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

Business Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2011

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Church business meeting was called to order by Moderator Tommy Cecil. 20 Members were present. Pastor Dave led in prayer. The November Business Meeting minutes were read for information.

Treasurer's Report: Hilda Durham – Hilda passed out reports from August through November. The reason for the multiple reports is because there was an error in the August report and she wanted to make sure we could see the correction carried all the way through. The reports were voted on and approved as presented.

Deacon's Report: Byron Tripp - wanted to thank the church for donations which were given to Crescent Green during the visit this afternoon. Antioch prepared 100 gift bags for the residents, who were thankful. Byron also wanted to give a special thank you to Betty Lloyd for being gracious and playing the piano.

Missions Report: Robin Farrell –

- The toys have been delivered to the Orange/Alamance Prison and the Chaplain is thankful for the gifts. Robin shared that this is the first time Antioch has been invited to participate in Family Day which will be on December, 18, 2011. We still need refreshments and anything that doesn't have to be heated is welcome.
- For the Samaritans Purse, we doubled what we've given before. This year Antioch gave 138 boxes!
- We need to set a goal for Lottie Moon. Gordon Neville made a motion that we set the same goal that we had last year at \$3000. Motion was seconded, voted on and approved.
- The Angle Tree gifts were due on December 12th and were sorted and delivered on December 13th.
- January's Baptist Campus ministry meal changed to January 12, 2012.
- Ronald McDonald House will be on January 26, 2012.
- Robin will be posting a list to see if there are other mission projects members may be interested in. Please see Robin for details.

Men's Club: Gordon Neville – Men's club meets tomorrow night, December 12, 2011.

AWANA: Pat Cecil – AWANA will start again on January 8, 2012.

Budget and Finance: Robbie Smith – We did not grant every committees request for funds this year as times are tight. The weekly budget needs went from \$5350 to \$5048 because 2012 has 53 Sundays. Motion made to approve 2012 Budget as presented, seconded, voted on and approved.

Building and Grounds: Gordon Neville – The heating problem in the Sanctuary has been corrected at a cost of \$130. The ceiling leaking problem in the upstairs NE corner of the Education building has not been resolved (so far, we have not located where the water is entering the storage ceiling area).

Gordon also reported that the Building and Grounds Committee has made three major changes in the past year that resulted in over \$10,850 annual savings:

1. The water testing program has been changed to Tom Pritchard, with at least a \$1,000 annual savings in a major reduction of retesting for nitrates and e-coli.
2. We changed the Heating and Air Conditioning contract from Comfort Engineers to Stone Engineering Services, right here in White Cross --- for much improved emergency service, faster overall response and considerable maintenance savings.

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January 2012

Missions:
Meal for Baptist Campus Ministry, and
Ronald McDonald House

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 A.C.T.S.	2 Office Closed	3	4 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	5	6	7
8 Relay for Life Luncheon 12:00 p.m. 4:00-6:00 p.m. AWANA 5:00 p.m. Church Council	9 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting	10 11:30 a.m. Young at Heart	11 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	12 Meal for Baptist Campus Ministry	13	14
15 4:00-6:00 p.m. AWANA	16 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting	17 Newsletter submissions due in the office	18 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	19	20	21
22 4:00-6:00 p.m. AWANA 6:30 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting	23	24	25 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	26 Ronald McDonald House	27	28
29 4:00-6:00 p.m. AWANA	30	31				

News & Opportunities

Making a Difference ... Through AWANA

Most of you who will read this article are well aware of our AWANA program at Antioch. You may even know that its name is an acronym based on the words of 2 Timothy 2:15 – “Approved Workers Are Not Ashamed.” A non-denominational program now offered by more than 12,000 churches in over 110 countries, it is designed to assist churches in reaching children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and train them to serve Him.

AWANA is much like a franchise – with high standards for training and certification. While this might seem excessive and time-consuming to some, it has advantages as well.

Built-in outreach. Families whose children have been involved in this program elsewhere know that they can pretty much expect the same quality wherever they go. They will often choose a church *because* of the AWANA program.

Since it sets high standards and requires a strong commitment, it’s not easy. The result is that only a limited number of churches have the program.

It’s Biblically-based, with solid application of Biblical principles, rather than with the latest “fad.” As such, it builds knowledge and character.

The program is worldwide, and has been in existence for a number of years, which means there is a lot of information, materials, and examples available.

There is a strong loyalty to and enthusiasm for the program on the part of those involved in it. Most churches and workers are eager to share their knowledge and resources to help others. We are not in this alone!

The tight structure and training prepare children *behaviorally* as well as intellectually for group participation in church and other educational programs.

There's just one “catch.” In order to reach its full potential, the program needs a large number of volunteer workers – not only for the formal leadership positions, but also just to “listen” to the young people recite their memory work, and sign their books to certify their accomplishment. It's a small commitment in many ways, but it can make a huge difference. What about you? Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of children? If so, come join us you don't even have to sign up, just show up. Our AWANA team will show you what to do. We hope to hear from you soon.

2012 Flower Calendar

The new flower list is located in the breezeway in front of the choir room for those who would like to sign-up.

The next newsletter submission is Tuesday, January 17th.

Please feel free to call the church office or send in your submission by email to jessica@abccommunity.com.

The next scheduled Business Meeting will be on February 12th at 6:30 p.m.

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OUR MISSION PROJECTS THIS MONTH:

If you would be willing to assist, please see Robin Farrell or call the church office at (919) 929-2230.

Baptist Campus Ministry

Thursday, January 12th

Antioch will be providing a meal for the UNC students. A sign-up sheet to help prepare and serve and/or provide a dessert is posted on the bulletin board outside the choir room.

Ronald McDonald House

Thursday, January 26th

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.

For Building and Grounds

We had a good turn-out of 21 men which made the job much easier for everyone. The weather was perfect and the leaves were blowable. It was interesting to note that it was the same ole reliable crew, including two veteran 80+ year olds. These two 80 year old guys have been most faithful for all their church activities for over 60 years!! We need some “dedicated workers” to step up and give these guys a little relief!! There were no new leaf rakers, but we did have 10 out of 13 Building and Grounds members in attendance. We discovered one pipe that was stopped up under the northeast cemetery road; and 3-4 fire ant hills in the highway ditch south of the parsonage. A special THANK YOU goes out to Greg Tilley and Brack Bowden for the use of their tractor/rakes - which made our job much easier and faster.

January 2012 Nursery Schedule

Sun 1st: Becky and Taylor Stone, Rosie Matsko,

NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Wed 4th: Pat Neville

Sun 8th: Allyson Cecil, Nicole Casper, Carolyn Lacock, Kim Dunn, Karen Whitfield

Wed 11th: Kay Hammond

Sun 15th: Debbie Mabe, Carolyn Rigsbee, Glenda Floyd, Angie Dameron, Shannon Baker

Wed 18th: Pat Tayloe

Sun 22nd: Sherry and Arielle Webster, Becky Smith, Lucy Upchurch, Geoffrey Atwater

Wed 25: Ruth Williams

Sun 29th: Becky and Taylor Stone, Rosie Matsko

NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Wed Feb 2nd: Pat Neville

Relay for Life Fundraiser Sunday, January 8th

Following the morning worship service there will be a chicken stew lunch. Please come out and help us in our fight to find a cure for cancer!

AWANA Resumes January 8th at 4:00 p.m.

Cubbies	Age 3 - 4 year olds
Sparks	Kindergarten - 2nd grade
TNT	3rd - 5th grade

We welcome all children in the area to join us for fun and fellowship, as we get to know Jesus and learn how we can live and serve Him.

A Message From The Pastor: "Technology and Faith"

It isn't easy to hold on to one's faith in our culture. The subtle message being communicated in a thousand ways is that faith can be a great comfort; just don't take it too literally. After all, this is a more enlightened age. People who take their religion seriously are probably dangerous fanatics! A sign posted at the Wisconsin state capital a few years ago articulated this clearly. It said, "*Religion is but a myth and superstition that hardens hearts and enslaves minds.*"

I guess that's the reason I enjoyed the following poem so much. Initially, I thought it was an effort to ridicule faith as "*old fashioned.*" It turned out to be just the opposite, pointing out that – despite all our technological advancements – our human needs, and their solution, are still the same as they were centuries ago. Something to consider on the first month of a new year!

Did Jesus Use a Modem

Did Jesus use a modem at the Sermon on the mount?

Did He ever try a broadcast fax to send His message out?

Did the disciples carry beepers as they went about their route?

Did Jesus use a modem at the Sermon on the Mount?

Did Paul use a laptop, with lots of RAM and ROM?

Were his letters posted on a BBS, at Paul.Rome.com?

Did the man from Macedonia send an e-mail saying, "Come"?

Did Paul use a laptop with lots of RAM and ROM?

Did Moses use a joystick at the parting of the sea?

And a satellite guidance tracking system to show him where to be?

Did he write the law on tablets, or are they really on CD?

Did Moses use a joystick at the parting of the sea?

Did Jesus really die for us one day upon a tree?

Or was it just a hologram, or technical wizardry?

Can you download the live action video clip to play on your PC?

Did Jesus really die for us one day upon a tree?

Have the wonders of this modern age made you question what is true?

How a simple man, in a simple time, could offer life anew?

How a sinless life, a cruel death, then a glorious life again,

Could offer more to a desperate world than all the inventions of men?

If in your life the voice of God is sometimes hard to hear

With other voices calling, His doesn't touch your ear;

Then set aside your laptop and modem, and all your fancy gear,

And open your Bible, open your heart, and let your Father near.

An ancient Hebrew proverb reminds us, "*Yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.... Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path*" (Prov. 2:3-6,9 NKJV). Blessings. – Brother Dave

Business Meeting Minutes

Building and Grounds, continued:

3. We changed both the Cemetery and Lawn maintenance and mowing services to Earl Brewer for a substantial annual savings, and he has improved weed eating of the ditches and the mowing of the northwest corner beyond the cemetery.

In summary, you are always reluctant to make drastic changes, because you are not sure how they are going to turn out --- but thankfully, these have all been church blessings.

Discretionary Missions: Pastor Atwater – There have been two requests for assistance this month and both were granted. The committee met to recommend disbursements with end of year funds. Recommendations presented were: \$1000 to Salvation Army, \$1000 to Baptist Men, \$1000 for Relay for Life, \$1000 for Contingency with the remaining balance given to Mount Zion as we have done in the past. Motion was made to approve as presented, seconded, voted on and approved.

Outreach: Byron Trip – Thanked the church for donations for birthday party for Jesus. Byron also wanted to thank Judy Wiles for resurrecting this event and thanked everyone for participating to make this a great time.

Personnel Advisory: Pat Neville – The next Personnel Advisory meeting will be January 10, 2012.

No reports: Church Council, Sunday School, Historian, Benevolence, By-laws, Cemetery, Flower, Kitchen, Library, Music, Nominating, Nursery, Technology, Tape, Usher, Van, and Youth

Old Business:

- Robbie Smith brought up a discussion on the van. Motion was made to remove it from the table, so carried. Robin stated that she does use it for AWANA, but doesn't object to selling it. She has a question regarding personal liability when transporting others and the answer is unknown. Much discussion regarding the benefits and costs of keeping this van.
- Motion made to sell current van we have, voted, so carried.
- Motion made to do cost analysis to address the transportation needs of church. Motion amended to assign the analysis to the Trustees, seconded, voted on and approved as amended.
- Gordon stated that the Building and Grounds committees have made 3 major changes this year and these changes have resulted in cost savings for the church.

New Business:

- Jim Rives made motion made to tap in benevolence funds to pay for meals taken to homebound members. We have volunteers to take the food to them but discussion regarding the paying of the actual meals. After discussion, motion defeated due to the fact that compensation was not expected

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

Lyn Lloyd- Clerk

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2. Pride - I worked for everything I have (not necessarily true)
3. A Critical Spirit – a farmer had a bumper crop of apples, and then he turned around and complained that he didn't have enough rotten apples to feed his pigs.
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5. We need to pray without ceasing, and give thanks always in everything (most people wake up everyday with more health than they do illness).

So remember, Peace is the result of Grace!! ~Gordon

Thank You

Thank YOU one and ALL for the little things, the big things and all the things that made Saturday night's Nativity great!! From setting up signs, lights, spots, heaters, fire pits, baking cookies, fixing hot chocolate, singing, luminaria display, brought and helped with animals, acted, manger, hay, told your friends, came, drove thru and told someone else what you saw, it ALL worked!! Thank you again for the help in providing this Ministry at Antioch. Approximately 195 people came thru and about 40 workers. Not our biggest year but the one's God wanted were here to share the story of Joy!

~Thank you, Virginia

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