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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.

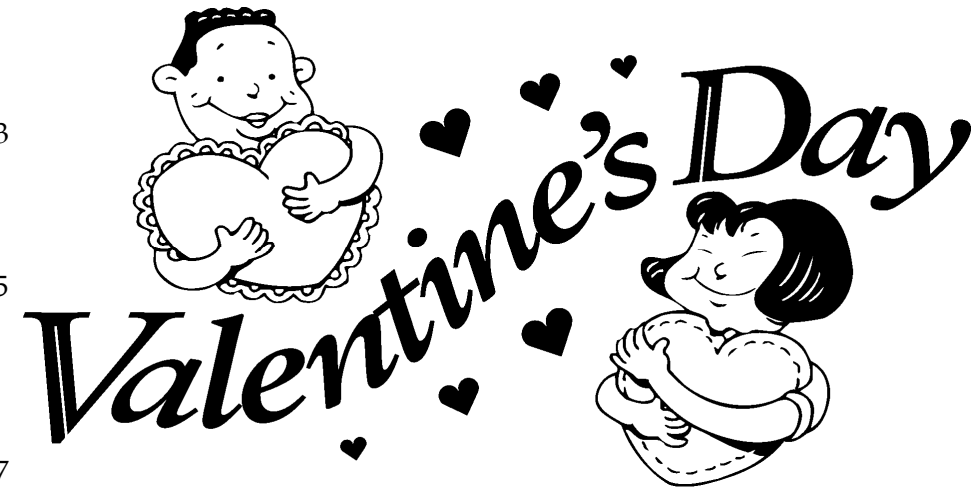
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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**  
**LOVE GOD. EXALT CHRIST. SEEK HIS WILL. SERVE HIS PURPOSE.**

# Business Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2010

Church business meeting was called to order by Moderator Tommy Cecil. 25 members were present. Greg Williams led in prayer. The December 13, 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- The Deacons and their spouses had a supper on Dec 21<sup>st</sup> in the fellowship hall and the Relay for Life team provided the meal and approximately \$500 was raised towards Relay for Life.

**Church Council-** Pastor Atwater – They met tonight and a new Women's Bible Study will begin soon on Wednesday and Sunday nights through May.

**Missions-** Robin Farrell- She received a thank you note from Chaplain Barker and the inmates for the toys delivered. 96 coats were delivered to social services and Pajama Pals dropped off pj's and books for the 86 children. She stated there is a correction that 85 Samaritan Purse boxes were collected. 25 bags of food were prepared. Mission projects for February are the Ronald McDonald House and non-food collection for Siloam Missionary Homes. February is Valentine's Day so she encouraged everyone to plant a Christian smile.

**AWANA -** Pat Cecil – AWANA started back in January and 30 kids on average are attending.

**Benevolence-** Judy Wiles – She thanked Tommy Cecil and the RA's for delivering the flowers to the shut-ins.

**Building and Grounds-** Gordon Neville – Kitchin and Gerald installed lights outside the educational building to come on at sunset (cost of materials was \$74). They have activated a new church vacuum cleaner. They are waiting for weather to clear before working on the steeple. Comfort Engineering will come tomorrow to resolve the propane gas smell in the educational building. Leaf raking this Saturday. Thursday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> is painting party day.

**Discretionary Missions-** Pastor Atwater- They met after the last business meeting and the decision was made to allocate the money as follows: \$6,000 to Mt Zion, \$4,000 to NC Baptist Men, \$4,000 to Relay for Life, \$1,000 to OCIM and \$1,000 to Freedom House. They left \$1310 to complete the Lot-tie Moon Goal and also left \$1500 to make sure the need for coats and food bags was met or if there was an emergent need.

**No Reports -** Sunday School, Historian, Men's Club, Budget and Finance, By-Laws, Cemetery, Flower, Kitchen, Library, Music, Outreach, Nominating, Nursery, Personnel Advisory, Tape Ministry, Usher, Van, Youth

**Technology-** Greg Williams – They are working on parts for the screen in the fellowship hall. Greg and Lucy have been shadowing Kitchin in case they need to fill in sometime. He received the list of committee chairs and will be updating the website soon. The cable keeps dropping out periodically usually when it rains. He is calling Time Warner and AT&T to look at the cost difference for a better signal.

**Old business-** Greg Williams stated they are looking at the Associate Minister position and they received 8/9 resumes. They looked through them and there are 4 interview possibilities.

# February 2010

Missions:  
Siloam Missionary Homes  
&  
Ronald McDonald House

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 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	4	5	6 9:00 a.m. Defibrillator Training
7 Lord's Supper  Relay for Life Luncheon  4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA	8 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting	9 Young at Hearts Leave at 10:45 a.m.	10 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	11	12	13
14 AWANA Fundraiser Soup Luncheon  4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA  6:30 p.m. Business Meeting	15 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting  Newsletter submissions due in the office	16	17 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	18	19	20
21 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA	22 7:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting	23	24 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	25 Ronald McDonald House	26	27
28 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA						

# News & Opportunities

## Men's Club Meeting: January 11, 2010

We had a fine crowd of 45 men, plus five bright-eyed teenage guests at our January 11, 2010 meeting. Brack Bowden, Gerald Lewter, Henry Morris, and Gene Williams provided an outstanding 5-course meal --- featuring an excellent pork loin roast. Nadine Bowden, Barbara MacCalman, and Theresa Elkins provided a variety of superb desserts.

Dave Atwater introduced the Featured Speaker, Mr. Albert Long, who holds the distinction of being the only four-letterman in UNC Sports History. Al was elected to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Hall of Champions in 2007. The FCA's Hall of Fame has included such notable sports figures as Tomy Landry, Tony Dungy, Paul Anderson, Kay Yow, Roger Staubach, and Bobby Bowden. Al has given more than 2,000 testimonial Christian speeches to high schools all across America.

Al earned three letters in baseball, two in football, one in track, and one in basketball at Carolina in the mid-1950s. In fact, he received the prestigious Patterson medal as the University's top student-athlete. After graduation, Al spent three years in the Air Force and then embarked on a 15 year successful Life Insurance business --- before he started a non-profit known as "Happenings, Inc."

In Al's main presentation, he talked about the importance of not being a "weird Christian" (such as saying 'no' to everything that the secular world mentions). We should act like a normal, loving person, who can empathize with everyone's thoughts and feelings, and then show them the loving arm of Jesus and his kingdom. Remember, patience and perseverance "is what got the turtles to the Ark."

As far as drinking is concerned, you should be aware that you are setting an example for your fellow Christians, your children, and young people in general. Remember, if you cause any of these little ones to stumble, it is like putting a millstone around your own neck.

At the beginning of Al's Christian conversion, he was a "baby lamb" and no one fed him the necessary milk, whereby he could grow as a Christian. We all acknowledge that a baby needs milk to get started, not solid foods. Therefore, religion should not be such a negative experience (don't do this, don't do that, but put your life's testimonial experience in a more positive vein, so others can see your love for the Lord).

To be a Christian, you must be born again. This means we are not to forget to show our changed life and that we should study, then study, and then study the Bible some more, and believe in it! Remember, only a few will enter the narrow road to heaven, and be totally "free at last." Also, God says He will know you by your fruits.

The source is the witness, the seed is the Word of God, and the soil is our heart, as how we receive it. Some people plant, and some people water, but everyone should keep on sowing the Word of God.

The consensus of the audience Monday night was that the food and the Speaker "went very well." The next meeting will be a Valentine's Catered Dinner with our spouses on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. R.S.V.P. with Bill Heizer @ 929-6834 before February 1<sup>st</sup>.

# News & Opportunities

## **OUR MISSION PROJECTS THIS MONTH:**

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

### Ronald McDonald House

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Siloam Missionary Homes

Non-food collection for the Siloam homes, a place for missionaries to find refuge and rest as they prepare their return to the mission field to serve the Lord in the region He has called them. For additional information, visit their website at [www.siloamhomes.org](http://www.siloamhomes.org).

Items needed are: band-aids, pain reliever, rubbing alcohol, soap, lotion, mouthwash, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, foil, plastic wrap, paper towel, toilet tissue, tissue, dryer sheets, dishwashing soap, laundry detergent

***Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (Matt 11:28)***



### **Young at Heart**

Harbor Inn in Burlington, NC  
Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
Leave Antioch @ 10:45 a.m.

If you have any questions, please call Peggy Tripp at (919) 929-4481.

## **February 2010 Nursery Schedule**

**Wed. 3rd:** Libby Bennett

**Sun. 7th:** Jessica Lloyd, Lucy Upchurch,  
Allyson Cecil, Dawn Ward

**Wed. 10th:** Kay Hammond

**Sun. 14th:** Sherry Webster, Arielle Webster,  
Darla Stokey, Allison Stokely

**Wed. 17th:** Ruth Williams

**Sun. 21st:** Keti Harr, Laura Lloyd, Kim Dunn,  
Karen Whitfield

**Wed. 24th:** Hilda Durham

**Sun. 28th:** Becky Stone, Taylor Stone, Lyn  
Lloyd, Mark Lloyd

Our *Antioch Angels Against Cancer* are in the process of planning a **luncheon on February 7** to raise money for **"Relay for Life."** Watch for more information in your church bulletin, or online at [www.abccommunity.com](http://www.abccommunity.com).

### **AWANA**

has scheduled a **soup lunch** on February 14<sup>th</sup> and a **chili lunch** on March 14<sup>th</sup> to raise money to re-install their "floor" in the fellowship hall. Please mark your calendars and come out and support this vital children's ministry!

**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.

**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.**

## A Message From The Pastor: The Power of Perspective

When the prophet Samuel went out to anoint his nation's next king, he didn't have a name. He only know that it would be one of the sons born to a man named Jesse. When Samuel saw the first son, Eliab, he was sure this was the one. But he was wrong. God told him, *"Do not look at his appearance or his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as a man sees; for a man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart."*

The way we look at another person often makes a tremendous difference in the way we relate to them, ... and the way they respond. It may even change their life. One of the great preachers of our time – Dr. Fred Craddock – relates one such example. It came while Craddock and his wife were vacationing in Tennessee. They were enjoying a quiet little meal when they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. Eventually, he made his way to Craddock's table as well. When he discovered that Craddock was a preaching professor in Oklahoma, he introduced himself, and shared an unusual story.

The man's name was Ben Hooper, and he confessed that growing up had been difficult because his mother wasn't married. His classmates at school had a particular name for him, and it wasn't a very nice one. He even dreaded going to town on Saturday, because he felt that that every eye was on him, wondering and judging.

Ben enjoyed going to church, but would always go in late and slip out early to avoid attention. ... Until one Sunday when the new pastor finished early. That day, Ben got trapped and had to walk out with the rest of the crowd. He was almost out the door when he felt a big hand on his shoulder, and looked up to see the preacher looking down at him. *"Who are you, son?"* the preacher asked. *"Whose boy are you?"* Ben's face burned with shame, thinking that even the preacher was putting him down. But then the preacher smiled and said, *"Wait a minute! I know who you are. I see the family resemblance now. You're a child of God!"* With that he slapped Hooper across the back and said, *"Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it."*

The old man looked across the table at Fred Craddock and said, *"Those were the most important words anybody ever said to me, and I've never forgotten them."* With that, he smiled, shook hands with Craddock and his wife, and moved on to another table to greet old friends.

Only as Hooper walked away, did Craddock – a native of Tennessee himself – suddenly recall that, on two occasions, the people of Tennessee had elected to the office of governor men who had been born out of wedlock. ... And that one of them was a man named Ben Hooper.

Words are powerful things. They have the power to hurt or heal, to encourage or destroy. Even a chance encounter can change a life forever. Maybe that's part Jesus meant when he said, *"Every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment"* (Mt. 12:36). It may also have been on Paul's mind as he counseled Timothy, *"...In speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe."*

Jesus came to reconcile, build up and encourage. Are we following that example?

# Business Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2010

**New business** - Pastor Atwater stated the church needs to approve a Music Fund since June Farrell's obituary stated that donations can be made in her memory to that fund. Church approval is required for IRS reasons. Motion made, seconded, voted on and approved. Gordon Neville stated 47 people signed up for tomorrow nights Men's Club meeting to hear the quest speaker.

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

## Notes of Appreciation

Thank you so much for coming to the BCM. The students absolutely loved the food! You guys are such a blessing to us and we are grateful for your partnership.

—Lee Sullens, Baptist Campus Ministry

Susie Nickerson wept as she expressed appreciation for the generous gifts of food items delivered to her home on Wednesday, December 23. Many, many thanks to all who participated in this outreach project.

— Roy Lloyd and Sam Huff

We, the Terry Todd Farrell family, would like to thank all the people of Antioch Baptist Church for all the love, friendship, and support that everyone gave to our family at our time of loss of Terry. She and I loved to be a part of your church, and to worship with you and all the people of Antioch Baptist.

— Gerald and Jenny Farrell

**Thank you notes** from the **Freedom House, Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry,** and the **Antioch Angels Against Cancer** are posted on the Educational Building bulletin board.

My beloved Christian brothers and sisters, "Thank you" seems inadequate to express our gratitude for all the kindness you have shown us at this difficult time. You went out of your way to make the visitation a blessing to us. The cards, food, prayers, and hugs are very much appreciated.

Love to all, *Pat, Daniel, Donna, and Dee*

I want to thank you for the prayers ... they were powerful ... also the cards, visits, and the delicious food. The love and support from friends and family gave me strength each day. God bless each of you. *Anne Williams*

I sincerely thank you for the gift bag on Christmas. It was a blessing that was well needed. Praise God for such a thoughtful congregation. — *Christopher Caldwell*

I would like to thank all who have volunteered to read the scripture during Sunday morning worship services. Your willingness to assist in leading worship is greatly appreciated. I will be contacting you soon in order to verify the date you are scheduled to read.

— *Gene Williams, Chairman of Deacons*

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