excited to sing in front of you all!! My entire family remarked on how friendly everyone was and how they went out of their way to be kind.

*Thank you again!!
Katie Cherry*

Dear Friends of Ayden Christian Church,

I just want to say, "Thank you," for the beautiful basket of fruit that you gave me at Thanksgiving. It was delicious! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed being with their families.

Thanks again and may God bless you.

Love,

Miss Billie

December Birthdays & Anniversaries*

- 1st: Josh Richardson
- 2nd: Ann Carraway, Madison & Mackenzie Fulford
- 3rd: Samantha Urton
- 4th: Donna LaMotte, Allison Jenkins, Benjy & Dixie Gee*
- 5th: David Keene, Cherry Stokes
- 6th: Sydney & Hannah Britt*
- 7th: Mark Williams
- 8th: Ashlynn Rose
- 9th: Brock Whaley
- 10th: Jean Daily, Sarah Whaley Jones
- 11: Amanda Barnes, Johnny & Pam Jenkins* Bobby & Jody Venters*
- 13th: Melissa Johnson, Madison Letchworth, Pat Tripp
- 15th: Katherine Barnes
- 16th: Jodie Brick Holmes
- 17th: Adrian Shultz, Connor & Marcus Sutton
- 18th: Sarah Baldree, Alan Wainwright
- 21st: Charleigh Ann Rose, Don & Michelle King*
- 22nd: Barbara Engleby
- 23rd: Cobby & Gaynell Deans*
- 24th: Susie Elks
- 25th: Corey Stokes
- 26th: Benjy Gee
- 27th: Bailee Brick, Kelly Clayton, Shannon Wainwright, Joseph & Jean Collins*
- 28th: Corinne Spence
- 30th: Ronald Venters, Sr.
- 31st: Scottie Gaskins, Andrea Hardison Kelly Johnson, Jim & Christy Hill*

November Birthdays & Anniversaries*

- 2nd: Danielle Elks
- 3rd: Noah Gee, Rob Oehrli
- 4th: Addie Allegood, Trudy Riggs
- 5th: Ed Carraway, Ray & Sharon McLawhorn*
- 7th: Lib Carraway, Leo Venters
- 8th: Paula Petty, Kelsey Riggs
- 9th: P.J. Andrews, Chris Brick
- 10th: Dale Huggins
- 12th: JoAnne Brick
- 13th: Matt Boswell, Mike Goff, June Whaley Todd & Marena Ausbon*
- 14th: Kent Allen
- 15th: Zach Hardison, Pat Matthis
- 17th: Jennifer Hardee
- 18th: Jackie Piner
- 19th: Joseph Collins
- 20th: Bill & Karen Gooding* Jimmy & Alice Jenkins* Mark & Trish Williams*
- 22nd: Adam Joyner, JoAnne Boone, Dale & Betty Jo Manning*
- 23rd: Bill P. McLawhorn, Charlie & Lib Tripp*
- 25th: Kristen Swindell, Burt & Pat Tripp*
- 26th: Joyce McLawhorn
- 28th: Chris & Toni Brick*, Mike & Lisa Letchworth* James & Martha Outlaw Colucci*
- 30th: Mamie Williams, Chris Butler

January Birthdays & Anniversaries*

- 1st: Ray Hardee, Sandra Spence, Royce Richardson
- 3rd: Alice Huggins
- 4th: Philip Bosse
- 5th: Roy Richardson
- 6th: Tommy & Marty Stancil*
- 7th: Eddie & Linda Little*
- 8th: Glenn Cannon
- 9th: Deborah Sudor Law, Dawson Norville
- 10th: Kent & Jackie Allen*, Shanna Stallings Carol Ann Hardee
- 12th: Shaun Engleby
- 13th: Emma Grace Piner
- 14th: Patty Richardson, Jimmy Robinson
- 15th: Burt Tripp, Marge Oehrli
- 16th: Coy Buck, Betty Jo Manning, Jean Smith
- 17th: Todd Smith, Stephen Speight, Marcus Whichard
- 18th: Jenni Garris, Althea McNairy
- 19th: Mike Letchworth, Charlie Tripp
- 20th: Lyndsey Joyner
- 21st: Chad McLawhorn, Stephanie Hannam
- 23rd: Tyler Whichard
- 25th: Katie Boone, Greg Rhue
- 26th: J.C. Colucci, Eve Duncan Paul LaMotte, Candace Stambolitis
- 27th: Laura Buck, Christy Hill, Billy Stokes
- 28th: Jeremy Cleaton, Sue Branch Turnage
- 30th: Taylor Jones
- 31st: Raegan Kate Wainwright

In the Life of the Congregation

Our congratulations and best wishes to **Brittany McGrath** and **Josh Richardson** who were married here on October 8, 2011. Josh & Brittany reside at 4381 Juanita Avenue, Ayden.

Jim Oakley had a brief stay at PCMH, but is now at home with home health assistance & physical therapy

Congratulations to **Marty Stancil** on her retirement from Pitt County Schools on October 31.

We rejoice with **Ross & Elizabeth Stancil Gunst** at the birth of their first child, a son, **Ethan Thomas Gunst**, born November 7, 8:16 p.m. Ethan weighed 6 lbs, 15.6 oz. at birth and was 19 inches long. The Gunst family recently moved to Wilson. Their address is 3310 Berkshire Drive, Wilson NC 27896. **Tommy & Marty Stancil** are proud grandparents.

Our congratulations also to **J.C. Colucci** for making straight A's this first semester, and for being named "Student of the Week" at AGHS recently.

Prayer Concerns

Immediate Concerns

Michael Ankrom
Ashley Burnett
Garrett Brown
Al & Margaret Butler
Cooper Ellington
Stephen Elliott
Ava Gee
Shane Hall
Travis Langdon

Bob Lee
Louise Lee
JoAnn Leiumex
Don Letchworth Family
Anna Maddox
Cameron McLawhorn
(D. Venters' G-grandson)
Edna Oakley
Edna Perry
Amanda Smith

Jean Smith
Elsie Stocks
Lib Stocks
Kathleen Jackson Stroud
Beverly Stallings
Larry Thornburg
Burt Tripp
Trish Williams
Michael Woltner

Ongoing Concerns

All military families
Jim & JoAnn Oakley

Shut-Ins

Carol Hart
Frank Kilpatrick
Myrl Newman
Joe & Marie Ray

Healthcare Facility

Doris Bateman Carroll
Lavada O'Connor

Church

Visitors to feel welcome
Our many ministries
Unity and love

The Prayer Concerns is an important ministry of our church. Please help us keep the list updated by contacting the pastor or church office when there are changes.

SERVING DEC. 2011

December 11

9:00

Elders: Alice & Ronnie Huggins
Deacons: Scottie Gaskins & Madison Letchworth
Greeters: Keith & Scottie Gaskins

11:00

Worship Committee Representative: Greg Gaylor
Elders: Greg Gaylor & Gaynell Deans
Deacons: Cobby Deans & Trudy Tyson
Carly Gaylor & Jeanne Gaylor
Worship Leader: Trudy Tyson
Greeters: Cobby Deans & Trudy Tyson
Carly Gaylor & Jeanne Gaylor
To Prepare Communion: Trish Williams
CWF Service Chairs: Althea McNairy & Joyce Barnes
To Close Church: Greg Gaylor

December 18

9:00

Elders: Ned & B.J. Craft
Deacons: David & Melissa Johnson
Greeters: Steve & Becky McLawhorn

11:00

Worship Committee Representative: Lou Anne Sutton
Elders: Ned & B.J. Craft
Deacons: Betty Jo Manning & Gina Tripp
John Urton & Nancy Braxton
Worship Leader: B.J. Craft
Greeters: Lindsey & Nancy Braxton
Gina Tripp & Betty Jo Manning
To Prepare Communion: Marty Stancil
CWF Service Chairs: Althea McNairy & Joyce Barnes
To Close Church: Lou Anne Sutton

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 8:00 p.m.

Elders: Alta Andrews & Bear Baldree
Deacons: James Colucci & J.C. Colucci
Bill Hardy & Nancy Braxton
Greeters: Kay & Sissy Dunn
Bill Hardy & Nancy Braxton
Acolytes: Connor Sutton & Marcus Sutton
Christ Candle Lighters: Kay & Sissy Dunn
Video & Sound: Cobby Deans & Andrew Shue
To Prepare Communion: Joyce Barnes
Nursery: Amanda Abbott

December 25 – Combined Service at 10:00 a.m.

Worship Committee Representative: Cobby Deans
Elders: Joyce Barnes & John Brick
Deacons: Cobby Deans, Ben Markgraf
Greeters: Greg & Cindy Rhue
To Prepare Communion: Joyce Barnes
CWF Service Chairs: Althea McNairy & Joyce Barnes
To Close Church: Cobby Deans

January 1, 2012

9:00

Elders: Mark & Trish Williams
Deacons: Martha Colucci & Sam Gee
Greeters: Don & Michelle King

11:00

Worship Committee Representative: Jim Newman
Elders: Bear Baldree & Cindy Goff
Deacons: Jim & Phyllis Newman, Bill Hardy, Trudy Tyson
Worship Leader: Bear Baldree
Greeters: Colin Baldree, Bear Baldree
Jim Newman, Bill Hardy
To Prepare Communion: Sandy Spence
CWF Service Chairs: JoAnne Brick & Kathy Urton
To Close Church: Jim Newman

**BE SURE TO SECURE YOUR OWN
REPLACEMENT
(schedule posted on bulletin board)**

Church Staff:

Rev. R. Michael Goff, Pastor
June Whaley, Office Coordinator
Christy Hill, Choir Director
Melissa Johnson, Pianist
Alta Andrews, Organist
Amanda Abbott, Nursery Attendant
Steve & Nicole Speight, Custodians

2011 Ministry Chairs:

Board Chair	Greg Gaylor
Vice Board Chair	Gaynell Deans
Worship (11:00 a.m.)	Jim Newman Cobby Deans
Turning Point (9:00 a.m.)	Shelly Merrill Ann Carraway
Education & Youth	TBA
Membership:	Brooks Buck Sandy Spence
Evangelism:	Joyce Barnes
Property:	Ronnie Huggins
Stewardship:	Wesley Hardee
Local Outreach	Royce Richardson Bear Baldree
World Outreach:	Bill Hardy
Trustees:	Alta Andrews
Personnel:	David Johnson
DWF:	Trish Williams
DMF:	TBA
Technical Team:	Billy Merrill
Keen-Agers:	Joyce McLawhorn
Kitchen Angels	Connie Hardee

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