



# God's News for Antioch

February 2026

Antioch Covenant Brethren Church

23502 Senedo Road, Woodstock, Virginia 22664

(540)459-3661

George Bowers, Senior Pastor

## Lessons From The Football Field

### Schedule:

**8:45 a.m. Sunday School**

**10 a.m. Worship**

**Nursery Provided &  
Children's Church**

**Senior Pastor: George Bowers**

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

**Pastor Administrative Assistant/Clerk:**

**Rachel Buffington**

**Treasurer/Bookkeeper:**

**Deacons: John Anderson, Chair**

**Don Sherman Jr., Co-Chair**

**Becky Leland**

**Benny & Tammy Andes**

**Tim & Kathy Cooper**

**Norma Doman**

**Matt & Brenda Wendling**

**Noah & Amy Hepner**

**Diane Pence**

**Building & Grounds Chair: Jay Swartz**

**Pastoral & Worship Chair: Diane Pence**

**Finance Chair: Doug Doman**

**Discipleship Chair: Stephanie Chapman**

**Church & Family Fellowship Chair:**

**Ronda Mace**

**Mission & Witness Chair: Allen Bowers**

**Sunday School Superintendent:**

**David Sherman**

**Church Board Chairman: Bernie Adams**

**Church Board Co-Chairman:**

**Stephanie Chapman**

**Moderator: Barry Arey**

February 8 is the big game! After 272 football games, the two final teams will square off in what promises to be an exciting game. Since most of us can't afford nosebleed tickets at \$2,000 a pop, not to mention those in the luxury seats for over \$60,000, we'll have to settle for our living room couches. May the best team win!

While there are many lessons to be learned from this past season, one of the most powerful happened year before last within the Washington organization. In September of 2024, team executive Rael Enteen was fired for making disparaging remarks about his own team, their fans, their players and the entire NFL.

Enteen's private comments about how he thought many Commanders fans were alcoholics and worse came to light. In addition, he accused players on the team he worked for of being stupid, and they, as well as team staff, of being too white and too religious. His criticisms were not limited to the Commanders as he also denigrated other NFL owners and the Commissioner himself. Although he shared these thoughts privately, he was unaware he was being filmed and lost his job as soon as the video came to light.

The main issue here is loyalty to the team and to his fellow teammates, both those in management as well as those on the field. Criticisms may be well founded and need to be examined and addressed but to share them outside the organization in such a derogatory way brought dishonor to the entire team.

This debacle, however, caused me to consider remarks I've made before about my "teammates" in the church. While doctrinal and behavioral issues must be addressed, it's important to do

so within the guidelines of Matthew 18 where Jesus tells us to first go to the individual with whom we disagree and then with another person who can be neutral and objective. If it is still unresolved the issue is to be brought before the entire church body. Such a strategy leaves no room for personal criticism or gossip and protects the dignity and respect of every brother and sister as well as the entire church body.

If all of our private comments about others were recorded and then broadcast openly, what would be revealed? I dare say each of us have criticized fellow players on Jesus' team including some "leaders" and "coaches," aka pastors. In addition, we've likely even let some remarks slip that would cast dishonor, if not outright disgrace, on our "Owner," Jesus Himself.

While we may think we spoke such criticisms in quiet confidence, we must remember that even if no other person hears, God always does. His camera is always running and although He won't use footage to embarrass or humiliate us, He does indicate in Matthew 12:37 that our words will be used to judge us. We should be very careful regarding the words we speak and the thoughts we think regarding our Lord, His Church, and His children. How many of us should get fired from God's Kingdom for our derogatory conversations and thoughts? Praise God for His grace!

As we reflect on the past NFL season and anticipate Super Bowl LX, may this incident from 2024 remind us to season our conversations with salt taking great care not to speak against the Lord, His anointed servants, nor His children.

Blessings,  
*George*

## **CBC Executive Board Restrictions on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Adopted November 20, 2025**

**The Executive Board prohibits the use of Artificial Intelligence for the source of origin for any CBC publications, teachings, seminars, and sermons. All such publications and teachings are to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to the author, minister, or teacher and not from a preprogrammed algorithm.**

This above recent policy adopted by the CBC Executive Board strives to put guardrails on the use of AI in the denomination. While AI can be useful in lots of ways, pastors, teachers, and other leaders should not use it as a source of sermon or study topics or content. AI can be used to find examples, search for scriptures, find illustrations or statistics, etc, but not for the sermon or lesson itself. For example, NOT to ask ChatGPT or whatever other tool, “What should I preach about?” or “What are good Bible Studies for youth?” These should be discerned through prayer, listening to the Holy Spirit, and the needs of local individuals and congregations.

Additionally, questions like, “What does the Bible say about money?” are best answered not by AI but by Bible Study with good commentaries, etc. It is acceptable to ask AI something like, “What Bible Verses mention money or greed?” But be careful about using any commentary from AI as there is no way to know its source or theology. By its very nature, it is a compilation of what the world says about whatever it is asked which is the polar opposite of what Christians are to be guided by.

AI is a tool that can be used by pastors, teacher and leaders, but it should NEVER be used as a substitute for a vibrant obedient relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit guided by the written Word.



### **Needs for the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center:**

#### **Meeting Practical Needs with Compassion**

At the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center, we're here to support you not just emotionally and educationally, but also in practical ways. We provide essential items to help ease the challenges of pregnancy and parenting, including:

- Maternity clothes
- Prenatal vitamins
- Infant and children's clothing
- Diapers and wipes
- Formula and baby food
- Car seats, cribs, strollers, and other baby gear

If you need additional support, we can also connect you with trusted community partners who offer housing assistance, healthcare, counseling, food assistance, and more.

You don't have to do this alone—we're here to help meet your needs every step of the way. Contact number: (540) 984-4673.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Cancellation Notifications:**

Cancellations of the worship service due to weather will be sent out on the email chain. For those without email, announcements are usually posted on WHSV (Channel 3). 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](mailto:bfadeley67@gmail.com)

For church activities, Bible Studies, BLAST, etc., if school is delayed or canceled, morning activities at Antioch are canceled. If school is canceled or dismissed early, all afternoon and evening activities are canceled.

### **Library News**

Members are recommending specific titles for the Antioch Library. If you have in mind a book or resource you would recommend to other members, drop a note in the Book Donation box explaining why you recommend it (or just talk with Laura Brown, Ashley Bowers, or Tony Turley). You can check the online catalog, too, in case the library already has a copy.

**Help us secure these titles:** If you're willing to donate your lightly-used copy of one of the following, that would be a tremendous blessing.

\* Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age by Rosaria Butterfield

\* Joy Unspeakable: Power and Renewal in the Holy Spirit by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

\* Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love by Edward T. Welch

Please drop your copy in a Book Donation box in the Fellowship Hall or in the Antioch Library (Room 3). Those who want to help us purchase recommended books for the library can place a donation in an offering envelope labeled "Antioch Library."

The Reading Challenge for children ages 6-10 is on. Several families have begun tracking their children's progress. It's certainly not too late! Join us in the wonderful world of reading to learn more about Jesus! Prizes will be given to the kids who participate! You can choose books from the Antioch Library or another source. All books must be Bible stories or have biblical themes. Laura Brown has all the details, 540-842-9961.

### **Youth Mission Trip**

Puerto Rico Youth Mission Trip, June 23-30, 2026. This trip will be led by Antioch CBC. Registration forms are available on the table in the fellowship hall. Forms and deposits are due to Stephanie Chapman by February 1st. There will be a planning meeting after worship on February 1st. For more information, please see Stephanie, Penny Adams, Jane Byrd, or Becky Leland

## **Antioch Church Financial Summary – Year End 2025**

### **General Fund**

Total Income	\$479,015.80
Total Expenses	\$425,387.43
Over/Under Difference	+ \$ 53,628.37

### **Building Fund**

Amount Paid on Debt in 2025	\$152,812.56
Amount outstanding to pay on Debt	\$247,044.25

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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.

**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:**

Peanut Butter	Jelly	Deluxe Macaroni & Cheese
Breakfast Bars	Spray Cleaner	13-gallon kitchen trash bags
Paper Towels	Toothpaste	Tampons

Adult Body Wash

Donations may be dropped off at our Family Center, 781 Spring Parkway, Woodstock, VA  
Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **SPREAD THE WORD**

Please spread the word! Antioch's Sunday Worship Services are available on YouTube and you can find them by typing YouTube into your browser and then searching for AntiochCBC. Past services and Bible Studies are there as well. In addition, you can find out more information about Antioch at [www.antiochcbc.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Go to [www.Biblebreak.com](http://www.Biblebreak.com) and click on Sign Up! Share with your friends and spread the word! All 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 practices are on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and the group will lead worship and provide sharing of gifts for services once a month on the 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](mailto:gabowers@shentel.net).

### **Meals Ministry Opportunity!**

Would you be willing to provide a meal for a church family in need? A Meals Ministry team is being formed to help church members when a need for a meal(s) arises due to a surgery or extended illness. We would like to comprise a list of people who would be willing to provide a meal if called upon. You don't have to be a "Betty Crocker" in the kitchen to help out. A casserole, soup and salad, or a pizza and salad, etc. can easily feed a family. Could you pick up a rotisserie chicken, some potato salad and rolls and drop it by someone's house if called upon? Are you comfortable calling DoorDash? Please prayerfully consider if you could lend a hand and be a part of this outreach. Please contact Leslie Helsley by text or phone at 540-325-7127 or by email at [slbcbj@yahoo.com](mailto:slbcbj@yahoo.com) and she will be able to answer your questions and get you on the list. You can also call Yvonne Ryman on her cell 540-333-4035 or by text. We recognize that many in our church are already addressing this need but are hoping to reach others who may also have a heart for this ministry. A sign-up sheet will also be available on the table in the fellowship hall.

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### **Antioch's Theme Verse for 2026:**

Pastors George and Dale and the Antioch Church Board invite you to memorize, meditate, and live out the following verse for 2026. It will be our “Theme Verse of the Year” and this will be special emphasis in worship, sermons, outreach events, etc.

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. John 15:16

### **Night To Shine 2026**

Night to Shine 2026 will take place on February 13, 2026 at American Celebration on Parade. This event is like a prom for individuals with special needs for ages 14 and up. During the event, respite workers and caregivers are treated to their own special night. If you would like to help make the night special for these caregivers, we would like to collect donations of Valentine's Day themed gift baskets. Ideas for baskets include gift certificates, candy, personal care products, soaps, etc. Anything you think a tired caregiver would appreciate. If you are willing to donate a basket, please let Rachel Buffington know. We hope to get 10 baskets from Antioch.

### **AWE**

AWE is looking for a bass singer and more musicians. We've been praying for you! If you sing bass, play an instrument, and would like to worship with AWE, we'd love to have you. We practice on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Join us for our lively, fun time of fellowship and worship. Questions? Reach out to any AWE member.

### **Church Nursery Help Needed**

Nursery volunteers are needed for both services. Please, if you are able, consider volunteering in the nursery.

### **Disaster Work:**

Samaritan's Purse is constantly looking for volunteers to go on Disaster Mop up and rebuild trips. See Pastor George if you are interested in either.

### **Prayer Meeting**

Call to Prayer - come together to lift our hearts in prayer and seek God's guidance and will for our church, community and beyond. We meet on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. in classroom #1 (new basement).

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." — Matthew 18:20

### **Help with Pregnancy**

If you or someone you know is facing an unexpected pregnancy, our church is here to help. Please contact either Pastor George or Pastor Bennett or a deacon.

### **New Members:**

If you would like to become a member at Antioch by baptism or transfer or have questions, please see Pastor George or Pastor Dale. We plan to do this on February 1.

If you would like to dedicate a child to the Lord, we plan to do this on March 1.

## Dear George

**Dear George:** This is the column to address questions that are submitted during the month. The answers will be based on Biblical interpretations. If you have any questions, either email them to George or put them into his church mailbox and he'll try to get to them as soon as possible. It may take a little while, but he will attempt to answer your question eventually!

Dear George:

I have recently read Hebrews as part of the Bible-in-a-Year readings recommended by Our Daily Bread. I find Melchizedek to be an interesting and ambiguous character, especially as described in Hebrews 7:1-21. Who is he? What is his lineage? What is the Order of Melchizedek? What is a high priest and where does one fit in in relation to man/men? Thanks for your insight, Anonymous

Dear Anonymous

Wow. I'm glad you don't ask hard questions. :) You are certainly not the first to ask this for throughout the ages, many have speculated about this ambiguous individual mentioned almost in passing in Genesis 14. There is much more we don't know about him than what we do, but let's take a look. Before we do, however, let me encourage you and all readers to adopt a plan to read the Bible each day and then to stick to it. Thanks for staying in the word!

Now, let's answer the question about what a High Priest is. A priest is a go-between. He is someone who represents people to God and prays to Him on their behalf. People also confessed their sins to the priests and sought God's forgiveness through the priests.

A High Priest was the one priest who was over all the other Jewish priests in the way the Pope is over all the Catholic priests. There was only one High Priest at any time and this individual was the one who would go into the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle and later the Temple to atone for the sins of the Israelites by sprinkling blood on the top of the Ark of the Covenant, known as the Mercy Seat. The High Priest was also responsible for the spiritual condition of the entire nation with the burden to pray for the people and the nation regularly.

This was all before Jesus was crucified so anyone who wanted to approach God had to do so through a priest who was his or her mediator. When Jesus came, the curtain separating the Holy of Holies from the rest of the temple was torn in two indicating that any believer may now go boldly before God in prayer. We no longer need priests since all believers are priests before God with Jesus is our Great High Priest. Revelation 1:6 tells us that God "has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father." And 1 Peter 2:9 assures us that, "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." Praise God for Jesus' death and resurrection and that we don't need a mediator anymore!

So then, let's look at Melchizedek who I'll call Mel for short. Genesis 14:18 calls him the king of Salem, which means king of Shalom or king of peace. Most believe Salem was the city of Jerusalem long before it was conquered by the Israelites and renamed Jerusalem meaning New Peace or City of Peace. Given that many ancient kings were also priests for their people, it's likely that Mel fulfilled dual roles of priest and king.

Then there is the fact that Mel has no lineage, which is very unusual for anyone of importance in ancient history, especially Biblical kings and priests. The Jewish priests could only serve as priests if they could verify their unbroken lineage to Levi and especially to Aaron. Mel lived about 200 years before Levi and about 500 years before Aaron. He appears out of the blue as a priest of God Most High. Some scholars believe he was a Canaanite priest who had come to know Yahweh. Although this is one possibility, it does not explain his sudden appearance and the fact that his death is not mentioned either.

As the priest-king of Salem, Mel blessed Abram, just as God had previously done in Genesis 12. That's very unusual. In response, Abram gives him a tithe of all he had. That is certainly a form of worship and either Abram sees Mel as a god or one of God's legitimate representatives on earth. It's also interesting that Mel shared bread and wine with Abram. While those were common vittles in those days, I can't help but think of the connection to Holy Communion.

Where am I going? Several Bible scholars believe that Melchizedek was a Christophany, or an appearance of Christ before He was born in Bethlehem. I am inclined to agree with them but would not bet my farm on it. At the very least, Mel is an Old Testament type of Christ. A Type is a pattern of what was to come. Noah's flood was a type for baptism, Abraham sacrificing Isaac was a type for the crucifixion, Joseph was a type of Christ when he was rejected by his own brothers and later elevated to leadership. Melchizedek is a type of Christ in that He had no earthly lineage and his death is never mentioned. In addition he was a priest and a king, shared bread and wine, and ruled over Jerusalem.

The author of Hebrews also quotes a Psalm of David, Psalm 110:4, "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." Psalm 110 is a messianic Psalm which prophesizes about the coming of the future Messiah. David indicates that the Messiah will indeed be a High Priest like old Melchizedek and Hebrews repeats this phrase five specific times and applies it to Jesus Christ. The Order of Melchizedek refers to a priestly order that doesn't depend on human lineage, that never ends, and that involves political as well as spiritual headship. The Scofield Bible says that the Order of Melchizedek refers to the royal authority and unending duration of Christ's high priesthood, all of which apply.

So, all this to say, we still don't know definitively who Melchizedek was. He is an mystery for Bible scholars and I wouldn't be surprised if archaeologists don't dig something up on him one day. In the meantime, we'll just have to appreciate the ways that he reminds us of Jesus and His eternal reign as both High King and High Priest. Thanks for raising a great question!

*George*



# You've Been Flocked!

## Flamingo Flocking Order Form



### SEND A FLOCK

Send a flock to a family member, a friend or a neighbor! You can send a flock of pink flamingos for a minimum donation of \$30 (more is encouraged!). Return this form and donation in an envelope to Becky Leland's mailbox.

YOUR NAME:

PHONE:

FLOCK RECIPIENT:

RECIPIENT'S ADDRESS:

DONATION AMOUNT:

CASH  CHECK

### PURCHASE FLOCK INSURANCE

Protect your lawn from the flock! We now offer Flock Insurance for a one-time suggested donation of \$40. Return this form and donation in an envelope to Becky Leland's mailbox.

YOUR NAME:

PHONE:

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:

YOUR ADDRESS:

DONATION AMOUNT:

CASH  CHECK

Questions? Contact Becky by phone/text at (540) 333-1976 or by email at beckyaleland@gmail.com

Help support our Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico this year while having a little pink flamingo fun! Make a donation and use the attached form to send a flock of pink flamingos to your friends', family members', or neighbors' front yard! The recipient is not required to make a donation. Minimum donation of \$30.

### FLOCKING INSURANCE

Protect your lawn from the flock! We now offer flocking insurance for a donation fee of \$40. Fill out the attached form to protect your home.

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO BECKY LELAND'S  
MAILBOX. FOR QUESTIONS, CALL 540-333-1976  
OR EMAIL BECKYALELAND@GMAIL.COM

FLAMINGO FUNDRAISING  
SEASON IS HERE!

New until  
March 31st

HOW IT WORKS



# You've Been Flocked!



## Gospel Music and Trips Update

Go to [SONshineMinistriesVA.org](http://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.

**Lonesome River Bluegrass Band, Concert March 20, 2026, at 7 p.m.** Antioch Covenant Brethren Church. Tickets available by contacting the church office at 540-459-3661. Proceeds to benefit WRE.

**Kingdom Heirs.** West Side Baptist Church, 715 W Wolfe Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. Mar 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM; Doors open at 6:00 PM. Tickets : \$20 General Admission. For Tickets & More Info Call 864-237-3214

### **Gaither Vocal Band with Gene McDonald and Kevin Williams**

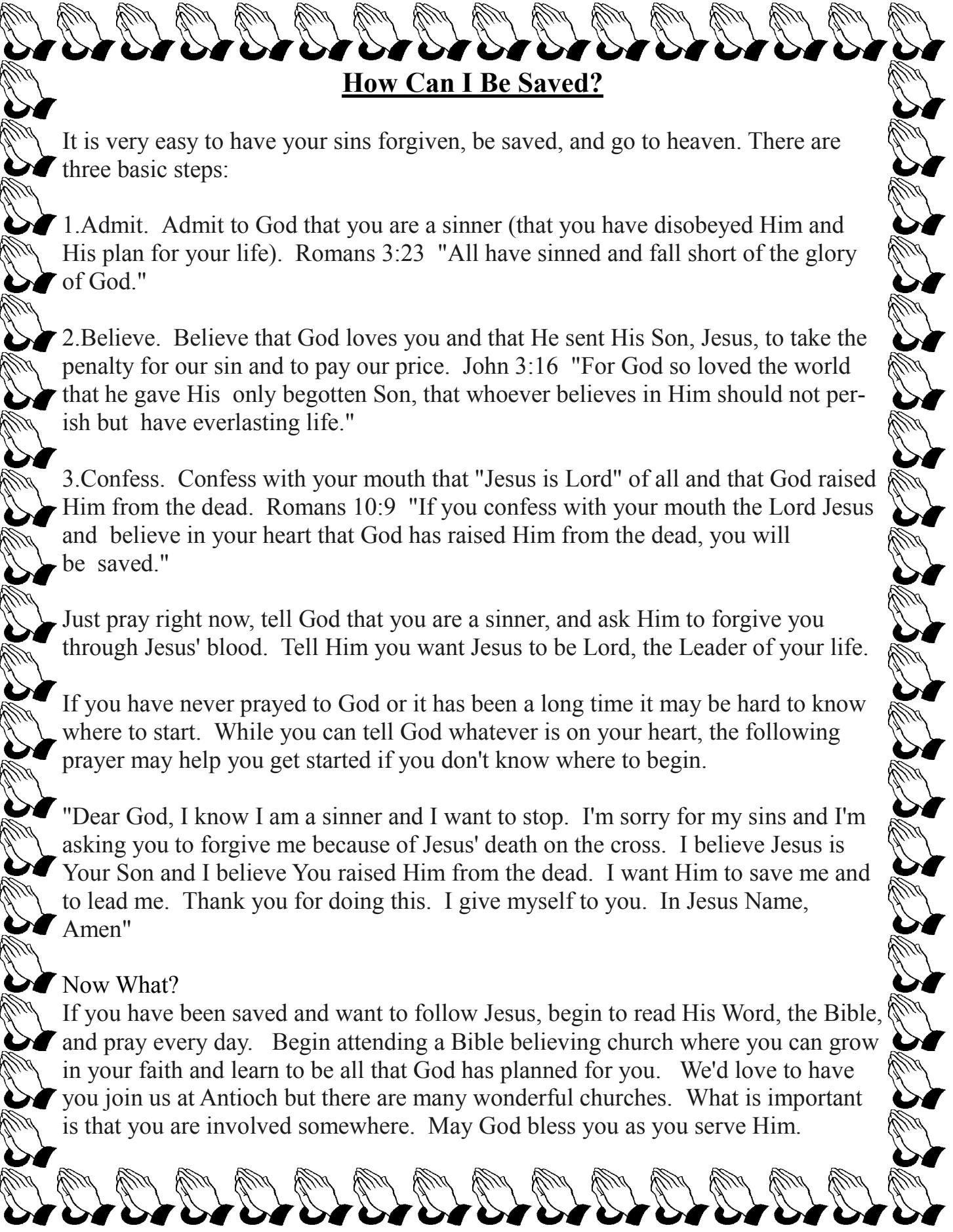
Apr 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM · Christ Chapel Church, Woodbridge, VA. Tickets from \$68. Buy online: <https://concerts50.com/buy/gaither-vocal-band-in-woodbridge-tickets-apr-16-2026> Witness the Gaither Vocal Band concert in Woodbridge at Christ Chapel Church on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 7:00 PM, with Gene McDonald and Kevin Williams.

### **Spring/Summer 2026 -- Ark Encounter, Creation Museum and Riverboat Dinner Cruise**

Come see the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum!! Join us on this 3-day, 2-night trip as we travel to the Ark Encounter, featuring a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel will amaze visitors young and old. Ark Encounter is situated in beautiful Grant County in Williamstown, Kentucky. We will also take time to see the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky, a 75,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility that allows you to venture through biblical history, stunning exhibits, botanical gardens, planetarium, plus more. Includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodations with breakfast, a day at the Ark, and plenty of time at the Creation Museum. Cost: Varies depending on age and the number of people per room. A detailed flyer will be available soon. Call Jean Kelley at 540-476-5211 or Dustin Kline at 540-810-6236 or email [dustinkline@gmail.com](mailto:dustinkline@gmail.com).

**An Afternoon of Worship Presented by CleanWater of Virginia featuring Chris Tomlin, with Special Guest Cade Thompson.** The Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival® is excited to announce GRAMMY, Billboard Music and Dove Award-winning artist Chris Tomlin will headline the 2026 Contemporary Christian Concert, presented by Clean Water of Virginia, on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at the James R. Wilkins, Jr. Athletics & Events Center at Shenandoah University. Doors open at Noon, show begins at 2:00 pm. Special early-bird ticket pricing is now on sale. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$95 and are available for purchase at [www.thebloom.com](http://www.thebloom.com).

**Larry DeLawder Family Ministries,** Mt. Carmel United Brethren Church, Mt Carmel United Brethren in Christ, 11466 Brocks Gap Rd, Fulks Run, VA 22830, Oct 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM, Free Admission



## 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"

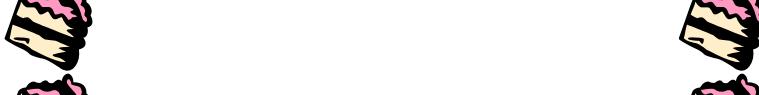
### Now What?

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.

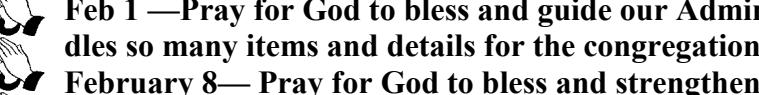
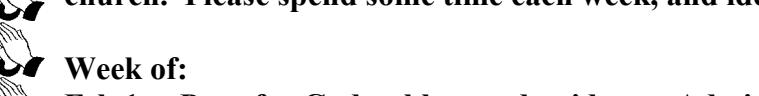
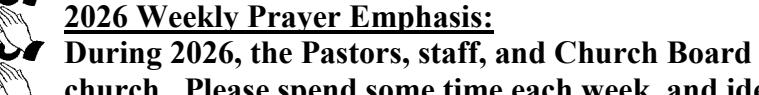
# Happy Birthday to our February Birthday People



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Happy  
Birthday  
&  
God Bless You!



# Celebrating Marriages for the Month of February



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## Happy Anniversary!

### 2026 Weekly Prayer Emphasis:

During 2026, 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:

- Feb 1—Pray for God to bless and guide our Administrative Assistant Rachel Buffington as she handles so many items and details for the congregation.
- February 8—Pray for God to bless and strengthen our Marriages
- February 15—Pray for Children's Church & our Youth and Visitation Pastor Dale Bennett
- February 22—Pray for Antioch Worship Experience, Antioch's Covenant Ensemble Choir, and our Pianists and Musicians.



# February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please NOTE: Weekly Bulletin Announcements contain the latest info.						
<b>1</b> 11:30am Puerto Rico trip meeting, deposits due	<b>2</b> 4pm, Grief Support Group  6:45pm, Evening Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6:30pm, Youth Choir	<b>4</b> 9am, Morning Bible Study  11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner, Women at Wood- stock Garden Cafe  3:30pm, BLAST	<b>5</b> <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	<b>6</b> Winter Youth Retreat	<b>7</b> Winter Youth Retreat  8am, Weekly Prayer Meeting
<b>8</b> Winter Youth Retreat	<b>9</b> 6:45pm, Evening Bible Study	<b>10</b> 6:30pm, Youth Choir	<b>11</b> 9am, Morning Bible Study  11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner, Women at Wood- stock Garden Cafe  3:30pm, BLAST	<b>12</b> <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 6-9pm Night to Shine	<b>14</b> 8am, Weekly Prayer Meeting
<b>15</b> March Newsletter Items due to Sheryl Jett	<b>16</b> 4pm, Grief Support Group  6:45pm, Evening Bible Study	<b>17</b> 6:30pm, Youth Choir	<b>18</b> 9am, Morning Bible Study  11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner, Women at Wood- stock Garden Cafe  3:30pm, BLAST	<b>19</b> <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8am, Weekly Prayer Meeting
<b>22</b> Soup Sale for Puerto Rico Mission Trip	<b>23</b> 6:45pm, Evening Bible Study	<b>24</b> 6:30pm, Youth Choir	<b>25</b> 9am, Morning Bible Study  11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner, Women at Wood- stock Garden Cafe  3:30pm, BLAST	<b>26</b> <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8am, Weekly Prayer Meeting

## Dates for 2026 Antioch Ministry Plan God Willing

Every Sunday	10am Worship of Almighty God
Every Sunday	8:45am Sunday School to study and apply God's Word.
BLAST and PM Bible Study	Most Wednesdays through April 29
Morning Bible Study	Most Wednesdays through May 20
Feb 6-8	Winter Youth Retreat
Feb 13 6-9pm	Night to Shine at American Celebration on Parade
March 20	WRE Concert featuring Lonesome River Bluegrass Band
March 29	Palm Sunday Worship- Love Feast following
April 3 7pm	Good Friday service
April 5 6:30am	Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast 2nd service at 8:30am
May 17	Graduate Recognition with meal afterward
May 31-June 3	Vacation Bible School
June 23-30	CBC Youth Mission Trip
July 5-9	CBC Regional Jr. & Sr. Camp
Aug 23	Church Board Planning Retreat
Sept 13	Worship in the Wild, picnic at Maurertown Park.
Sept 20	Sunday School Move Up Sunday/ Back to Church Sunday
Oct 4	Love Feast following worship.
Oct 18	CBC Sunday and Fellowship Meal
Nov 22	Community Thanksgiving Service 6pm.
Dec 20	Christmas Program

Executive Committee Meetings: 6:30pm:

April 13, July 13, Oct 12

Church Board Meeting Dates: 7:00pm:

April 13, July 13, Oct 12

Congregational Business Meeting Dates: 7:00pm:

April 27, July 27, Oct 26

## You Know Us

George Bowers  
December 2025

You know the sore afflictions,  
of all of us on earth,  
Since You became one of us,  
through Your holy virgin birth.  
Sympathizing with our weaknesses,  
You see our troubled face,  
And with mercy and compassion,  
You lavish us with grace.  
Tempted in all ways as we,  
and yet without one sin,  
You fully know the challenges,  
of all earth's fallen men.  
You walked our dirty streets,  
You slept within our boats,  
You ate our earthly food,  
and wore our winter coats.  
You know the joys of living,  
but all its struggles too,  
You fully understand us,  
and all that we go through.  
Thank You for Your mercy,  
and in Your grace, forgive,  
For You know fully, Jesus,  
where and how we live.

### Sharing of Gifts and Worship Leadership:

If you are willing to lead worship, lead music, or share a gift during worship contact Sister Amy Hepner of the Pastoral and Worship Commission.

### 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.