

# The Red Oak Christian

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July 2018



## Minister's Moment

As we find ourselves solidly into the summer, I want to thank everyone for their consistent commitment to worship. I have been pleased and excited by our attendance on Sunday morning. The numbers continue to be really good, which tells me you are excited about where we are going. I know that a lot of you have been and will continue to be on vacation, and I just want to encourage you to be in worship when you can. We will continue to think together about our faith and try to make connections between the Bible we believe and the lives we live.

We recently completed a sermon series dealing with the different ways that we celebrate Jesus. We finished up with sermons on fellowship, friendship and service, and family. Last week, we talked about the importance of being a congregation where everyone feels welcomed. We recognize that we are all in different places on our spiritual journey. Some are sure about their beliefs, while others have a lot of questions and doubts. We want to be a church where everyone can find the direction and guidance they need to be the people that God has called them to be. But at the end of the day, our message needs to be consistent. We want people to know that the answers to life's most important questions – where do I find meaning, purpose, and happiness – comes through Jesus Christ.

This coming week, we will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. As Americans, we are blessed to have the freedom to worship God according to our individual consciences. That is one of the hallmarks of the American traditions and of the Christian tradition. However, with freedom comes responsibility. We should all take advantage of the freedom we have to share the Good News of the Gospel. I want to help all of us find the courage we need to be faithful witnesses for Jesus. I hope everyone has a safe and fun Independence Day.

Grace and peace,

Reece

## Regional News



### THE INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR

*Bishop Valerie Melvin*  
AS  
REGIONAL MINISTER  
OF THE  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
IN NORTH CAROLINA

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018 | 10AM  
HILLYER MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
718 HILLSBOROUGH STREET | RALEIGH, NC 27603 | (919) 832-7112

We are so glad you have decided to join us for this auspicious occasion!  
The planning committee has included information, which is listed below, to aid you in your preparation.  
Please do not hesitate to contact us via email: [RMInstallation18@gmail.com](mailto:RMInstallation18@gmail.com)  
We anticipate your arrival to celebrate the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina!

#### DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 9:00AM

Clergy are invited to wear Black with a Red Stole | Civic Attire is welcome  
Clergy will be seated as they arrive  
There is public parking for your convenience  
There will be a parking team to assist you upon your arrival  
A reception will be held immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall  
The church is outfitted with a wheel chair lift and reserved seating should you require special accommodations

#### PREFERRED HOTEL

Hampton Inn & Suites Raleigh - Downtown  
600 Glenwood Avenue | Raleigh, NC 27603 | 919.825.4770  
Ask for Room Block - Christian Church Installation | Rate of \$129/Friday Night  
[www.raleighdowntownsuites.hamptoninn.com](http://www.raleighdowntownsuites.hamptoninn.com)  
For directions, please choose the "Maps and Directions" tab on the website home page

Please join us for Sunday Service with Special Guest Speaker  
Reverend Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens  
General Minister and President  
July 1st, 2018 | 10:00AM  
Greenleaf Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
2110 N. William Street | Goldsboro, NC 27530 | 919-735-9059



### **Choir News**

**Choir practice will start again in September.**

### **Christian Education**

**We joined with our sister churches for Vacation Bible School June 18-22, 2018 at Winterville Christian Church. Follow the Way of Jesus was our theme. A total of 31 kids registered. Red Oak had a total of 13 in attendance. Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped make this year's VBS a success.**

### **Christian Men's Fellowship**

**CMF will meet on July 14, 2018 at 8:00 am at Denny's restaurant.**

### **Church Board News**

**The next Board will be meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm. All members of the Eldership, the Diaconate, Team leaders, and ANY one interested in what the church is doing is invited to come.**

### **Eldership News**

**The Elders will meet Sunday morning, July 8, 2018 at 8:30 am.**

### **Evangelism and Membership News**

**The Evangelism and Membership committee will have a hamburger cook-out with all the fixings on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations for this luncheon will accepted and appreciated.**

### **Helping Hands Circle**

**Helping Hands will meet again in September.**

## Mission

The Prison Ministry continues and will meet July 6, 2018 at 6:00 pm.  
The next Missions meeting will be held July 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm.



**Community Garden:** Every third Saturday starting at 8 am, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Community Center is open for volunteers to come and help in the Community Garden, to interact with the 3<sup>rd</sup> street community, and to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. You don't need special skills you just need to care. Share your caring this month, July 21, 2018, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Community Center.

**FEEDING THE HOMELESS: July 25, 2018**  
**Sandy Smith, Mary Durham and Paula Main**

### Mission Team Project/Focus for July

#### Putting Your Faith Into Action Through Deeds and Prayer

Once you have been saved by grace through faith in what Jesus Christ has done for you, what do you do next? Jesus answers that question in **Matthew 28:18-20**  
<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup>Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. So, what is your part to fulfill in what Jesus has commanded us to do? He tells you to put your **faith into action** while interacting with people in everyday life. He wants you to be bold as you carry the Bread of Life to all those who are hungry for what this world cannot provide. **Please take every opportunity presented to reach out to others, help materially, financially and spiritually anyway you can. Let God's love and grace be seen through you. Remind them that through God there is always the promise of Hope. Lead them to the cross!**

**Prayer is the key to the heart of God.** We find intimacy with God through communicating with Him in prayer. We go to Him in faith, knowing He hears and answers. God tells us we can pray boldly, with sincerity, honor and humbleness as righteous people that have great power and we will receive wonderful results. Prayer can make a profound difference in our world. **The Mission Team is asking that during the month of July...you do just that...PRAY.** Pray for yourself, for

those around you, for those you don't know, for our country, for our government, for our

world, for those with illnesses, for those that are healthy, for sinners, for believers, for unbelievers, for the homeless, for the jobless, for the hungry, for those that are blessed, for those that have lost loved ones, pray for forgiveness. The list can go on and on, you know who and what God is laying on your heart. **Let your focus this month be putting aside some specific time each day to pray acknowledging He is God and you accept his gracious gifts; pray confessing your sins and accepting his forgiveness; pray for His will to be done and that His Holy Spirit will guide you; pray for spiritual understanding and wisdom; pray for thanksgiving for all the ways He blesses you; pray to intercede for others that are ill, lonely or going thorough trials and most of all pray to worship HIM.**

### Youth News

**The Youth Group will continue meetings in the fall.**

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

Hazel Tripp, Katie Oliver (friend of Claudia Manning), Michael Edlen, (David Edlen's brother), Micky Anderson, Kim Woolard (Joyce Worthington's daughter), Ed Cavanaugh, Mike Rasberry, Pattie Mercer (Lou Joyner's daughter), Shemar Jordan, Lou Joyner, Grace Pate, Ruth Haddock

### Year-To-Date Stewardship Report



**Don't Forget  
Your Tithe**

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.** The following figures are given for your information from **January 1 through June 27, 2018** Remember, faithful Christian stewardship is **not** based on the Church's need to receive, but upon our need to give as Christ commands.

Total funds needed for 2018 .....	\$ 125,058.00
Received for General Fund .....	\$ 65,009.93

***For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (II Corinthians 8:9)***



## **Serving in July**

### **Elders**

Sellers Dickerson, Capt.

Sandy Smith

### **Diaconate**

Marshal Blazer– Serves communion on July 1<sup>st</sup> and 29th

Melissa Blazer – Serves communion on July 8

Hannah Smith– Serves communion on July 15

Sharon O’Konek – Serves communion on July 22

### **Feed the Homeless**

Sandy Smith, Mary Durham and Paula Main

(If you would like to participate please call Sandy Smith at 814-4954.)



◀ Jun 2018		July 2018					Aug 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b> Evangelism and Membership Fellowship Lunch-donations	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Independence Day</b> Church Office Closed	<b>5</b> Prison Ministry Meeting 6 pm	<b>6</b>  Jim Albright	<b>7</b>  Maury Boswell	
<b>8</b> Elders' Meeting 8:30 am  Christina Singleton	<b>9</b> Women's Bible Study 7 pm	<b>10</b> <b>Mission Meeting 6:00 pm</b> <b>BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM</b>  Sellers/Brenda Dickerson	<b>11</b>  Sellers Dickerson Steve Denton	<b>12</b>  Grant Worthington Jeremiah Chamberlin	<b>13</b>  Keegan Leggett	<b>14</b> CMF Meeting 8:00 am  Landon Denton	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Women's Bible Study 7 pm	<b>17</b>  Hunter Smith Eileen Mills	<b>18</b>  Ricki/Blake Williams	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Third Street Project 8:00 am	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Women's Bible Study 7 pm  Scarlett O'Konek	<b>24</b>  Danny Gaylor	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Hookerton District Meeting- Winterville Christian Church 6:15  Jadon Main	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Women's Bible Study 7 pm	<b>31</b>					