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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

February 14, 2010

Church business meeting was called to order by Moderator Tommy Cecil. 28 members were present. Tommy Cecil led in prayer. The January 10, 2010 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.

**Missions-** Judy Wiles on behalf of Robin Farrell- The March missions projects are the Ronald McDonald House and food for OCIM.

**Men's Club-** Gordon Neville- Fifty people attended the Valentine's dinner.

**AWANA - Pat Cecil –** They are trying to raise money for the fellowship hall floor. There will be a soup lunch the second Sunday in March.

**Building and Grounds-** Gordon Neville- He stated there were outstanding volunteers who helped with the painting party. 18/19 people came and he thanked everyone for their hard work. The Wall of Faith plaque has been taken to Hill Country for repairs and Hill Country is donating their time and materials. Terry Ward is working on replacing three emergency lights. The steeple project is on hold waiting for good weather. A truck load of gravel is needed on the north side of the fellowship hall and parking lot. The cost is \$600- \$700 for pea gravel or 67 gravel. Motion made to go with 67 gravel, seconded voted on and approved.

**By-Laws-** Virginia Ferguson- They have reviewed a lot of committee policies and procedures. She distributed and reviewed the updated Wedding Guidelines. Recommendation made that the updated Wedding Guidelines, the financial page and the policy and procedures page be approved. Voted on and approved. There is a Wedding Director's manual available for review.

**Kitchen-** Hilda Durham – A refrigerator needs to be replaced in the kitchen. The cost is approximately \$535.00 for a similar refrigerator. Recommendation made, voted on and approved.

**No Reports -** Deacon, Church Council, Sunday School, Historian, Benevolence, Budget and Finance, Cemetery, Discretionary Missions, Flower, Library, Music, Outreach, Nominating, Nursery, Personnel Advisory, Tape Ministry, Usher, and Van.

**Technology –** Greg Williams – The parts for the screen should be in this week. He called Time Warner Cable to look at the cable and the modem is fine. A terminator on the pole near the parsonage was repaired.

**Youth-** Cindy Lloyd – The met and they might do some lunches or carwashes for fundraising.

**Associate Pastor Church -** Greg Williams – Two more resumes were received which brings the total received to eleven. They met with one individual tonight who is a possibility.

**Old business-** Jim Rives asked for an update on the acoustics in the fellowship hall. Gordon Neville responded that they are still working on this and also still working on the water problem outside the parlor.

# March 2010

Missions:  
O.C.I.M. Food Drive  
&  
Ronald McDonald House

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	6:00 p.m. Supper 3 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring 6:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, 8:00 p.m. Choir	4	5	6
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA 7	6:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting 8	9	6:00 p.m. Supper 10 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring 6:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, 8:00 p.m. Choir	11	12	13
AWANA Soup Lunch Fundraiser 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA 5:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Church Council 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting 14	7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting 15	16	6:00 p.m. Supper 17 6:30 p.m. Teens Ring, Women's Bible Study 6:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. RA, GA, Mission Friends, Youth, 8:00 p.m. Choir	Newsletter submissions due in the office 18	19	20
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA  5:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 21	7:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting 22	23	6:00 p.m. Supper 24 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	Ronald McDonald House 25	26	27
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA  5:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 28	29	30	6:00 p.m. Supper 31 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			

# News & Opportunities

## A Good Response to the "Painting Party"

Despite the cold rain on January 21<sup>st</sup>, we had an excellent turn-out of over 18 people who volunteered enthusiastically to paint not only the Fellowship Hall, but also the connecting hall and the ladies' bathroom. This project was under the direction of Louise Beck and Earl Brewer, who arranged for all the material purchases, which totaled \$244.

Tim Upchurch and his partner, "prepped" the project (i.e. spackled and sanded the wall cracks) over a two day period prior to our painting. We started the painting project at 2:00 p.m. and we were basically finished by 5:00 p.m.; and then, Louise Beck served a delicious meal consisting of navy beans, chibotia soy sauce in a spinach soup. Additionally, Louise served her wonderful, homemade coconut cake for dessert.

Ruth Williams and Hilda Durham even washed the curtains, and had them re-hung on Monday with Kitchin Durham and Gene Williams' assistance. Jim Harr and Larry Colie worked on three different occasions to touch-up the paint throughout the whole area. Larry Colie is also planning to paint the kids' Sunday School rooms in the old Education Building.

We appreciate everyone who donated their time and skills to make this "Painting Project" such a success. Also, there are many more Antioch "Volunteers," who are working diligently every week, and they are truly appreciated Antioch Treasures!

Kitchin Durham and Gerald Lewter continue to repair numerous items at the church on a regular basis (i.e. ice maker, Sunday School heating system, fire alarms, TV carts, etc., etc.) without any fanfare. Additionally, these two gentlemen have conducted another maintenance walk-thru of the buildings, and have outlined 6-7 projects for ACTION after our February Business Meeting. It is unbelievable how the Maintenance chores continue weekly, and on and on!

### TRASH REMINDER

Just a reminder to trash haulers --- please make sure you remove all the recyclable items from the back of the Fellowship Hall; plus occasionally empty the two trash cans behind the Education Building. You need to see Mayling before 2:00 p.m. daily to obtain entrance to the Fellowship Pantry.

### Men's Club Meeting

We had an excellent crowd of 23 Valentine Couples and four (4) so-called "Bachelors" at the 2/8/10 Men's Club Meeting. The food was an excellent catered roast beef with all the trimmings, plus banana pudding and cake for dessert. A good time of genuine fellowship was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

The next Men's Club Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Mike Lanier, Ag Economic Development Agent for Orange County, who will speak on the subject "Changes in Orange County Agriculture from WWII to Present." The Moderator will be Gordon Neville.

# News & Opportunities

## OUR MISSION PROJECTS THIS MONTH:

Our mission projects for March will be the Ronald McDonald House and the O.C.I.M. Food Drive. 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 25th 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.

### O.C.I.M. Food Drive

Due Date: Wednesday, March 31st  
Containers have been placed throughout the church for donated items.

The following items are needed:

Beef stew, chicken and dumplings, tuna, salmon, sausages, spaghetti sauce, tomatoes, brown beans (pinto, black, baked), canned fruit, fruit cups, applesauce, toothpaste, deodorant.

### Coming Soon!

#### A New Worship for Children

A group of Antioch volunteers is currently planning to begin a new (children's church type) service for children in grades 2-8 on Easter Sunday. This service would (initially) meet on the first Sunday of each month. Any adults who would like to participate in the planning and/or leadership of this group are invited to join us at the next meeting on Wednesday evening, March 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

## March 2010 Nursery Schedule

**Wed. 3rd:** Pat Tayloe

**Sun. 7th:** Betty Sue Yow, Carolyn Lacock, Charlene Williams, Dana Ward

**Wed. 10th:** Sandy Jefferson

**Sun. 14th:** Peyton Justice, Becky Smith, Shannon Baker, Rosie Matsko

**Wed. 17th:** Libby Bennett

**Sun. 21st:** Jessica Lloyd, Lucy Upchurch, Allyson Cecil, Dawn Ward

**Wed. 24th:** Kay Hammond

**Sun. 28th:** Sherry Webster, Arielle Webster, Darla Stokely, Allison Stokely

**Wed. 31st:** Ruth Williams

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](http://www.abccommunity.com).

### AWANA

has scheduled a **chili lunch** on March 14th 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: **Admiration versus Experience**

This is the time of year that Christians' thoughts are turning toward Easter – the “defining moment” of our faith. There will be new clothes, beautiful music, and hopeful messages. But if the message stops there, if it doesn't rearrange our priorities and shape our lives, then it will only be an illusion. Let me illustrate with a little story attributed to Ken Willers.

Once, so we are told, a pilgrim went in search of a beautiful and mystical river. After a long and arduous journey, he finally found it. For many days, he drank deeply from it, swam in it, fished from its banks, or simply sat and listened as it “spoke” to his spirit. He was filled with joy just to be near it. Finally, as he prepared to leave for home, he took a picture of it to serve as a constant reminder of his experience.

When he returned home, family, friends and neighbors all noticed a difference. He radiated joy, and seemed to possess a deep, inner peace. What could have made such a difference? The peppered him with questions, and he was happy to tell them of his river, and of all the wonderful things he had learned there. *“You must go there and experience it for yourselves,” he urged. “I could never hope to fully explain its mystery or describe its beauty. Words could never say it all. Go experience it for yourselves!”*

But when they learned that the passage was long and the journey hard, they grew disheartened. After all, they were so busy with their daily responsibilities. Such a journey would require discipline, dedication, and a considerable commitment of time and money. And who knows what other changes it might eventually require in their lifestyle?

But they were intrigued with the pilgrim's picture. Such peace and beauty it portrayed. So they seized it from him. They put it in a frame of gold, and even build a special building to display it. Many would come, sit and gaze at the picture for hours at a time.

The pilgrim, however, was saddened. He knew that – beautiful as it was – the picture was only a poor representation of what the river had to offer. He grieved over what his family and friends were missing. And he wished he had never taken the picture of the mystical river.

Scripture warns us, in James 1:22-25, not to deceive ourselves by just hearing God's word without putting it into practice. It's not that such a practice is evil. But it misses so much. There's a big difference between admiration and experience.

This year, if we are willing, perhaps we too might experience the “river” rather than simply admiring a representation of it. The choice is ours. The journey continues.

# Business Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2010

**New business** – John Cecil brought up the possibility of opening up the parsonage for Gene and Ruth Williams to use. Motion made, seconded, voted on and approved. Pastor Atwater stated the church needs to send a notice to their insurance company of the fair market rental value for the parsonage. \$1,000 a month was recommended. There was discussion. Motion made to accept rental value, seconded, voted on and approved.

Greg Williams stated VBS will be the week of July 5<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

Pastor Atwater stated Duncan McCallum is working with the Downeast Initiative and next Sunday after church services we will be providing their Jr. High and High School children with lunch. Please reach out to them. Hilda stated that donations of chips and desserts are needed for lunch for the Downeast Initiative children.

Pastor Atwater also stated that we are looking at changing the official title to Associate Pastor for Student Ministries.

Pastor Atwater stated we need to officially approve a fund for Irene Robinson and Ruth and Gene Williams' donations for IRS purposes. Motion made, seconded, voted on and approved.

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

To the Family of Antioch,

Thank you for your prayers, food, visits, and calls during the loss of Brittany. God bless you.

*Family of Seth Daulton*

To Our Antioch Family,

Words cannot express our heartfelt appreciation for the outpouring of kindness, generosity, thoughts, and prayers that was truly showered upon us during our recent time of trials and tribulations. May God bless each of you.

*Tim and Lucy Upchurch*

Dear Antioch Church,

We would like to thank you so much for your generous donation of \$6,000 to the Association. Your gift will go a long way in helping us to continue ministering to our churches and the community through our various literacy ministries, our food pantry, our lending library, and so much more.

We pray that God will bless each one of you as you have blessed your neighbor through your generous gift.

*Randy Godwin*  
Associational Missionary

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