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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.

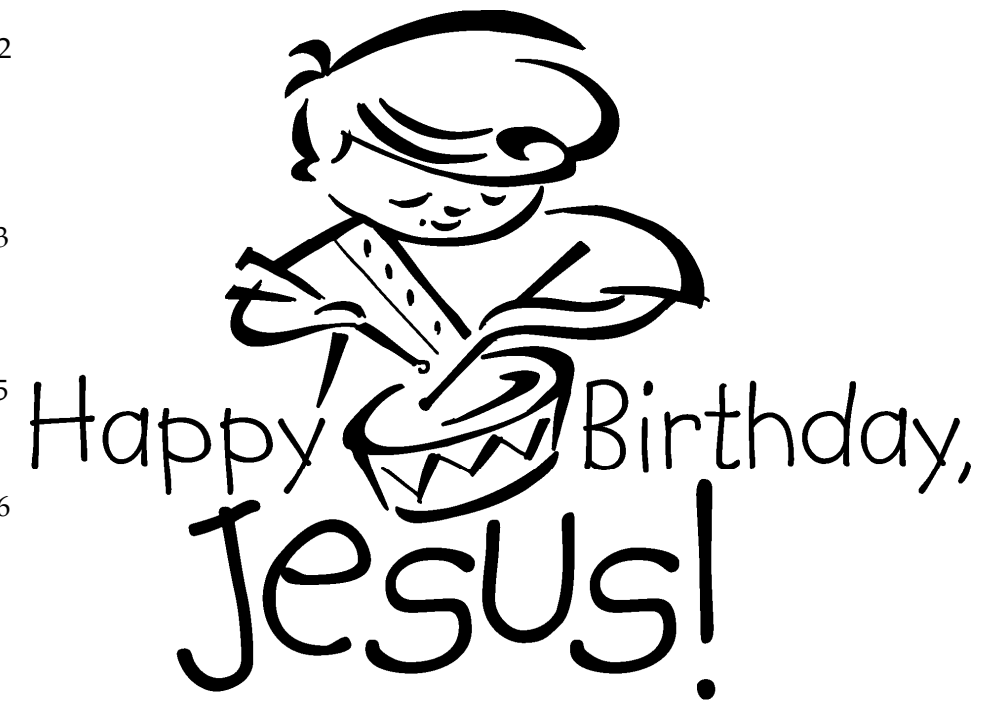
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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**  
**LOVE GOD. EXALT CHRIST. SEEK HIS WILL. SERVE HIS PURPOSE.**

# News

## Building and Grounds Minutes November 3, 2009

I am happy to report that the Building and Grounds Committee had good attendance at our 11/3/09 meeting --- with 11 active members present. We addressed the following maintenance projects/issues:

1. We replaced the toilet float valves in two Fellowship Hall ladies commodes and the ladies Educational restroom.
2. Replaced florescent light bulbs in the breezeway.
3. Checked all batteries in the seven smoke detectors and replaced where necessary.
4. Removed water filter in the Fellowship Hall fountain --- to improve water flow.
5. Replaced door bell at Educational Building entrance.
6. Used rustoleum on the bottom portion of the two columns in front of the sanctuary, and paint the top of four columns at a later date (plus Fellowship Hall).
7. Added a dust-to-dark photo cell over the outside of the Educational Building for improved night vision.
8. Obtained at least three bids to install a 26 foot by 10 foot metal awning in front of the Parlor room. The estimated cost is in the \$5000 range. The water downspouts will be maintained.
9. Earl Brewer and Louise Beck are in charge of obtaining samples of the paint in the Fellowship Hall; and they will announce an "action plan" to have a church-wide paint party the last Tuesday in January --- to completely paint the entire 50' x 44' x10' room. Currently, there are three/four different paint colors.
10. Kitchin Durham has worked hard to control the fire ants in the church yard, parsonage, and playground --- and treated 13 mounds again this week.

Respectfully Submitted,  
A. Gordon Neville

Many thanks to all who volunteered and made the Halloween Carnival at White Cross a huge success. We could not have done it without you. We hope that all who attended had a great time.

*Sherry Webster & Dana Ward,  
White Cross Board*

Your Antioch Angels Against Cancer thank you for your contributions to our Relay for Life chicken stew lunch fundraiser.

With your contributions, we were able to raise \$800 and received additional pledges of \$750 totaling \$1550!

# December 2009

Missions:  
Angel Tree  
&  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	6:00 p.m. Supper 2 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	3	4	5 Sunday School Faith Class Party
6	7	8 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Special Choir Practice	6:00 p.m. Supper 9 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	10	11	12 6:30 p.m. Choir Party @ The Heizers
13 Cantata 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting	14 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting	15	6:00 p.m. Supper 16 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	17	18 Newsletter submissions due in the office	19 Live Nativity (at dark)
20 Live Nativity (at dark)	21 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting	22	23	24 Office Closed 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service	25 Office Closed	26
27	28 7:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting	29 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Party @Hawfields	30 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	31		

# News & Opportunities

## Men's Club Meeting: November 9, 2009

There were 20 people in attendance at our 11/9/09 Men's Club Meeting. Lamont Norwood was the Moderator, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Tommy Cecil graciously volunteered to provide the program --- on the Caraway Boy's Camp in Asheboro --- which can handle 80-90 boys per week. Antioch had nine (9) boys attend from July 27-31 (ages 9-18 is normal for eligibility).

This Boy's Camp is owned and operated by the NC Baptist Men. This past year, Antioch's Men's Club financially assisted four boys in paying their tuition, etc. Last night, John Cecil proposed and we voted to approve that the Men's Club pay for all Antioch-churched boys to attend the Caraway Camp in 2010. We have approximately \$1100 in the bank account.

Gene Williams, Gerald Lewter, and Henry Morris continue to do an outstanding job cooking our meals. Yes, we had hot dogs, but the condiments of homemade slaw, chopped onions, and chili was the "cat's meow!" The desserts were provided by Ms. Alice Gates Durham and Linda Heizer.

The next Men's Club meeting will be the second Monday in December, or December 14; and the Speaker will be the General Manager of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant at Lake Jordan. This should be a most interesting meeting, and should generate numerous questions about nuclear safety and nuclear economics vs. coal generated electricity. Tommy Cecil has agreed to be the Moderator for the December meeting.

## Men's Club Meeting (continue)

Supposedly, Mr. Al Long, a well-respected and noted UNC graduate, will be the spiritual leader/speaker at the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Al is UNC's only 4-sport lettered athlete in history, and he is a native of Durham, NC (an outstanding speaker). Mebane Durham has volunteered to be the Moderator for the Al Long January meeting.

Thanks so much for all of the acts of kindness that you have shown to our family following the passing of our daddy. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,  
*The Family of Henry Ingold*

We appreciate your willingness to support the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill. The love and generosity you have shown through your meal makes the House even more comforting to the families who call our House "home." We hope that you will continue to support the House in whatever way you can. Thank you again!  
*Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill*

Dear Antioch Family and Friends,  
We wish to express our heart-felt thanks for all your love and support after my accident. All the meals prepared by loving hands. The phone calls, visits, flowers, cards, and especially prayers. Mother has been doing better in the past few weeks, for which I am grateful. Please keep us in your prayers. There are angels among us!

With Love, *Boo and Brenda*

# News & Opportunities

## OUR MISSION PROJECTS THIS MONTH:

Our mission projects for December will be the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Antioch's Angel Tree. If you would be willing to assist, please see Robin Farrell or call the church office.

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Goal: \$3000

### Antioch's Angel Tree

Antioch's Angel Tree is a gift of love and warmth to children who are in need of a winter coat. Each "Angel" represents a specific child with the first name, sex, age, and size listed. Please make this a part of your Christmas and choose an "Angel(s)" from the tree to give a coat. These coats may be new or gently used. These requests are for children in Orange County. Let us bring warmth and joy to these children through our gifts.

**Deadline: December 13th**

"... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."  
Matthew 25:40

### **Benefit for Bookie Williams** (Kidney Transplant)

Join us for a BBQ Dinner, \$7/plate  
Saturday, December 5, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
New Hope Fire Department  
For information or tickets:  
942-3503 or 929-8134

To make a donation:  
Robert (Bookie) Williams Benefit Fund  
P.O. Box 564  
Carrboro, NC 27510

## December 2009 Nursery Schedule

**Wed. 2nd:** Hilda Durham

**Sun. 6th:** Becky Stone, Taylor Stone, Lyn Lloyd, Mark Lloyd

**Wed. 9th:** Pat Tayloe

**Sun. 13th:** NO Children's Church

**Wed. 16th:** Sandy Jefferson

**Sun. 20th:** Peyton Justice, Becky Smith, Shannon Baker, Rosie Matsko

**Wed. 23rd:** Libby Bennett

**Sun. 27th:** Jessica Lloyd, Lucy Upchurch, Allyson Cecil, Dawn Ward

**Wed. 30th:** Kay Hammond

If you know of someone who would like to receive a tape of the Sunday morning worship service, please give the name and address to the church office.

## Sunday School

One of our primary concerns here at Antioch is equipping people to meet the challenges of daily life. One of the most important ways we do that is through the study and application of God's word. And the basis of our educational program is Sunday School. If you aren't involved, you're missing a great opportunity to learn the basics. We have classes for most age groups, and are looking to start others. We would love to have you as a regular participant. It meets at 9:45 every Sunday morning.

**Next newsletter submission is December 18.**

## A Message From The Pastor: Two Babes In A Manger

According to the story, two Americans answered an invitation from the Russian Department of Education back in 1994 to teach a class on morals and ethics (based on Biblical principles) in their public schools. They also taught at a large orphanage which had about 100 boys and girls who had been abused, abandoned, or somehow left in the care of the government. It was there, at the orphanage, that a child provided some unexpected insight.

It was nearing the Christmas season, so the visiting teachers read the traditional Christmas story from the Bible. Both children and staff sat in amazement as many heard this account for the very first time. Some even sat on the edge of their stools, as if to soak in every word.

Following the story, each child was given materials to craft his or her own illustration of it. Workers circulated to help with the details. One of the helpers was surprised to see that one six-year-old boy's finished project had not one, but *two* babies in the manger. Thinking he had misunderstood the story, she called a translator to ask about his project.

Crossing his arms in front of him and looking at the completed manger scene, little Misha began to repeat the story very seriously. For one so small who had only heard the story once, he told it with surprising accuracy. But the ending was surprisingly personal as he said: *"And when Mary laid Jesus in the manger, Jesus looked at me and asked me if I had a place to stay. I told him I have no mama and no papa, so I have no place to stay. Then Jesus told me I could stay with Him. But I told him I couldn't because I didn't have a gift to give Him like all the others. But I wanted to stay with Him so much, so I thought maybe if I kept Him warm that would be a good gift. When I asked Him, Jesus said that would be the best gift anyone ever gave Him. So I got into the manger, and He looked at me and told me I could stay with Him for always."*

As he finished the story, Misha's eyes filled with tears. He put his head on the table and began to sob. The teacher who related the story commented, *"The little orphan had found someone who would never abuse or abandon him, someone who would stay with him 'for always.'"* Then she concluded, *"I've learned that it's not WHAT you have in your life, but WHO you have that counts."*

Little Misha isn't alone in His need. All around us are people whose deepest needs are not physical. They hunger for love, acceptance, and even forgiveness. They come in all shapes, sizes, colors and labels. Maybe even some of us. But if we take the time to hear God's message to us this Christmas, maybe we too will find new applications for the familiar old story. In listening, may we be reminded of God's message to each of us.

# Business Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2009

Church business meeting was called to order by Moderator Tommy Cecil. 23 members were present. Robin Farrell led in prayer. The October 11, 2009 business meeting minutes were read. Reports were given and are attached (if hard copy available).

**Treasurer**-Pat Cecil- Treasurer's report voted on and approved.

**Deacons**- Gene Williams- They have received six nominations for next year's homecoming speaker. The decision has been reviewed and passed by the Deacons and the Pastor to invite Stan Welch (father of Jamey Welch) as the speaker. Pastor Atwater contacted Mr. Welch and is waiting for his response. There have been previous conversations regarding a Funeral Assistance Team. Gene has drawn up guidelines and will be reviewing them with the Deacons and the Pastor.

**Missions**- Robin Farrell- The ongoing missions projects are collecting items for the Crescent Green visit and we are low on socks and goodies. The December missions project is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We need to set a goal for this year. Last year's goal was \$3,000. Recommendation made to keep goal at \$3,000 for this year. Motion made, seconded, voted on and approved. She has received the names for the coats for Orange County. There is a total of 86 names and Robin will put up the tree this week. This is for gently used clean or new coats. The due date for the coats will be December 15<sup>th</sup>. Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Thanksgiving gathering at Hawfields.

**AWANA** - Pat Cecil - AWANA is going strong. We are taking in canned goods for a needy family or OCIM. AWANA will stop the last weekend in November and will start back up in January.

**Budget and Finance**- Shannon Baker- They met last month and elected officers. They received a \$4,000 contribution towards to the building fund. Recommendation made to apply this \$4,000 to the principle payment this month. Voted on and approved.

**Building and Grounds**- Kitchen Durham- They met last week and worked on several items. Gordon received quotes of \$3300- \$6200 for an awning to be placed at the double doors outside the parlor. He is waiting on one more quote.

**Electronics**- Greg Williams- Someone donated a power screen and recommendation made to mount the screen in the ceiling over the double doors at the exit sign in the fellowship hall by the courtyard. It will cost approximately \$200 to mount the screen and the time will be donated. Voted on and approved. Pastor Atwater's laptop is up and running. They are looking at creating committee email boxes and place on the website. Recommendation made to change name of committee from Electronics Committee to Technology Committee. Voted on and approved.

**Flower**- Judy Atwater- They will be providing poinsettias at \$10.00 each.

**No Reports** - Church Council, Sunday School, Historian, Men's Club, Benevolence, By-Laws, Cemetery, Van Discretionary Missions, Kitchen, Library, Music, Outreach, Nominating, Nursery, Personnel Advisory, Tape Ministry  
**Usher**- Keith Webster- There was a shortage of ushers and they placed an announcement in the bulletin and had a good response. They should have enough ushers per Sunday.

**Youth**- Cindy Lloyd- Brenda Temple has volunteered to help with the senior youth.

**Old business**- Greg Williams stated the job position for the Associate Minister has been publicized and there has been no interest at this point.

**New business** - Pastor Atwater stated this will be a short week. The office will be closed Wednesday and Mayling will be out of the office on Friday. Tuesday Pastor Atwater and Gordon will be attending the Baptist State Convention. Bill Crabtree's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday will be celebrated at Damascus. RSVP to his daughters if you can attend.

Tommy Cecil stated it was decided at the last business meeting for any volunteers that come forth to be pre-approved to attend the Baptist State Convention. See Pastor Dave if interested in attending.

Motion made, seconded, voted on and passed to approve the minutes as corrected. There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Dave Atwater- Pastor Tommy Cecil- Moderator Kim Dunn- Clerk

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