

God's News for Antioch

May 2022

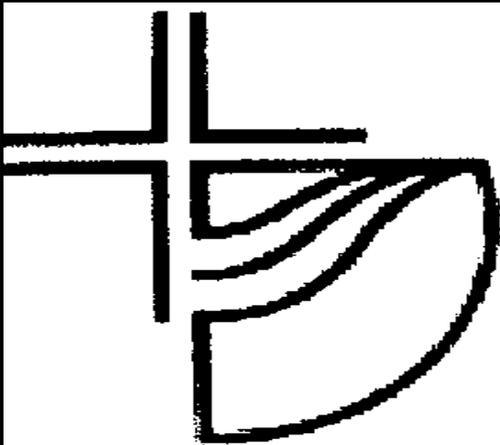
Antioch Church

23502 Senedo Road, Woodstock, Virginia 22664

(540)459-3661

George Bowers, Senior Pastor

Hunting Turkeys, Finding God



Schedule:

8:30 a.m. Early Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship

**Nursery Provided &
Children's Church**

Senior Pastor: George Bowers

**Associate Pastor for Youth and Visitation:
Dale Bennett**

Director of Music and Worship: Matt Helsley

Pastor Administrative Assistant/Clerk:

Becky Leland

Treasurer/Bookkeeper: Dorothy Boyer

Deacons: Don Sherman, Jr., Chair

Phill & Sue Noel, Co-Chair

Ron & Becky Leland

Benny & Tammy Andes

Tim & Kathy Cooper

Norma Doman

Penny Adams

Tom Brower

Matt & Brenda Wendling

Ryan & Ashley Edwards

Building & Grounds Chair: Bernie Adams

Pastoral & Worship Chair: Laurie Eaton

Finance Chair: Doug Doman

Discipleship Chair: Carmen Silvious

Church & Family Fellowship Chair:

Deb Tangren

Mission & Witness Chair: Jon Ryman

Sunday School Superintendent:

David Sherman

Church Board Chairman: Tom Hodges

Church Board Co-Chairman: Doug Doman

Moderator: Keith Zirkle

Mid May marks the end of this spring's turkey season. This year I was fortunate to have harvested what will likely be the biggest bird of my lifetime. It weighed 25 pounds, 10 ounces and had 6 beards ranging from 3 to 10 inches and his spurs were pretty nice too. This proves that God is gracious and that blind pigs find acorns occasionally.

As I sat at my tree hoping for a longbeard one morning, I remembered a comment someone once made. He said, "There must not be many turkeys since I never see any." I tried to explain that there are plenty in our area, but that you have to put yourself in a position to see them. They're not likely to fly into our bedrooms, although they do occasionally.

In order to hear a turkey gobble or see one strut, you have to do some scouting. Experienced hunters know to look for signs like feathers, scratchings, or scat. Locations with abundant sign are good places to set up with a shotgun or camera. It's no guarantee that you'll connect, but your odds improve dramatically compared to watching television in your living room and wondering why you never see turkeys.

This reminds me of what some say about God. Comments like, "God never speaks to me," may reflect a similar problem. In order to hear from God, it helps to put ourselves in favorable places to do so.

One of the best opportunities is found in His Word. Although He can and does speak in other ways, God's primary method of communicating with us is through the Bible. The 66 books are one extended love letter from our Father in which He speaks clearly.

In the Old Testament, Moses heard God in a burning bush and others encountered Him through angels or personal appearances. One reason God did

that was because they did not yet have Scripture. We are far more fortunate than they in that we can pick up our Bibles and hear from God anytime anywhere.

Another great place to hear and see God is in worship with other believers. As we glorify God together, He has a way of speaking to our souls through songs, prayers, and sermons.

Sunday School classes and Bible studies are also fantastic locations to hear from God. As others share insights, God's Holy Spirit speaks through them to us. But if I never attend any of these, never read my Bible, and don't go to church, my odds of encountering God are much slimmer.

Another excellent avenue to connect with God is prayer. We can pray in even more places than we can read our Bibles. We can pray in bed, when we're afraid or hurting, when we're excited and happy, when we're driving or riding, and even while we're hunting.

We may not always like what God has to say when we do hear Him, but that's a different issue. Sometimes that's the very reason we avoid places and activities where He's likely to speak. God has a way not only of assuring us of His love, but also of convicting us of things that hurt others and wound Him. The word for this is sin and none of us like to hear about our own, but in order to enjoy God's good news we must confess our bad news.

As another Spring Gobbler season winds to a close this month, I'm still chasing those elusive birds. But even if I don't connect with another one, it's great to know I can connect with God anytime anywhere. May we each do the same.

Blessings,

George

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduate Recognitions, School & Community Awards:

If your child attends Antioch and is graduating from Preschool, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, Triplet, or College, please get their names and the institution to Pastor George as soon as possible. If college or Triplet, please indicate the major/course of study.

Also, if your child attends Antioch and earned special awards or honors from any school or community clubs or athletics, please forward that information to Sheryl Jett to be included in the June newsletter.

Volunteers are needed for the Shenandoah District Disaster Auction Golf Tournament!

Friday, May 20th, 2022

Heritage Oaks Golf Course, Harrisonburg, VA

Volunteers are needed to:

assist at the start of the tournament

give out shirts

sell mulligans

register golfers

put water bottles/snacks in carts

give out donuts, coffee, etc.

Hours needed are from around 7am-9am.

This tournament raises money for the Disaster Ministry of the Church of the Brethren to assist after events such as hurricanes and major storms. If you can help, please contact Ron Pittington at 903-563-0643.

Vacation Bible School at Antioch!

Theme: Jerusalem Marketplace

Dates: June 26-29, 2022

Time: 6:00-8:30pm each night

Sign up online at <https://vbspro.events/p/bc0395>

Volunteers are needed! Please let Becky Leland know if you are willing to help.



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Congratulations to....

Congratulations to Johnathan Baker who was selected as New Teacher of the Year at Sandy Hook Elementary.

If one part of the Body suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.
1 Corinthians 12:26

Shenandoah County Senior Center News:

Services for seniors 60 and over are resuming in Shenandoah County! Weekly gatherings with programming, meals, etc. are provided free to those who wish to participate and transportation can be provided. If you are interested, please contact Joe Babcock at 540-975-3838. Also, if you can help provide any type of a program or volunteer for this, please let Joe know.

Update on Transition To Covenant Brethren Church

Antioch continues to transition to the Covenant Brethren Church and is in the process of updating legal documents, bank accounts, etc. After checking with an attorney, we found that anyone who has included Antioch Church of the Brethren in their wills won't need to change the wording to reflect the new name. Executors and courts will easily recognize your intent. If you are updating your will, however, be sure to make the change to Antioch Church at 23502 Senedo Rd, Woodstock, VA.

Wheelchairs, Scooters, Etc.

Antioch has a few wheelchairs, knee scooters, and walkers to provide on free loan basis if anyone needs one. Contact the church office at 459-3661

Celebrate Recovery at Antioch:

Tuesdays, 7pm, Celebrate Recovery meets at Antioch. CR is a Christ centered 12 step program that addresses any hurt, habit, hang up, or sin. Teaching offers recovery principles based on the Sermon on the Mount. CR meetings are held in over 29,000 churches across the world and CR's medical principles have helped many people step into freedom and Christ. This small group styled ministry is at Antioch each Tuesday. Everything shared is totally confidential and there is no cost. Just show up in the fellowship hall at 7pm.

Disaster Ministry Trips

2022 Work Projects

This year, all projects will be in coastal Carolina, unless new sites open later in the year. Below is the list of dates and the number of people needed for each project trip:

June 19-25, 7 slots open

July 24-30, 14 slots open

August 21-27, 14 slots open

September 11-17, 14 slots open

October 16-22, 14 slots open

December 4-10, 7 slots open

Gospel Music and Trips Update

"An Evening of Songs & Stories With J Lind", Saturday, May 7 @7pm at Horizon Christian Fellowship, Rockingham, VA. For tickets or more info, visit www.hostandartist.com/event/13.

Bus Trip - Tuesday, July 12, 2022 or Thursday, September 15, 2022 - David at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA

Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself. Come alongside this young shepherd on his journey to become a man after God's own heart. With original music inspired by the Psalms, DAVID is a state-of-the-art theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals in this brand-new stage production.

Cost: \$140 all-inclusive. Includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, ticket to the show, delicious buffet meal at Bird-in-Hand, and a packed lunch on the way home. Call Jean Kelley at 540-476-5211, Dustin Kline at 540-810-6236 or email dustinkline@gmail.com to sign up.

July 2, God and Country Concert at Antioch with PromisedLand Quartet

Go to SONshineMinistriesVA.org to find out more about other concerts and bus trips as well as a listening schedule for WBTV and ministries sponsored by SONshine Ministries.

New Frequency for Gospel Radio Station:

The Point 90.1 has a new frequency! The BEST in Southern Gospel Music is on WVRS The Point 90.1 and on their NEW frequency- WVRX 104.9! You will also be able to hear Pastor George's sermons at 10am every Sunday morning.

THE DANIEL PLAN

GOD'S PRESCRIPTION FOR YOUR HEALTH

The Daniel Plan - Adult Sunday School Study

Join Karen Poff's Adult Sunday School class for their next study of The Daniel Plan. This six-session video and discussion based study for adults of all ages from Rick Warren, Dr. Daniel Amen, and Dr. Mark Hyman is centered on five essentials that will launch your journey to health: faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends. With support from medical and fitness experts, Pastor Rick Warren and thousands of people from his congregation started on a journey to transform their own lives. It's called The Daniel Plan and it works for a simple reason: God designed your body to be healthy and He provided everything you need to thrive and live an abundant life. The Daniel Plan small group study teaches simple ways to incorporate healthy choices into your daily lifestyle. This study guide includes biblical inspiration from Pastor Rick, instruction from our doctors and wellness experts, practical food and fitness tips, and much more. We plan to start the study May 23rd; however, everyone will need a book, so please contact Karen at 540-975-2132 or kpoff@shentel.net *no later than May 10th* if you would like to attend this class. You can learn more about the study at: <https://www.danielplan.com/>

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Mother/Daughter Banquet at Antioch Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 14th at 11:30 a.m.

Join in the Celebration of Women with brunch, games and God's Holy Presence. Only your attendance requested. Sign up sheet will be on the table outside the sanctuary. Please see Sue Noel if you have any questions.

REMINDER REGARDING CHARITABLE GIVING RECEIPTS FOR THOSE USING THE ANTIOCH PAYPAL LINK ON THE WEB PAGE:

Please make sure you print the receipt from PayPal to use for your charitable giving receipt for income tax purposes. The donations given using the PayPal link are not included in recording that is done from tithes and offerings collected during the regular church offering.

Donations Needed:

List of needs for Pregnancy Center:

Preemie clothes Similac Soy Formula Small hand held toys Similac Advance Formula
Diaper Bags Baby Bottles Teething rings Infant & Toddler Tooth brushes & Toothpaste

The Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center is in need of boys' summer clothes especially size 7-8.

Training for Client Advocate volunteers will start Thursday April 21st and continue on Thursday evenings from 5-8 PM until May 26. Please call 984-4673 to register or email scpc4u@gmail.com

Paid Position Opening - The Pregnancy Center is accepting applications for Client Services Coordinator. The position is currently 30hrs/week with the potential to be full time. Please call Jean or Lisa at the center for more information.

Antioch Little Duckling Preschool continues to enroll children. If you or someone you know is interested, have them call the Preschool at 459-9486.

Ongoing needs of Family Promise include:

Dish washing liquid Air freshener Toilet bowl cleaner
Shower/bath cleaner Deodorant (men & women)

Brethren Woods Wish List

Kitchenware for Rental Facilities (approximately \$300 per building)

Used Vehicles (We call it Clunkers for Cash! We'll take your old car, sell it, and use the money to benefit the growing ministry at Brethren Woods! Your contribution is tax deductible!)

Cooking Supplies (Mountain Pie Irons, Roasting Sticks, Dutch Ovens, etc.)

Golf Cart Front Load Washers and Dryers A good used backhoe

SPREAD THE WORD

Please spread the word! Antioch's Sunday Worship Services and Wednesday Bible Studies are available on YouTube and you can find them by typing YouTube into your browser and then searching for AntiochCOB. Past services and Bible Studies are there as well.

In addition, you can find out more information about Antioch at www.antiochcob.org including upcoming events, sermon note sheets, ministries, mission opportunities, children's activities, Antioch's history, how to meet Jesus, and much more!

Vacation Bible School Needs:

Solid or striped old sheets. No patterns please. We will not be able to return these. If you have any you are willing to donate, please place in Becky's office or the one across the hall.



Meet Your New Brothers and Sisters!

On April 3, we welcomed these new members at Antioch!

Colten Wren is 15 and is in the 9th grade at Central. He has one brother and one sister, both of whom were baptized last summer at the River. Colton enjoys playing football and building derby cars. After school he would like to work for the state, or somehow run his grandfather's farm. Colton started attending our blast program a while back after accepting an invitation by his friends, Hunter, and Jacob. Barbara Patton also encouraged him to come. Colton always thought he was saved, but after one Wednesday at Blast he knows now he is saved and demonstrated that outwardly by baptism.

Stuart Scott has been attending Antioch for several months and is a great blessing around the church pitching in to do whatever needs to be done. He helps with BLAST meals, work outside, moving items, painting, etc. Stuart was born in Staunton but grew up in Winchester. He earned a degree in Turfgrass Management from Penn State and has worked at several golf courses up and down the valley as groundskeeper as well as in construction and management. Although he grew up in the church, he didn't really meet Jesus until later and when he attended a life changing trip to Israel in 2018, he was baptized in the Jordan River. He was invited to Antioch by Josh Helsley and enjoys fishing, playing guitar and singing, as well as studying the Bible and the life of Jesus. His life verse is Deuteronomy 20:4 "For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory." Stuart transferred from First Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg.

Welcome to Stuart and Colten!

God Bless you.

If anyone else would like to transfer membership or have questions about baptism and membership, please contact Pastor George or Dale.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GEORGE

How Can I Pray For You?

From the very beginning of my time at Antioch, I have prayed for the folks at Antioch. To give you an idea of what my prayer discipline looks like and how you can pray for me and for Antioch, keep reading.

Daily Monday-Friday:

I pray for those with special physical needs, sicknesses, depression, and addictions by name. I also pray for several lost or wondering individuals to be saved or brought back. I pray for God to protect our church from false teaching, distraction, division and disunity; to protect us from fire, flood, tornado, and hurricane; to protect us legally, financially, emotionally, relationally, and reputationally; to protect us from accidents as well as violence and attack; to protect us from sickness and illness; and from the evil one.

I pray that Antioch will glorify God and for Him to sanctify us by His Holy Word and His Holy Spirit and that there would be much joy and happiness between us in the church. I pray for God to raise up godly leaders, workers, givers, musicians, and pray-ers. I pray for God to guide our leaders as we lead the church and for Him to bless various ministries in our church and community. I pray for God to show us what He wants us to do in this community, and that we will see Jesus around us in the “least of these” and that we will be Jesus to them.

Weekly:

On a weekly basis, I pray for various ministries of Antioch and certain individuals facing special challenges as well as some ministries in our community and beyond.

Monthly:

I also pray through all the members and regular attenders at Antioch every month. There are somewhere in the neighborhood of 730 people on this list. (That’s about the number that would be present if everyone came to worship at the same time one Sunday.) My normal prayers for each of you usually go something like this:

Father, I pray for (husband) and (wife)(if a married couple, if not, for the individual). I thank you for them and pray that you would convict them of any sin and that they would humble themselves, repent and turn from it. As they do, bless them and raise them up and breathe revival into them. I pray that they won’t be able to stay away from church. Help them to know how much You love them and may they love You in return. May their love for You, for Your Word, for Your Church, and for Your Kingdom continue to grow. I pray that (husband) would love (wife) as Christ loves the church and lead her in a godly way and that (wife) would love (husband) as the church is to love Jesus. I pray that (children) would keep their lives pure and clean and holy before You and that they would grow to be godly men and women. Call them to be Pastors and Missionaries, Sunday School teachers and Bible study leaders and may they answer those calls and say yes. (If unmarried, I pray for the individuals as applies above).

If there are any special ways that I can pray for you, please let me know.

How you can pray for me:

Pray for God to protect me and my family and that we would be faithful servants. Pray for God to give me wisdom in various settings and to be able to guide the congregation and individuals in the way of God’s choosing. Pray that God will anoint me with His Holy Spirit and help me use His gifts to advance His Kingdom. Ask Him to give me the sermons, Bible Studies, Children’s Stories, articles, etc that will glorify Him and bear much eternal fruit. Pray that I might be true and faithful to Jesus and to God’s Holy Word.

How you can pray for Antioch:

Certainly you can echo the prayers above as well as praying for God to grant spiritual gifts to each member and that each member would use those gifts to glorify Him in some way at the church. Praise God for all who are currently doing so. Pray for God to provide the people, the time, the energy, the finances, and the vision for His work to be accomplished at Antioch. Pray for Him to add to our number and that many people will be saved. Pray that we will be true and faithful to Him and to His Word and that we would glorify Him in all that we do. Pray for each of our ministries (Sunday School, BLAST, preschool, lunches, Bible Studies, Love Feasts, VBS, Music, funerals, Library, Creation Camp, Children’s church, Nursery, Toddlers, Radio, Livestream, Sportsmen’s Banquet, etc, as well as the many ministries we support.) Pray also for each employee and leader.

SHENANDOAH DISTRICT DISASTER MINISTRIES AUCTION

Rockingham County Fairgrounds, 4808 S. Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 20

GOLF TOURNAMENT (HERITAGE OAKS)

7:30 a.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. Shotgun start
See Page 12 for registration form and detail

ACTIVITIES (MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING)

1:00 p.m.
Arts, Crafts, Baked Goods, Plants for Sale
Quilt Display - preview for Saturday's auction
1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Inside Silent Auction I
1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Outside Tent Sale
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Inside Silent Auction II
5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Entertainment
6:15 p.m. - Auction: Arts, Furniture and selected
handwork
Plate Dinner (TBD) 4:00 - 6:30
A LA CARTE MENU: opens @ 1:00
Hot Dogs • Ham Sandwiches • French Fries,
Hamburgers, Ice Cream

LIVESTOCK BARN

5:00 p.m. - Until (See Page 16 for details)
Hot Dogs, Ham Sandwiches, Chips, Drinks &
Ice Cream
6:15 p.m. - Devotions
6:30 p.m. - Livestock Auction

Saturday, May 21

MAIN EXHIBIT BUILDING

8:00 a.m. Arts, Crafts, Baked Goods,
Doughnuts, coffee, breakfast sandwiches and Plants
for Sale

8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Silent Auction & Outside
Tent Sale

8:45 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Main Auction Arts, Crafts,
Handmade Furniture, Quilts, and more

10:30 a.m. First Annual Coin Auction

11:00 a.m. Auction of Large Items displayed outside
(auction to be held inside)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Children's Activities

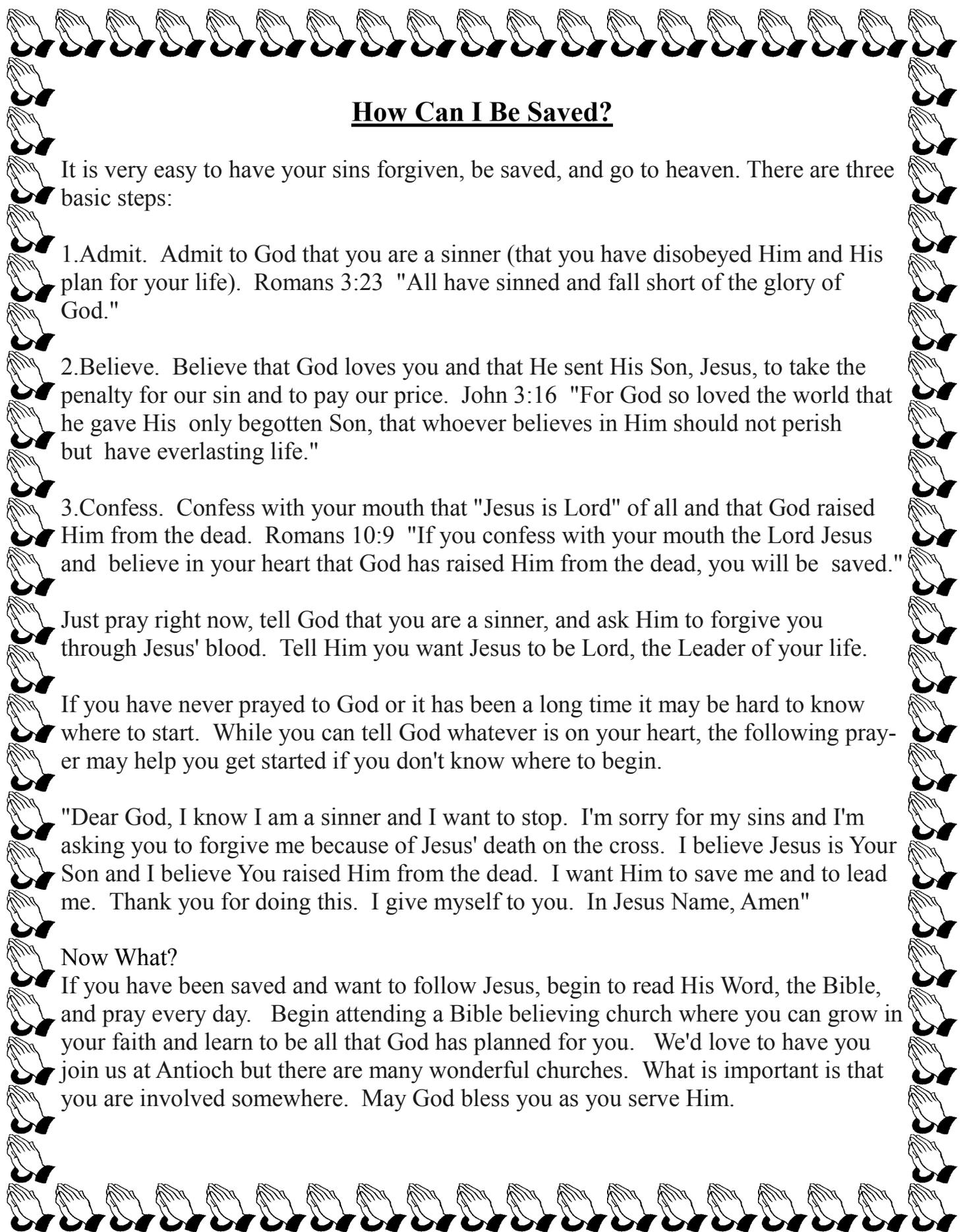
11:00 a.m. Plate Lunch

Also available:
BBQ Chicken by the half, Hot Dogs, Ham
Sandwiches, French Fries, Hamburgers, Pies and Ice
Cream

1:00 p.m. Theme Basket Auction

Volunteers and Donations are needed for the Shenandoah District Disaster Auction on May 20 & 21. **Antioch will be running the "fast food" building at the auction and volunteers are needed to help on both Friday and Saturday. If you can help for a few hours either day, please let Becky Leland know.**

Donations for the auction are also needed. These include: baked goods, livestock, arts and crafts, outdoor tools, outdoor furniture, plants and flowers, theme baskets, quilts and wall hangings. Please have any donations to the church by May 18th so they can be taken to the auction.



How Can I Be Saved?

It is very easy to have your sins forgiven, be saved, and go to heaven. There are three basic steps:

1. Admit. Admit to God that you are a sinner (that you have disobeyed Him and His plan for your life). Romans 3:23 "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
2. Believe. Believe that God loves you and that He sent His Son, Jesus, to take the penalty for our sin and to pay our price. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."
3. Confess. Confess with your mouth that "Jesus is Lord" of all and that God raised Him from the dead. Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Just pray right now, tell God that you are a sinner, and ask Him to forgive you through Jesus' blood. Tell Him you want Jesus to be Lord, the Leader of your life.

If you have never prayed to God or it has been a long time it may be hard to know where to start. While you can tell God whatever is on your heart, the following prayer may help you get started if you don't know where to begin.

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner and I want to stop. I'm sorry for my sins and I'm asking you to forgive me because of Jesus' death on the cross. I believe Jesus is Your Son and I believe You raised Him from the dead. I want Him to save me and to lead me. Thank you for doing this. I give myself to you. In Jesus Name, Amen"

Now What?

If you have been saved and want to follow Jesus, begin to read His Word, the Bible, and pray every day. Begin attending a Bible believing church where you can grow in your faith and learn to be all that God has planned for you. We'd love to have you join us at Antioch but there are many wonderful churches. What is important is that you are involved somewhere. May God bless you as you serve Him.

Happy Birthday to our May Birthday People



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Happy
Birthday
and God
Bless You!



Celebrating Marriages for the Month of May



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Happy Anniversary !



2022 Weekly Prayer Emphasis:

During 2022, the Pastors, staff, and Church Board invite you to join them in weekly prayers for our church. Please spend some time each week, and ideally each day praying about these items:

Week of:

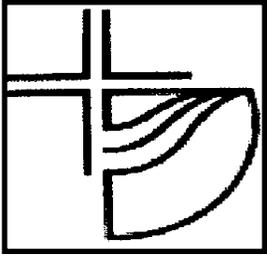
May 1—Pray for God to bless our Church Custodians, Richard & Dianne Funkhouser.

May 8 –Pray that God would put in the heart of many to attend Sunday School and that all would respond and attend.

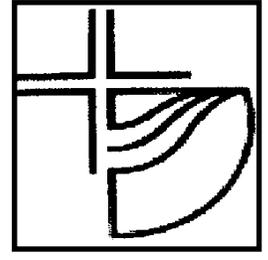
May 15 –Pray for God to bless our Vacation Bible School next month.

May 22—Pray that we would please God at Antioch in all that we do.

May 29--- Pray that our campers this summer would sense God speaking to them and that they would respond.



May 2022



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <i>1</i> 11 a.m. Preschool Sunday | <i>2</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i> 9am Prayer meeting and Bible Study <u>11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner, Women at Woodstock Cafe</u> 4-6:30pm, BLAST 6:30-7:30pm, Evening Children Classes 6:30pm, Livestream Bible Study | <i>5</i> <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> <u>National Day of Prayer</u> <u>7pm</u> | <i>6</i> | <i>7</i> |
| <i>8</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> | <i>9</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>11</i> 9am Prayer meeting and Bible Study <u>11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner, Women at Woodstock Cafe</u> 4-6:30pm, BLAST 6:30-7:30pm, Evening Children Classes 6:30pm, Livestream Bible Study | <i>12</i> <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> | <i>13</i> | <i>14</i> 11:30 a.m. Mother/Daughter Banquet |
| <i>15</i> June Newsletter Items due to Sheryl Jett | <i>16</i> | <i>17</i> | <i>18</i> 9am Prayer meeting and Bible Study <u>11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner, Women at Woodstock Cafe</u> 6:30pm, Livestream Bible Study | <i>19</i> <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> | <i>20</i> | <i>21</i> |
| <i>22</i> 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Graduate Recognition 12:15pm, Deacon Meeting 6:30pm, Prayer Meeting | <i>23</i> | <i>24</i> | <i>25</i> 9am Prayer meeting and Bible Study <u>11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner, Women at Woodstock Cafe</u> 6:30pm, Livestream Bible Study | <i>26</i> <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> | <i>27</i> | <i>28</i> 8 a.m. <i>Pack & deliver lunches to the hungry</i> |
| <i>29</i> | <i>30</i> | <i>31</i> | | | | |

Trophies Of His Grace

George Bowers
April 2022

After trying to defend Him,
With bright and flashing sword,
Peter flat denied that,
He even knew the Lord!
Yet Jesus did rescue him,
As He looked into his face,
And raised him up to lead,
As a trophy of His grace!
Paul had murdered Christians,
Trying to thwart The Way,
Until he saw the light,
On Damascus Road that day.
Jesus cleansed his sin-sick soul,
And started His life's race,
Another mighty miracle,
And trophy of His grace!
Matthew and Zacchaeus,
Both felt money's draw,
And served it fully too,
Till they heard Jesus call.
Their priorities got changed,
As He put them in their place,
Two more fine examples of,
And trophies of His grace!
We could go on and on,
There's millions over time,
That Jesus saved their souls,
From all their sin and crime.
He still does it today,
Respond to His embrace,
Let Him put you in His showcase,
As a trophy of His grace!

Sharing of Gifts and Worship Leadership:

If you are willing to lead worship, lead music, or share a gift during worship for either the 8:30 or the 11:00am service contact Brother Matt Helsley at matt@wightmaninsurance.com or 540-335-0278.

Newsletter:

If you have information for the **church newsletter**, please send it to Sheryl Jett. Please send her all birthdays and anniversaries so we can recognize those in the church newsletter. Please email her at: theboys@shentel.net or put it in her mailbox at church.

Dates for 2022 Antioch Ministry Plan God Willing

- May 1 Preschool Sunday at 11 a.m.
Service
- May 14 Mother/Daughter Banquet at
Antioch
- May 22 Graduate Recognition
in both services
- June 26-29 Vacation Bible School
- July 2 God & Country Concert
- July 23-24 Lee Strobel at Antioch
- Aug 14 Church Board Planning Retreat
- Sept 11 Combined outdoor service,
picnic at a park.
- Sept 18 Sunday School Move Up
Sunday.
- Oct 2 Combined Service with Love
Feast to Follow.
- Oct 8 Apologetics Speaker at Antioch
(Lisa Childers)
- Nov 20 Community Thanksgiving
Service 6pm.
- Dec 18 Christmas Program
- Dec 25 Combined Christmas Worship
Service

Executive Committee Meetings:

6:00pm July 12, Oct 11

Church Board Meeting Dates:

7:00pm July 12, Oct 11

Congregational Business Meeting Dates:

7:00pm July 25, Oct 24

1 Corinthians 13:4-7: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.