



God's News for Antioch

March 2023

Antioch Covenant Brethren Church

23502 Senedo Road, Woodstock, Virginia 22664

(540)459-3661

George Bowers, Senior Pastor

Awaiting Jesus With Dogged Anticipation

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

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Ron & Becky Leland

Benny & Tammy Andes

Tim & Kathy Cooper

Norma Doman

Penny Adams

Tom Brower

Matt & Brenda Wendling

Ryan & Ashley Edwards

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Pastoral & Worship Chair: Laurie Eaton

Finance Chair: Doug Doman

Discipleship Chair: Stephanie Chapman

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

Thirty-one years ago this March, I was blessed to become the father of a sweet little girl. Over the years Mary has grown into a beautiful young woman and wife. She and her husband recently moved from Texas and now live near Richmond, VA. I'm thankful to have them closer home!

Mary and Scotty are the proud parents of two pit bulls named Luna and Jax. These dogs provide countless hours of companionship and joy as well as additional work and responsibility. They also secure the home fortress during the day when their owners are away.

Since the two both worked for the same company in Dallas and had similar schedules, most days they traveled together. Their commute was only about twenty minutes even considering the city traffic.

A while back, Mary and Scotty installed some low dollar security cameras that also allowed them to eavesdrop on their pooches. As expected, most of their random checks revealed two dogs lazily chilling out in the apartment.

The difference came in the evening. While many other vehicles passed in front of their home, Luna and Jax remained relaxed and unconcerned. As Scotty and Mary's VW Atlas approached, however, both dogs went into high gear. As their car got closer, they jumped up and excitedly waited at the door anxiously anticipating the opportunity to greet their masters and enjoy some good lavish loving in return.

Mary and Scotty's neighborhood was a busy one. There were hundreds of other apartments in the area and hundreds of cars that went with them. Adults and children walked the streets and many city sounds constantly competed for ear attention.

Somehow, Jax and Luna could discriminate between all the various noises and other vehicles to identify the one that toted their loved ones. How can they do that? Only God knows but the embedded sound of their owners' approaching car became the highlight of their day.

It's a great feeling to be anticipat-

ed, cherished, and loved that much. That's obviously one factor that motivates folks to choose dogs rather than cats. And it's also a blessing to have a person or pet that we can show our affection to in return. God has wired us to both give and receive this most precious feeling called love.

As I reflected on this extraordinary joy, it not only put a smile on my face, it reminded me of how Christians should relate to our Lord. We ought to be so in tune with Jesus that we can detect His voice over all the competing voices and chaotic sounds in our world. He told us that His sheep know His voice, listen to Him, and follow Him.

The other aspect is the joyful anticipation of seeing Him and spending time in His presence. All the rest of life may be dull but being with our Master and Best Friend should be the highlight of our day and of our existence! Although we may get drawn away and distracted by other responsibilities, what a privilege to curl up in His lap and enjoy His love and closeness.

Thankfully, since His presence can be with us at all times in all places, we never truly have to be apart. Nevertheless, there are those certain times of devotion in which we can sense His special closeness. May we be so sensitive to His Spirit that we ignore all other background noises and enjoy time with Jesus.

Ultimately, this same kind of expectancy should characterize our anticipation of Jesus' physical return. All of the New Testament writers look forward to the great joy they will experience when the Lord appears. The eagerness that caused John to write in Revelation 22:20, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus," ought to be ours as well.

In the meantime, may we attune our hearts to Jesus' that we might enjoy every special moment we can.

Happy Birthday Mary and blessings to all,

George

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Congratulations to....

Congratulations to Ruby Weeks on the publication of her book, A Cricket Came To Church.

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

A Note From Crystal Gosnell John

This is from Crystal Gosnell John. If you would like to reply to her, please do so at crystal.raphael2019@gmail.com.

Hi!

We are so excited to share a bunch of stuff with you this month! We have our regular monthly update, plus harvest highlights from our 2nd year harvest (you can see pictures and videos at www.facebook.com/decapoliscenter, even if you don't have Facebook!), and a special new publication we're launching called Decapolis Kids!

Decapolis Kids! is a monthly newsletter geared specifically toward kids, with the goal of growing their hearts for world missions and helping them learn more about our work in Nigeria. It contains photos with informative captions, memory verses, activities, a call to action, and fun facts! If you would like to receive Decapolis Kids! or would like it mailed to your kids (or any other kids in your life) to receive this monthly newsletter, simply respond to this email and let us know! If it is for a child/children, please give us their names and addresses, so we can mail it out to them personally. Churches can feel free to photocopy this for their children's programs, as well. We are looking forward to growing our Decapolis Kids! program, so keep your eyes open for more ways to get your kids involved in missions in the near future!

Blessings,
The Johns (Raphael, Crystal, and Tom)
Nigeria

Dear Antioch family,

Antioch is growing! As we grow, so does our nursery ministry. We need you. Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for an hour during either the 8:30 or 11:00 Sunday services? Maybe once a quarter? It's a wonderful opportunity for you to bless a young family by sharing your love of our Lord with their children.

Our goal is to share the responsibility among many by building a schedule of **two volunteers per service extending out three months at a time**. The safety of our children is the top priority! Having two volunteers in the nursery is necessary to provide adequate care and safety for our children. To help with this, the Discipleship Commission is developing a nursery volunteer phone tree. If, on your scheduled day, you are not able to volunteer, you will be able to contact another person(s) on the list to find a replacement.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to call or text Laura Hammersley at 540-325-9244 or email her at ellahokiefan@gmail.com.

What's New this Year?

1. The Discipleship Commission is supporting the safety of the nursery by instituting regular deep cleanings of toys, fixtures and furniture/carpets in the nursery.
2. Antioch Church will begin conducting background checks for everyone working with infants, children, and youth.
 - These background checks will be required only one time. No fingerprints or appointment required.
 - Becky Leland can give you the required forms and talk you through the process.
 - You can still volunteer if you have not had your background check yet, you will just need to partner with someone who has already passed their background check.
3. The Health and Safety Committee is supporting the safety and security of the church and nursery by:
 - Providing a one-hour safety training session on evacuation routes and other emergency procedures, and a CPR class for interested volunteers.
 - Organizing greeters/security/health professional teams each Sunday who can quickly respond to emergencies.
 - Monitoring the video surveillance cameras each Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Discipleship Commission, Antioch Church

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Meet Your New Brothers and Sisters!

On February 5, Antioch welcomed 10 new members including 7 by transfer and three by baptism.

Greg and Jane Byrd have been attending Antioch for about two years and they have already become huge blessings. Jane was born in Cincinnati Ohio and grew up in River Vale NJ. Church was always a very big part of her life and she made a personal commitment to Jesus during church camp between the 7th and 8th grade. She was baptized shortly thereafter and was later rebaptized in the Jordan River during a Holy Land trip. She graduated from Mary Washington College where she studied sociology and was certified to teach. She loves hiking, kayaking, working in the yard as well as time with friends and family. Jane helps out at BLAST and also helped with VBS last summer.

Greg was born in Dallas, TX but was raised in Northern Virginia. Although he was baptized as an infant, he didn't meet Jesus until he was in college. He attended Washington and Lee University, Northern Virginia Community College and graduated from Mary Washington with a Biology degree before completing medical school at Eastern Virginia Medical School with his internship and residency at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado. Greg is a Dr. at Family and Internal Medicine for Valley Health and enjoys rooting (as he says) for really bad sports teams, collecting comic books, studying worldviews and apologetics, and reading. We are thankful for the guidance he provided steering Antioch through COVID 19. He is currently teaching the Adult SS class that meets in the sanctuary on Knowing God.

When Greg was a Junior, he met Jane on her first day of college. She says life has not been the same since. This June will be 37 years of marriage for them! They have 5 children and 5 grandchildren and we welcome them!

Andy and Lori have been at Antioch for many years. Lori was born and raised near Johnston, PA. She accepted Jesus as her Savior at 11 at a revival meeting at her home church, Maple Grove Church of the Brethren and was baptized a few weeks later. She attended Lancaster Bible College. She and her first husband moved to VA and began attending Antioch in 1998 but they later moved back to PA. After Phil passed away following a lengthy battle with cancer, she met Andy at the Family Fun Fest for Christ at the fairgrounds in October of 2010. She had returned to reconnect with old friends from Antioch and the community. She moved back to Woodstock and she and Andy were married in June of 2011. She too has been involved in BLAST and VBS. Lori enjoys her daily devotional times, walking, biking, kayaking and spending time with her family.

Andy Wakeman was very active in FFA at Central and was a chapter officer. He was born and raised in the suburbs of Edinburg and accepted Jesus as his Savior and was baptized when he was 10 years old through the Youth Club ministry of Wakeman's Grove Church of the Brethren. After graduating from Central High School, he attended Lord Fairfax Community College and graduated from VA Tech. He previously worked in maintenance for Shenandoah County Public Schools for 9.5 years but has been in Front Royal at Dominion Energy as a Maintenance Operator Electrician since 2015. Andy enjoys electrical construction as well as mechanical repair work and lite hauling as well as tractor work, skiing, movies and campfires. Andy and Lori have 5 children and 5 grandchildren including Brandy who was recently baptized at Antioch! They transferred from Shenandoah Community Fellowship.

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Ronnie and Mary Simpson moved to the Valley from Fredericksburg in 2008 and live on Ox Road near Edinburg. They began attending Antioch about a year ago through a connection they had with Becky Leland. Ronnie was born in Washington DC and was raised in Falls Church but came to the valley from time to time with his dad to hunt and fish. He retired from the Post Office in 2007 and then worked for the National Reconnaissance office, retired from that and then worked for General Dynamics before retiring for good. He enjoys hunting, fishing, gardening and reading.

Mary was born in Richmond and grew up in Powhatan VA. She works in Winchester and enjoys reading bowling, and fishing. She and Ronnie both were baptized at Fairview Baptist Church in Fredericksburg from which they are transferring today. Ronnie was a Deacon and Youth Sunday School teacher in that church and they have become involved in Sunday School here as well. They have four children including James who attends here with them. They also have 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren!

The Zerkel family have been attending Antioch for several years now and although Jesse transferred a few years back, she rededicated herself to Jesus as Chris transferred his membership and their daughter was baptized! Chris was born and raised in Mt Jackson and Edinburg. He graduated from Stonewall Jackson High school and works for an underground utility cable company. Christ enjoys target shooting. He is transferred his membership from Grace UCC church in Mt. Jackson where he first met Jesus as his Savior.

Jess accepted Jesus as her Savior and was baptized at Columbia Furnace Church of the Brethren by Brother Earl Painter. Jess also graduated from Stonewall and is a Sr Manager with VISA, Inc. She and Chris will celebrate their 18th anniversary this August. We celebrate her rededication to Jesus!

Jess and Chris's daughter Keira was baptized. She is also Anita and Kenny Scruggs' granddaughter. She is 7 years old and in the second grade at Valley Baptist Christian School where recess is her favorite class! She also likes science experiments and a love for all kinds of rocks! She accepted Jesus at the school when her teacher, Mrs. Cox invited her children to do so and she has also been involved in BLAST and Children's Church here at Antioch. She wanted to be baptized to be like Jesus! Keira enjoys time with her mom and dad as well as playing freeze tag and other games. She also enjoys riding her horse and caring for their 3 dogs and 2 fish. She would like to be a veterinarian when she gets older.

Ellie Howard also accepted Jesus as her Savior and was baptized! Ellie is the 6 year old daughter of Jonny and Meghan Howard and the granddaughter of Nancy and George Bowers and Pastor David and Jana Howard of Strasburg. She wanted to get baptized because she loved Jesus and God and she wanted to be like Jesus who also got baptized. Ellie has also been involved in BLAST, Children's Church and Sunday School. She loves all subjects that she studies as a homeschooler and enjoys playing with her baby brother Luke. She would like to be an artist when she grows up.

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Ellie's older brother, Noah Howard, has asked Jesus into his heart as well. Noah is 8 years old and in the second grade of homeschool where his mom is his teacher. Science is his favorite subject. He likes to ride bikes, four wheelers, and pretty much anything else with wheels. He's also been involved in BLAST, Sunday School and Children's Church. Noah and his family live near Bowman's Crossing and he would like to be a race car driver when he grows up. Noah wanted to get baptized so he could go to heaven. And praise God, because he accepted Jesus, he will!

We welcome all ten of these new members and look forward to more in the upcoming months. If you have accepted Jesus and would like to be baptized or would like to transfer membership or have questions about any of that, please contact Brother George.

Welcome New Members and God Bless You!

Youth Mission Trip:

Please see the information below from Pastor Craig Howard who is organizing this opportunity for our youth. Depending on how many go from Antioch, Mission & Witness will help pay for the trip. Please let Pastor George or Becky know if you are interested as soon as possible. This is for 9th grade and up, unless accompanied by an adult.

Hi,
I am Pastor Craig Howard, chair of the Adult and Youth Fellowship Committee of the Covenant Brethren Church. I wanted to remind pastors and youth leaders as well as the youth of our denomination of a very special opportunity to be a part of a wonderful short-term mission trip to Guatemala. I have made this trip many times and have been blessed every trip. Many of the youth and adults that have traveled with me before, have returned many times. This is an opportunity for your youth to do something bigger than themselves and touch grateful people in another culture with the love of Christ. I make every effort to encourage every youth that grows up in my church to do a short-term mission trip and they are always impacted in a positive way. Please don't let the cost frighten you or your youth. We will show them how to raise the money and God has always provided. I have taken as many as 40 on one trip and God provided over \$52,000 for that trip. I used to stress about it but God always provides. He will for you or your youth as well.

Craig

Your Chance at a Short-Term Mission Trip

Do you or the youth of your church want to get more involved in missions? Covenant Brethren Church is offering you that opportunity. A short-term mission trip especially for youth is planned for June 9-17, 2023 to Guatemala. We will be working in a Christian School in San Juan La Laguna. We will be taking food and Bibles to remote villages, building wood burning cook stoves, and doing repair work on some of the simple houses that the people of the area live in.

The cost of the trip is \$1,500 per person which covers everything except your spending money. Covid protocols have been lifted so you don't need a vaccination to make the trip. This is a safe trip.

Many people have made this trip in the past and have come back wanting to return on the next trip. You won't want to miss this opportunity. If interested, please contact Craig Howard at 304-668-1731 or email him at craig.howard@covenantbrethren.org. Additional adult leaders are welcome also.

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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 Advanced Formula	Diaper Bags	Baby Bottles
Teething rings	Infant & Toddler Tooth brushes & Toothpaste	

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

The preschool is always looking for donations of stickers, crayons, craft kits (35), treats, and paper products. If you would like to donate to the preschool scholarship fund. Checks can be sent to the church or added to the offering. In the memo line it can be earmarked for the scholarship fund.
Blessings, Amy Babcock, Director/Teacher, Antioch Little Ducklings

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)
Front Load Washers and Dryers
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!)
A good used backhoe
Cooking Supplies (Mountain Pie Irons, Roasting Sticks, Dutch Ovens, etc.)
Golf Cart

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.antiochcbc.org including upcoming events, sermon note sheets, ministries, mission opportunities, children's activities, Antioch's history, how to meet Jesus, and much more!

Sign Your Child Up For Free Bible Classes!

Weekday Religious Education Classes are being held this school year and are open to all 2nd and 4th graders. Go to www.weekdayreligiouseducation.com and click on Sign Up! It's not too late! Sign ups are taken continuously throughout the school year. Share with your friends and spread the word! All 2nd and 4th graders are welcome but every participant needs to register and have a signed permission slip. See Pastor George or Dale for any questions.

Join Antioch's Choir!

The Antioch Choir has started practicing! Practices are on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and the group will lead worship and provide sharing of gifts for both services once a month on 4th Sundays. If you are interested in joining the Antioch Choir or have questions, please contact Nancy Bowers in person or at gabowers@shentel.net.

Gospel Music and Trips Update

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

PromiseLand Quartet & Karen Peck and New River at Abba's House at my Church, 23749 Old Valley Pike Woodstock, VA on March 25th, 2023 @ 4:00pm. PLQ Annual Anniversary Dinner Concert. Dinner catered by Shaffer's.

Full Buffett Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roast Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Assorted Desserts, Ice Tea & Coffee

\$42.00 PER PERSON. CHILDREN 12 & UNDER ARE \$15 EA.

THIS EVENT IS BY PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS ONLY. CALL 540-212-3744

ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT OF SEATS AVAILABLE.

CONCERT ONLY TICKETS ARE \$20 PER. PERSON-ADVANCE SALE ONLY!

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS -MARCH 22, 2023.

Bus Trip - Wednesday, March 22, 2023 - Moses at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA

OR -Tuesday, May 16, 2023 OR Tuesday, July 11, 2023 OR Thursday, September 7, 2023

From the banks of the Nile River to the depths of the Red Sea, MOSES is a spectacular entertainment experience for the whole family! Set adrift as a baby, he is an unlikely hero -- until God calls him to lead His people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Journey with Moses as he ventures through the wilderness, encounters God at the burning bush, and ascends to the top of Mount Sinai..

Cost: \$155 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.

Bus Trip - Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - The Miracle of Christmas at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA

This holiday season, travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wise men along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah!

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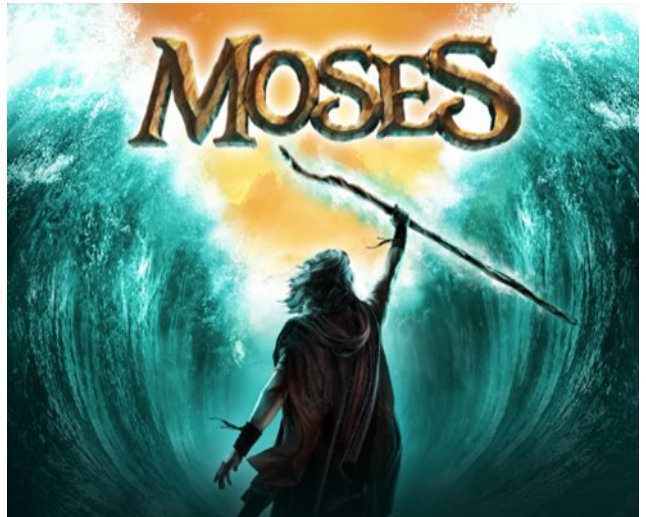
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New Antioch T-Shirts Available To Order:



Order your new Antioch t-shirts now!

*Forms are available on the table in the Fellowship hall or you can email adminassistant@antiochcob.org with your order. Return forms to Becky Leland's mailbox.

Sizes available:

Youth Small (6-8)

Youth Medium (10-12)

Youth Large (14-16)

Adult Small through 3XL.

Prices:

Youth sizes through XL are \$12.00

2XL is \$15.00

3XL is \$18.00

PLQ'S 2023 Anniversary Dinner Concert!!

SPECIAL GUEST



Karen Peck & New River

Doors Open @ 4 PM
Buffet Dinner @ 5 PM
Pre-paid Reservations
\$42 per adult & \$15 per
Child 12 & under.

HOSTED BY

Deadline for
Reservations March 23



PROMISED LAND

Saturday, March 25th, 2023

Abba's House @ My Church 23749 Old Valley Pike
Woodstock, VA 22664

To Make Reservation- Call Amy 540-212-3744



APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE



Special Guest Speaker

Tim Barnett

TOPICS

Why I Am A Christian

The Truth About Truth

If God, Why Evil

The Power Of
Pornography

March 4, 2023

9:30AM

Lunch is on your own

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Sponsored by Faith & Reason Apologetics of Shenandoah County
www.faithandreasonapologetics.com

This year kicks off strong as Faith & Reason Apologetics of Shenandoah County are excited to announce Tim Barnett as the featured speaker this March 4th. Tim is a former high school science teacher turned apologist in the Stand To Reason ministry with a passion for youth (and quite a following!) making this an excellent event for church youth groups!

We hope to see many of churches represented here.

Antioch Covenant Brethren Church 23502 Senedo Rd, Woodstock Va, 2266 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm with breaks. (antiochcbc.org)

1 Peter 3:15-16 “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.”

Jude 3 “Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God’s holy people.”

Titus 1:9 “He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.”

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Worship Leader Training:

Pastor George will conduct Worship Leader Training on March 5 immediately after the 11:00am service. The brief training will cover how to help lead other believers into the presence of the Lord and worship Him in Spirit and in truth. We will also discuss leading Morning Prayers as well as other prayers in worship. Anyone who has led worship in the past or who may be interested should attend. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please let Pastor George know.

New address for Alice Simmons

P.O. Box 245
Centerville Indiana 47330

2023 Shenandoah District Disaster Ministries Projects

Shenandoah District Disaster Ministries Coordinator Jerry Ruff said the District plans to serve in Dawson Springs, Kentucky, this year. An estimated 900 homes are still in need of moderate to major repairs or replacement after an F4 tornado decimated the area on December 11, 2021. The trip to Dawson Springs is approximately ten and a half hours from Antioch.

2023 Disaster Projects (as of January 30, 2023)

April 16-22

July 30-August 5

September 17-23

October 22-28

For more information, contact:

Jerry Ruff 540-447-0306; districtoffice@shencob.org

Galen Halterman 540-256-9356; galenhalterman@aol.com

Cancelations and Delays:

Cancellations of the worship service due to weather will be called through the prayer chain and sent out on the email chain. For those not on either of these, announcements are usually posted on WHSV (Channel 3) and WBTV radio. A decision is usually made by 7:30 am Sunday morning. If anyone would like to be added to the email prayer chain, please let Brenda Fadeley know by emailing her at bfadeley67@gmail.com. For activities such as Bible Studies, BLAST, etc during the week, if Shenandoah County Schools are cancelled or delayed, any morning activities are cancelled. If schools are canceled or dismissed early, afternoon and evening activities are cancelled.

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.



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
March Birthday People



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Happy
Birthday
and God
Bless You!



Celebrating
Marriages for the
Month of March



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Happy Anniversary !



2023 Weekly Prayer Emphasis:

During 2023, 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:

March 5— Pray for God's Protection over and around our church and our members.

March 12— Pray that each member will received God's forgiveness and share it with others.

March 19— Pray for many people to get saved and baptized in Jesus' name.

March 26— Pray for God's presence and blessing during our Holy Communion Service next Sunday.



March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am, Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner & Women's at Woodstock Garden Cafe 4-7:30pm, Blast for Pre-K through 12th 6:30pm, Evening Bible Study in person and by livestream	2 <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	3	4 Apologetics Seminar at Antioch with Tim Barnett 9:30-4
5 12:30pm Worship Leader Training	6 6:30pm, Grief Support Group in New Basement	7	8 9am, Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner & Women's at Woodstock Garden Cafe 4-7:30pm, Blast for Pre-K through 12th 6:30pm, Evening Bible Study in person and by livestream	9 <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	10	11
12	13	14	15 9am, Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner & Women's at Woodstock Garden Cafe 4-7:30pm, Blast for Pre-K through 12th 6:30pm, Evening Bible Study in person and by livestream	16 <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	17	18
19 April Newsletter Items due to Sheryl Jett	20 6:30pm, Grief Support Group in New Basement	21	22 9am, Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner & Women's at Woodstock Garden Cafe 4-7:30pm, Blast for Pre-K through 12th 6:30pm, Evening Bible Study in person and by livestream	23 <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	24	25
26 6pm, Prayer Meeting	27	28	29 9am, Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner & Women's at Woodstock Garden Cafe 4-7:30pm, Blast for Pre-K through 12th 6:30pm, Evening Bible Study in person and by livestream	30	31	

Special Holy Week Schedule:

April 2, (Palm Sunday) Combine Worship at 10am with Love Feast following.

April 5- no Bible Studies, BLAST or other activities.

April 7, 7:00pm (Good Friday) Good Friday Service.

April 9, Resurrection Sunday- Sunrise Service at 6:30am, Free Breakfast at 7:30am, Second service at 8:30am . There will be NO 11:00am SERVICE ON EASTER SUNDAY!

Faith, Not Sight

George Bowers
January 2023

We live by faith and not by sight,
Guided by the Spirit's light.

Trusting in what we cannot see,
The truth that truly sets us free!

Knowing there's something that's totally real,
With love and grace that we can feel!
Keeping step with a heavenly beat,
With hidden manna rich and sweet.
We sow because we know we'll reap,
The life of faith is rich and deep!

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 any member of the Pastoral and Worship Commission. They are Laurie Eaton, Diane Pence, Matt Wendling, Debbie Cummins, and Suzanne Clarke.

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 2023 Antioch Ministry Plan God Willing

Every Sunday	Worship of Almighty God
Every Sunday	Sunday School to study and apply God's Word.
BLAST and PM Bible Study	Every Wed from Sept 14-May 10
Morning Bible Study	Every Wed from Sept 14-June 7
March 4	Apologetics Speaker at Antioch (Tim Barnett)
April 2	Palm Sunday-Combined Service with Love Feast to Follow
April 7	7 p.m. Good Friday service
April 9	Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast
May 20	Mother-Daughter Banquet
May 21	Graduate Recognition in both services
June 25-28	Vacation Bible School
Aug 27	Church Board Planning Retreat
Sept 10	Combined outdoor service, picnic at a park.
Sept 17	Sunday School Move Up Sunday.
Sept 24	Antioch Homecoming & 155th Anniversary Celebration
Oct 1	Combined Service with Love Feast to Follow.
Oct 14	Apologetics Speaker at Antioch
Nov 19	Community Thanksgiving Service 6pm.
Dec 17	6pm Christmas Program
Dec 24	10am Combined Christmas Worship Service
Dec 24	7pm Christmas Eve Service

Executive Committee Meetings:

6:00pm April 11, July 11, Oct 10

Church Board Meeting Dates:

7:00pm April 11, July 11, Oct 10

Congregational Business Meeting Dates:

7:00pm April 24, July 24, Oct 23