

# The Red Oak Christian

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## Minister's Moment

I can't believe that my family and I have been at Red Oak for three months already. The time has flown by and I am so thankful for the way that the church has welcomed us in. This was especially true over the last couple of weeks after our car accident. The church reached out through cards, and texts and phone calls and by bringing us meals. We were truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support. Although we have only been here a short time, it is evident how seriously Red Oak takes its responsibility to love and care for people.

So much of my connecting with you has been through the sermons on Sunday morning. My goal in preaching is to be honest and transparent in sermons about the call we all have to be ministers of the Gospel. I truly see myself as a fellow laborer with the congregation as we work hard at living into to our calls. Currently, we are working through a sermon series on the different ways that we, as a congregation, celebrate Jesus. We began by thinking together about the importance of unity. If we are going to be the people that God has called us to be, it is essential that we stay unified around our common commitment to Jesus as Lord and Savior. One of the things that drew me to the Disciples of Christ was our belief that as long as we can agree on Jesus, then we can stay together even when we disagree on other things. And disagree we will. We have different opinions and ideas and ways of doing things, but because of our love for and commitment to Jesus, we can stay together as God's people.

Last week we talked about celebrating Jesus through worship. I mentioned that there are some core values that define who we are as the church. One of those is worship and I believe worship is the most important thing we do as the church. In fact, everything we do flows out of our corporate

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worship of God. It is important then that worship be a priority. I encouraged you to be intentional about worship and to make a commitment to regularly be present for Sunday morning worship. If we aren't intentional about worship then it becomes easy for worship to become something we only do when it is convenient.

Over the next several weeks, we will talk about celebrating Jesus through fellowship, service and missions. I encourage you to be a part of these worship experiences together. I also want to encourage you to find other ways to be involved as well. For instance, fellowship is difficult to foster if the only time you are at church is on Sunday morning for worship. True fellowship comes as we form relationships with other people. In a church context, that occurs in Sunday School and Bible studies and within opportunities to get together with others. I want to thank you again for your support and love for our family and for your commitment to Red Oak Christian Church.

Grace and peace,

Reece



### **Congratulations to Our 2018 Graduates**

Red Oak Christian Church has four members graduating this year and we are so proud of them.

MacLaine Jones is graduating from D. H. Conley High School and will be attending Boston College in Environmental Studies, this fall.

Ellen Williams has graduated from Campbell this spring and will soon be taking the bar exam.

Shemar Jordan is graduating from J. H. Rose High School and will be attending ECU this fall. He plans to study physical therapy.

Jennifer Smith has graduated from Pitt Community College and will continue studies at ECU pursuing a teaching degree.

Please pray for our graduates as they take this next journey.



June 17th

HERE'S YOUR TIE!

### Choir News



Choir practice will start again in September.

### Christian Education



### Vacation Bible School 2018

**Follow the Way to Jesus** is our theme for this year's Vacation Bible School starting June 18 – 22, 2018. It's going to be an exciting one and we are looking forward to seeing you there. VBS planning meetings for June are on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We need you to volunteer in any way you can. Again, Melissa Blazer will lead the group from Red Oak so you may contact her at 315-8767 to volunteer or for more information.

### Mission

**The Prison Ministry will meet June 7, 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, June 16, 2018, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Community Center.

**FEEDING THE HOMELESS: June 27, 2018**  
**Sarah Pittman and the staff at Greenville Women's Clinic**  
**Please contact Sandy Smith if you would like to participate**  
**at any time during the year.**

### **Mission Project for June**

Red Oak Christian Church Mission Team would like our church to help the Carolina Pregnancy Center. We will collect needed items and monetary donations throughout the month of June. Suggested items to donate are clothes, disposable diapers and toiletries for babies ages 0-24 months. Listed items needed: clothes, diapers, wipes, pacifiers, baby shampoo, baby wash, Desitin and baby bottles. Also, washed, slightly used maternity clothes are appreciated – all sizes. Gift items and one check from Red Oak Christian Church, from collected donations for this endeavor, will be taken to The Carolina Pregnancy Center. Thank you.

#### **Youth News**

**The Youth Group will meet Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hooker Memorial at 4:00 pm. Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and conclude Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

#### **Helping Hands Circle**

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

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

**CMF will meet on June 9, 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, June 3, 2018 at 8:30 am.**

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

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** David Foutz, (Sandie Worthington’s cousin), Michael Edlen, (David Edlen’s brother), Micky Anderson, Kim Woolard (Joyce Worthington’s daughter), Harold Ross (Ann Johnson’s father), 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 May 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 .....	\$ 50,073.43

***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)***

**Thank you**

Ellen Williams has sent the church a beautiful thank you note for the graduation gift. Please take a few minutes to read the note and other information posted in the narthex.



### **Serving in June**

#### **Elders**

Tod Williams, Capt.

Wayne Mills

#### **Diaconate**

Curtis Gordon – Serves communion on June 3

Mary Catherine Jackson – Serves communion on June 10

Lewis Cook – Serves communion on June 17

Don Jackson – Serves communion on June 24

#### **Feed the Homeless**

Sarah Pittman and the staff at Greenville Women's Clinic

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



Last day - June 8th

◀ Mai 2018		June 2018					Jul 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 David Edlen Ava Pittman Mike Worthington	2 Wayne Mills	
3 Elders' Meeting 8:30 am Last Youth Meeting 4pm	4 Jennifer Dunkley	5 VBS Mtg. 7 pm Cam/Sarah Pittman	6	7 Prison Ministry Meeting 6 pm	8 Pitt County Schools last day!	9 CMF Meeting 8:00 am Melissa Blazer	
10 Tod Williams Jay O'Konek	11	12 VBS Mtg. 7 pm	13	14 Alton/Sue Hedgepeth	15	16 Third Street Community 8am Grant Boswell Wayne/Eileen Mills	
17 FATHER'S DAY	18 ←---VACATION---	19 -----BIBLE-----	20 SCHOOL-----	21 ----- Don/Mary Catherine Jackson	22 -----→	23	
24 Lewis Cook	25	26	27 Feed the Homeless 6 pm	28 Bobby/Sandy Hazelton	29	30 Carol Gordon	

