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REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
AWANA 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Supper 6:00 - 6:40 p.m.
Teens Ring 6:30 p.m.
Mission Friends 7:00 p.m.
R.A. and G.A. 7:00 p.m.
Youth 7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Dave Atwater, Pastor
Victor Quick, Minister of Music
Mayling Blackwood, Ministry Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
LOVE GOD. EXALT CHRIST. SEEK HIS WILL. SERVE HIS PURPOSE.

Business Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2010

Church business meeting was called to order by Moderator Tommy Cecil. Twenty-four members were present. John Cecil led in prayer. The February 14, 2010 business meeting minutes were read for information. Reports were given and are attached (if hard copy available).

Treasurer – Pat Cecil – Treasurer’s report voted on and approved as presented.

Church Council – Gene Williams – Recommended that month of May be designated as Stewardship Month. Recommended that the Church Council and Business Meeting be moved from May 9 to May 16. Recommendation voted on and passed.

Missions – Judy Wiles for Robin Farrell – Need to set goal for Annie Armstrong offering; last year’s goal was \$3,000. Motion was made, seconded, voted on, and passed to set the goal at \$3,000 for 2010. April projects – meal at Ronald McDonald House and new PJ’s and used or new books for Pajama Pals. Delivered 58 items to Siloam.

Men’s Club – Gordon Neville – Good attendance at last meeting.

AWANA – Pat Cecil – Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 28, 4-6PM; Fishing Tournament, May 1; will be collecting pennies for Annie Armstrong offering.

Budget and Finance – Tommy Cecil – Restated that May will be stewardship emphasis month. Recommendation was made that any work done on the parsonage should be kept separately for tax purposes.

Building and Grounds – Gordon Neville – Larry Colie has installed new weather stripping on the parlor doors to see if that will take care of the water problem. Are fighting a war with lady bugs and may be winning. Used double sink has been purchased and installed in the Educational Building basement. The plaque has been repaired and re-hung in the Fellowship Hall. Plexiglas will be installed under the counter in the Fellowship Hall. Recommendation to purchase a truck load of mulch (single ground hardwood mulch) at cost of \$800 in July—recommendation voted on and passed. Light bulbs in sanctuary will be replaced this week. Three loads of gravel have been purchased.

Cemetery – Pastor Atwater for Debbie Bowden – Walter Yow will backfill so the Memorial Garden can be planted. Contact a Cemetery Committee member if have questions about the garden or issues concerning the cemetery.

Kitchen – Hilda Durham – Have purchased new refrigerator at a real good deal.

No Reports — Deacons, Sunday School, Historian, Benevolence, By-Laws, Discretionary Missions, Flower, Library, Music, Outreach, Nominating, Nursery, Personnel Advisory, Technology, Tape Ministry, Usher, Van, Youth

Associate Pastor for Student Ministries Search Committee – Pastor Atwater reported that the committee has interviewed two candidates and plan to interview more candidates. No recommendation at this time.

April 2010

Missions:
Ronald McDonald House
& Pajama Pals

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 EASTER Sunrise Service Lord’s Supper Begin Older Children’s Church 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA	5 Office Closed	6	7 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	8	9	10
11 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA 5:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting	12 6:30 p.m. Men’s Club Meeting	13 Young at Hearts	14 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring, Women’s Bible Study 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	15	16 Newsletter submissions due in the office	17
18 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA 5:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study	19 7:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting	20	21 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring, Women’s Bible Study 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	22 Ronald McDonald House	23	24
25 Relay for Life Lunch Fundraiser 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA 5:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study	26 7:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting	27	28 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring, Women’s Bible Study 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	29	30	

News & Opportunities

Men's Club Meeting: March 8, 2010

Twenty-seven men (including two guests) attended our March meeting. Mr. Mike Lanier was guest speaker. Mike is a graduate of East Carolina University (B.S. and M.B.A.) and currently serves as the Agriculture Economic Development Manager for Orange County. His job involves helping local farmers find a new customer "niche" at local restaurants and farmer's markets (we now have 4 in the Triangle), helping them become more profitable; and helping with the re-development of the local food systems — such as Maple View Farm's pasteurized milk and ice cream; and Rob Hogan's (Magnolia Farms) grass-fed beef. Rob says that Mike had a major influence in helping him find new ways to market the farm-fresh beef in Chapel Hill, and even out-of-state via the Internet.

Mike described how the food we buy in stores often lacks freshness and important nutrients because it must travel an average of 1500 miles to reach our dinner table. It became obvious that we need to grow more of our own vegetables, fruits, and meats. One big concern of the Group was — "How do you control the deer population, crows, and black birds so they don't destroy your gardens?"

Our regular cooking crew of Brack Bowden, Henry Morris, Gerald Lewter, and Gene Williams did a fine job of cooking homemade chicken and dumplings from "scratch." Nadine Bowden made the coconut cake and Pat Cecil furnished the cherry cheesecake.

Larry Elkins announced that a special BBQ benefit for Ms. Donna Elkins, who has ALS, will be held May 8 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the White Cross Recreation Center. There will be live music by the Nomads Band and an auction of donated items. Organizers have already received a donated gas grill and several other items.

Building and Grounds Updates

Fellowship Hall: Robbie Smith and Gerald Lewter replaced 3 window sashes and 1 window that had developed air pockets, allowing moisture to seep-in. These were supplied by the original Builders. Jeff Earle has repaired the water fountains, and Jim Harr has agreed to add a plexi-glass guard underneath the serving area.

Parsonage: Kitchin Durham and Gerald Lewter conducted a walk-thru, and finished a "punch list" of 13 items before Gene and Ruth Williams moved in the first week in March. Jeff Earle was instrumental in repairing several of the plumbing items, donating all his labor and materials.

Educational Building: Kitchin Durham and Gerald Lewter were also responsible for purchasing and replacing the double-sink in the basement of the Educational Building. The new stainless steel sink is more accessible/workable, and the faucet does not leak. Jeff Earle was invaluable there as well, repairing leaky commodes, and installing a filter on our water surge tank.

Sanctuary: Burned-out bulbs in the chandeliers have been replaced.

Grief Recovery Support Group

If you have recently lost someone close to you, you're invited to become part of a "GriefShare" group starting April 1 at Riverside Baptist Church near Graham. The group will meet at 6:30 on Thursday evenings for 13 weeks, and features biblical teaching on grief recovery topics by leading authors, counselors, speakers and pastors along with small group discussion. Everything shared within the group is held in strict confidence. Call the church office for more information.

News & Opportunities

OUR MISSION PROJECTS THIS MONTH:

Our mission projects for April will be the Ronald McDonald House and Pajama Pals. If you would be willing to assist, please see Robin Farrell or call the church office at (919) 929-2230.

Ronald McDonald House

Thursday, April 22nd Antioch will be preparing the evening meal for the residents of the House. This meal provides a little touch of home cooking with lots of TLC for parents and children during their stay. To assist in preparation of the meal, contact the church office or Robin Farrell.

Pajama Pals

May 31, 2010

Collecting new pajamas
(0-3 months to youth XL)

PJ Pals is an organization whose purpose is to help give new pajamas and a book to children who have been recently placed in foster care, living in a homeless shelter, or who are in a medical facility for an extended period of time.
www.pajamapals.org

Collection boxes will be in the Welcome Center, Fellowship Hall, and the hallway between the Education Bldg. and Sanctuary.

VBS 2010: July 5th - 9th

It's that time again and we need your help. If you are looking for a rewarding experience and the chance to tell children about how wonderful Christ is, then VBS is for you! Please call the church office or sign-up on the church's website. See you there!

Annie Armstrong Goal: \$3000

April 2010 Nursery Schedule

Sun. 4th: No Children's Church: Easter

Wed. 17th: Hilda Durham

Sun. 11th: Becky Stone, Taylor Stone, Lyn Lloyd, Mark Lloyd

Wed. 14th: Pat Tayloe

Sun. 18th: Betty Sue Yow, Carolyn Lacock, Charlene Williams, Dana Ward

Wed. 21st: Sandy Jefferson

Sun. 25th: Peyton Justice, Becky Smith, Shannon Baker, Rosie Matsko

Wed. 28th: Libby Bennett

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3 @ 11:00 a.m.
McDougle Middle School
Sponsored by Calvander Church

Our **Antioch Angels Against Cancer** are in the process of planning a **luncheon** on **April 25** to raise money for "**Relay for Life.**" Watch for more information in your church bulletin, or online at www.abccommunity.com.

Orange Chapel UMC has scheduled a "**White Cross Community Blood Drive**" on **April 26** at the church from **2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** This is a change from their usual date in hopes that we will be past the cold and flu season.

Next newsletter submission is April 16th.

A Reminder: The church office has printed forms that you can use to document income tax deductions on contributions of personal items donated to the church. Check online or with the church office.

Business Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2010

A Message From The Pastor: Sunday's 'A Comin'

Dick Innes, who writes a devotional entitled "Daily Encounter," once recalled an article by Richard Halverson, asking the question, "Who hasn't failed?" Halverson went on to point out that "The apostle Paul failed, Peter failed, every one of the twelve apostles failed. David, Israel's greatest king, a "man after God's own heart" failed. Moses, giant among the Israelites, giver of the law, deliverer of his people, failed. Jacob, father of Israel, failed. Isaac, son of promise, failed. Abraham, progenitor of Israel, father of the faithful, prototype of those who are righteous through faith, failed. Even our first parents, in their human perfection, failed. Who hasn't failed?"

Innes then commented, "It's not the failure that is the issue. It's what we do when we fail that matters most. We can beat ourselves up if we are perfectionistic. We can laugh it off, or deny it, if we are too insecure, too afraid, or too proud to admit it. Or we can acknowledge it, confess it to God and to at least one other trusted friend, get up, brush off the dust, learn from it and grow." Innes concludes that, whatever the cause of our failure, we need to keep learning and growing. "It's not God's goal to make us good, but to make us whole, and the more whole we become, the less we will fail. ... It's pretty much a life-long process."

The Easter season recalls many failures. Failures of responsibility, of trust, of loyalty, of compassion, and – for a time – even of hope. Not just of people long ago and far away, but our own as well. Thankfully, the story doesn't end there. Even "Good Friday" isn't on the Christian's calendar to signal despair. Instead, it reminds us (in the words of a line made famous by Tony Campolo, that – while dark times may oppress us, evil may seem to triumph, and hope may be almost gone, "Sunday's a' comin!") Despite our most dismal failures, God hasn't abandoned us. Just as He provided the sacrifice that took Isaac's place centuries ago (see Genesis 22), so He has also provided a sacrifice for us.

All around the world this season, Christians will remember the prophecy of Isaiah, "he endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne. ...All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going our own way; but the Lord made the punishment fall on Him, the punishment all of us deserved. He was treated harshly, but endured it humbly; He never said a word. Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be sheared, He never said a word" (Isa. 53:4-7 TEV).

The prophet Hosea predicted failure and punishment for his people. But he also predicted that God would give them "the Valley of Achor for a door of hope." When the Israelites had first entered the promised land, Achor had been the site of a terrible defeat following a little looting in disobedience to God's command. But the people repented, received God's forgiveness, and marched on to victory. "Good Friday" stands like the Valley of Achor, reminding us that if we recognize our own sin and repent, God's restoration (and our rejoicing) will follow. If we have that relationship, then even on the darkest of days, we can have hope. "Sunday's 'a comin!"

Old Business – none

New Business – Judy Wiles reported that a new Children's Church for older children will begin Easter Sunday and will meet on the first Sunday of each month. Larry Elkins announced that there will be a benefit for Donna Elkins on May 8 and recommended that a fund be established for Donna Elkins for IRS purposes. Recommendation was seconded, voted on, and approved. Gene Williams thanked the church on behalf of his family for the opportunity to use the Parsonage. Gene made the motion to have an appreciation day for the White Cross Volunteer Fire Department, Emergency Management Service, and Law Enforcement. Motion was seconded, voted on, and passed. Pastor Atwater thanked everyone for their response to the Second Sunday Band. Pastor Atwater asked to be kept posted about those in nursing homes. Motion made, seconded, voted on, and passed to approve the minutes as amended. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Dave Atwater – Pastor Tommy Cecil – Moderator Becky Smith – Acting Clerk

Notes of Appreciation and Announcements

Senior Girl Scout Troop 590 would like to thank Antioch Baptist Church and its members for allowing us the use of the facilities as a place to meet. You are a blessing to us all. Thank you.

The "Momma Donna" Benefit for Donna Elkins
Diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)

Saturday, May 8, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
White Cross Recreation Center

BBQ Dinner
Live Music by The Nomads
Auction by Michael Rogers

Donations will be accepted for admission.
Please make the checks payable to
Antioch Baptist Church
and designate it to the Donna Elkins Fund.

We sincerely appreciate the outpouring of love, telephone calls, visits, and cards from our church family, the White Cross Fire Department, and the community during the past several weeks following our house fire on the evening of February 6th. Although our "house" has been declared a total loss, our "home" is alive and well and our love for each other is stronger than ever. We praise God for sparing our lives in this devastating fire.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers,
The Family of Gene and Ruth Williams

Birth Announcement
Ryan Alexander Baker
February 25, 2010
7 lbs. 3 oz., 19.5"
Parents: Lance and Shannon Baker
Grandparents: Robbie and Becky Smith
Great-Grandparents: Howard and Wanda Smith

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