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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.  
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  
Jessica Burton, Ministry Assistant

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

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*“A friend loves  
AT ALL TIMES.”*

PROVERBS 17:17, NRSV

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

**A Message From The Pastor:**

**The Small Stuff**

I recently ran across one of those lists of “rules for living” that get passed around the internet every now and then. This one included two rules that seem to crop up on almost every list: (1) “*Don’t sweat the small stuff,*” and (2) “*It’s all small stuff.*” That may sound attractive, but before you make it your life’s motto, you may want to give it some thought. I suppose there are lots of places where you would hope that philosophy hadn’t taken hold. Like your doctor’s office. Or your pharmacy. Or your bank. There are all sorts of places where the comment, “*Oops, sorry about that*” might strike terror into an otherwise brave soul.

And what do we really mean “*It’s all small stuff?*” Where do we draw the line? How much graft and corruption, for example, would we be willing to consider “small stuff?” How much dishonesty, or immorality, or betrayal? To what extent are we willing to tolerate sloppy performance, substandard products, or an attitude of unconcern? Used thoughtlessly, those words become a rationale for life lived without guidelines. Someday, the cost could be a marriage, a career, or even a life. As Benjamin Franklin warned, “*A little neglect may breed great mischief.*”

An old adage from another era puts it this way: “*For want of a nail, a shoe was lost; for want of a shoe, a horse was lost; for want of a horse, a battle was lost; for want of a battle, a kingdom was lost; and all for the want of a horseshoe nail.*” I used to think that was just one of our early American aphorisms. Actually, it’s based on the real-life experience of King Richard III of England, whose defeat at the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485 was immortalized by Shakespeare’s famous line, “*A horse, a horse! My kingdom for a horse!*” The lesson hasn’t changed. Little duties neglected can result in tragic, if unintended consequences.

The prophet Zechariah wrote, “*The word of the Lord came to me saying, ‘For who has despised the day of small things?’*” Our New Testament records that Jesus spent quite a bit of time trying to help people discern between various categories of “small things.” Some, like rituals, he treated as secondary. Others, like truth, justice and mercy, He treated as the basis of true spirituality.

Maybe a better version of those rules might be: (1) “*Don’t waste your effort and energy on the trivial,*” and (2) “*Make sure you know the difference between the trivial and the vital.*” Sometimes the “small stuff” makes all the difference, and the unintended consequences of an action can spell the difference between life and death. That’s why God wants to help guide our choices. And that’s what discipleship is really about. May we all consider carefully, and choose widely whom we will serve.

~Pastor Dave

# News & Opportunities

**Join Us!**

Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts on **Sunday, February 5th** before Sunday School. This fellowship will be sponsored by the Median Adult Sunday School Class on the first Sunday of every month and is open to all!

**Orange Chapel United Methodist Church  
Country Breakfast and Bake Sale**

Saturday, February 11th

6:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Cost: By Donation

Proceeds will help fund mission work of the New Disciples.

**The next newsletter submission is Tuesday,  
February 14th.**

**Young at Hearts**

The Young at Hearts will be meeting on Tuesday, February 14th in the fellowship hall at 11:30 a.m. for a Valentine’s Pizza Party! Please contact Peggy Tripp if you plan to come.

**Twenty and Somethings**

Just a reminder that we will meet on the second and fourth Sunday nights of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the parsonage. There will be food, games and Bible Study. Bring a Friend! Interested? Text Brady at 919-357-5417 or Branan at 919-618-5080. Hope to see you there!

**OUR MISSION PROJECT THIS MONTH:**

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 23rd

**February 2012 Nursery Schedule**

**Sun 5th:** Allyson Cecil, Nicole Casper, Carolyn Lacock, Kim Dunn, Karen Whitfield

**Wed 8th:** Kay Hammond

**Sun 12th:** Debbie Mabe, Carolyn Rigsbee, Glenda Floyd, Angie Dameron, Shannon Baker

**Business Meeting:** Betty Sue Yow

**Wed 15th:** Pat Tayloe

**Sun 19th:** Sherry and Arielle Webster, Becky Smith, Lucy Upchurch, Geoffrey Atwater

**Wed 22nd:** Ruth Williams

**Sun 26th:** Becky and Taylor Stone, Rosie Matsko

**NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

**Wed 29th:** Pat Neville

**Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who provided a food donation or monetary donation to our Chicken Stew Dinner. We were able to raise \$1,080 for Relay for Life! We would not be able to continue our fight for a cure for cancer without you!

~Your Antioch Angels Against Cancer

Dear Antioch Family,

We want to express our sincere appreciation for the prayers, cards, emails, calls, and visits while recuperating from pneumonia. What a blessing to be in this family! God bless each of you!!

~Robert and Vickie Cecil

**Please Help Us Keep Costs Down**

Did you know that every piece of returned mail costs the church about \$.50? If you are moving or no longer wish to receive the Voice, please let us know by calling the church office (919-929-2230) or sending an email (jessica@abccommunity.com).

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~Respectfully submitted, A. Gordon Neville. Secretary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> Supper 8 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Children's Choir <b>7:00 p.m.</b> RA,GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study <b>8:00 p.m.</b> Choir	9	10	11
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19	20	21	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> Supper 22 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Children's Choir <b>7:00 p.m.</b> RA,GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study <b>8:00 p.m.</b> Choir	23	24	25
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