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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.
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.

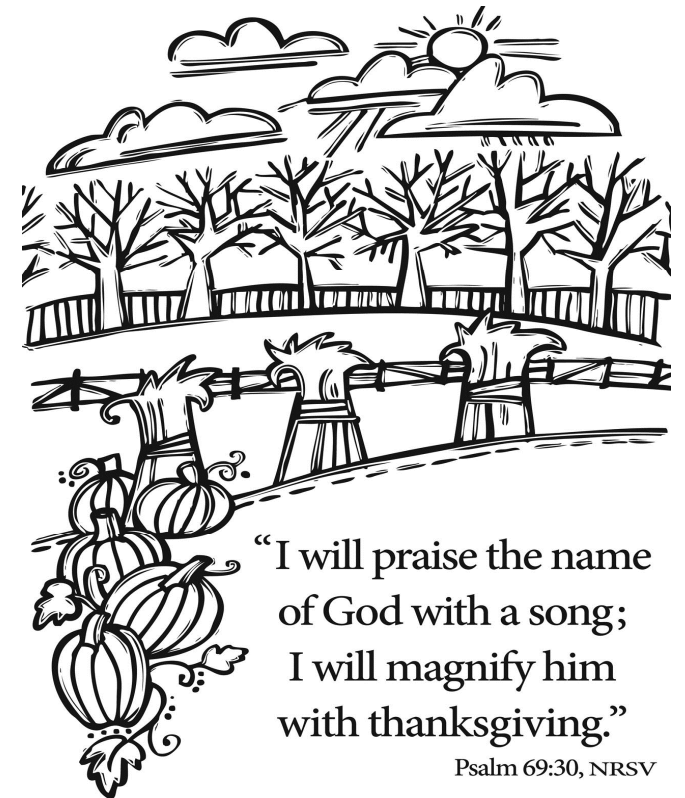
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“I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving.”

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

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

Business Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2011

A special called business meeting was called to order by Moderator Tommy Cecil for the purpose of voting on Brenda Temple who has been nominated to fill the remaining Deacon opening. 62 Members were present. Byron Tripp led in prayer.

Ballots were distributed, collected and counted.

Motion made minutes be approved as amended, seconded voted on and approved.

Brenda Temple was affirmed.

Business Meeting Minutes

Church business meeting was called to order by Moderator Tommy Cecil. 21 members were present. Tommy Cecil led in prayer. The September, 2011 business meeting minutes were read for information.

Treasurer - Hilda Durham – Robbie Smith presented in Hilda’s absence. The report is deferred until the next meeting.

Deacons - Byron Tripp – Gordon Neville, Warren Atwater, Gene Williams and Steve Hatley will be coming off. Byron thanked them for their service and commitment. Today, Brenda Temple was affirmed as a Deacon. There is a tentative Ordination scheduled for October 23, 2011.

Sunday school - Byron Tripp – Virginia Ferguson has put together a leadership team for the new 18-30yr old class. Correspondence has been sent to applicable members. The first meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 16 and will take place in the Parsonage. He asked everyone to continue to pray for our Sunday school program.

AWANA - Pat Cecil – AWANA started back on October 2 and there were 20 participants. On October 9th there were 46 participants more than doubling attendance. Pat thanked those involved for the great help they give the program. On October 30 there is a Fun Night for all.

Building and Grounds - Gordon Neville – Grass seed has been planted and watered and we are beginning to see growth on the south side of the church between the Sanctuary and the Education buildings. A volunteer will be donating funds to replace the 25 azaleas as well as the drip hose. During the summer, volunteers began scraping and sanding the wood around the stain glass windows. It was determined the job was too large for volunteers. Three quotes for the job were obtained to scrape, sand and paint all windows, with \$850 being the lowest. Gordon verified the business has insurance. Recommendation from committee for \$850 voted on and approved.

By Laws - Pastor Atwater - Recommendations for By Law changes were presented and discussed.

- **PROPOSAL ONE:** “Change the title of our Associate Pastor to “Associate Pastor for Student Ministries” was voted on and approved.
- **PROPOSAL TWO:** “Move specifics of meeting times and places to the Policy and Procedures manual”. The following amendment was proposed and approved:
 - Article V. B. 7. : strike deletion of Proposal 2, article V. B. 7. Leave proposed change from September 15 to at beginning of church year.
 - Proposal Two was voted on as amended and approved.
- **PROPOSAL THREE:** “Standardize requirements regarding postponement of business meetings” was voted on and approved.
- **PROPOSAL FOUR:** “Clarify policy on rescheduling business meeting” was voted on and approved.

November 2011

Missions:
Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes,
Thanksgiving Dinner in a Bag, Angel Tree

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children’s Choir 7:00 p.m. RA,GA, Mission Friends, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	3	4	5
6 A.C.T.S. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA	7	8 Operation Christmas Child Sort & Pack Shoeboxes Time TBA	9 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children’s Choir 7:00 p.m. RA,GA, Mission Friends, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	10	11 Office Closed	12 Antioch’s Breakfast and Craft Sale 6:30-10a.m.
13 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA 5:00 p.m. Church Council 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting	14 6:30 p.m. Men’s Club Meeting	15	16 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children’s Choir 7:00 p.m. RA,GA, Mission Friends, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	17 Newsletter submissions due in the office	18	19 Thanksgiving Dinner In A Bag
20 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA	21 7:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting	22 Community- wide Thanksgiving Service	23	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27 Advent Begins 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AWANA 6:30 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting	28	29	30 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children’s Choir 7:00 p.m. RA,GA, Mission Friends, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir			

News & Opportunities

Men's Club Meeting Update - Minutes from October 10, 2011

We had 19 men in attendance for our monthly meeting. Dave Atwater opened the meeting with prayer; and our President, Tim Upchurch, led the business meeting discussions. Basically, we kept the same officers that we had last year: Tim Upchurch – President, Terry Ward – Vice President, Kitchin Durham – Treasurer, and Gordon Neville – Secretary. Brack Bowden, Gerald Lewter, Henry Morris, and Gene Williams comprise the kitchen cooking team. Tim appointed a Project Committee for the purpose of installing ramps and railings and other construction projects, as needed. The committee consists of Gerald Lewter, Kitchin Durham, Robbie Smith and “volunteers”. We’ve had requests to assist in building another ramp (or railing), plus buy a used car for a needy family.

Tim mentioned that Mebane Durham, Roy Lloyd, and Bill Heizer have agreed to be our Member (Phone Call) Leaders. This is an important function in the Men's Club, if we are to contact those not coming to church and grow our future attendance. Duncan MacCalman made a fine presentation to address the recent decline in church attendance over the past 2-3 years; but more specifically for all of 2011. We all need to be keenly aware of our declining church attendance, and take it as our personal responsibility to help the Outreach Program in reaching not only the youth of the church but also their parents. Duncan summarized his comments by saying that we have all the symptoms of a “church sickness” NOW, and we need to become proactive before it becomes a terminal situation for Antioch. (We can not blame it all on the economy, because the recession started in 2008 when our attendance was much better.)

Duncan also presented a program to improve our RA age attendance via possibly providing a Horse Rescue Program to attract RA's... which would require a lot of leadership and manpower. First, we need to find out how many kids are of RA age. Tim is going to review the Church Directory and Terry Ward is going to preview the White Cross Rec basketball membership roster.

It was also recommended that the Church Outreach Team pass out brochures at the November 12th Breakfast and at future Rec basketball games. Finally, we would like to invite Bobby Shriner the Wrestling Coach at Orange High School to be a guest speaker in January (possibly use pizza or hotdogs to entice the kids). Doug Strickland recommended that we invite Everett Hampton, a WWII veteran who would discuss his Iwo Jima experience.

Country Breakfast, Craft and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 12, 6:30 – 10:00 a.m.

In addition to the breakfast, which is always much anticipated and highly acclaimed, we also plan to have a bake sale and craft show. Remember, all our proceeds go to support missions, both here and around the world. Donated baked goods and crafts will be greatly appreciated. Flyers for distribution are in the entrance to the sanctuary. If you are interested in volunteering and have not been asked yet, please contact Bill Heizer: 919-929-6834, or at wdheizer@earthlink.net. All are welcome!

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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.

Antioch's Angel Tree

Collecting gifts for families in our community that are in need of assistance.

Samaritan Purse

Operation Christmas Child

Collection Date: Sunday, November 13th

We will take the boxes to Boone in December. However if you can not join us for the trip, we still need your help in sorting/packing the boxes! Please meet at the church on Tuesday, November 8th (TBA) to help! Please see Robin Farrell or Sandy Jefferson if you have any questions.

Thanksgiving Dinner in a Bag

Saturday, November 19th

November 2011 Nursery Schedule

Wed. 2nd: Ruth Williams

Sun. 6th: Becky Stone, Taylor Stone, Lucy Upchurch, Charlene Williams, Greg Williams

Wed. 9th: Pat Neville

Sun. 13th: Allyson Cecil, Nicole Casper, Carolyn Lacock, Kim Dunn, Karen Whitfield

Wed. 16th: Kay Hammond

Sun. 20th: Carolyn Rigsbee, Debbie Mabe, Dawn Ward, Shannon Baker, Rosie Matsko

Wed. 23rd: No Services

Sun. 27th: Sherry Webster, Arielle Webster, Becky Smith, Lyn Lloyd, Mark Lloyd

Wed. 30th: Ruth Williams

Thank You

We would like to show our “Special Thanks” to Pat Cecil and the entire TEAM that worked so hard to organize the Senior Citizen Banquet on September 10th. The food, decorations, and the entertainment were all 1st Class and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

When you see these people at church, or run into them at the mall or in the community, please let them know of your appreciation of their superb effort! ~The Deacon Board

Thank You

Dear Beloved Friends at Antioch:

Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards, and visits during the loss of my Dad. It meant a lot that my church family was there during a time of need.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Dale Hammond

Pecan and Brunswick Stew Sale Alamance/Orange Correctional Facility

\$8.00/qt for Brunswick Stew and \$10/lb for pecans. The pick-up date is Saturday, November 19th. To sign-up, please call Gordon Neville at 932-6993.

December Missions Projects

In addition to the meal for the Ronald McDonald House, we will also need cakes and pies for Family Day at the Alamance/Orange Prison. The date and time will be announced soon!

A Message From The Pastor: “World changers”

In 1875, a rather sickly child was born in Upper Alsace, Germany. Life didn't seem to get any easier for him as he grew, either. ...Even though his physical condition improved. He was slow in learning to read and write. And, in school, he seemed to have little aptitude as a scholar. But he worked hard. He even forced himself to master subjects that were particularly difficult, such as Hebrew.

His one special gift seemed to be music. There, at least, he was something of a prodigy. At eight, when his feet could scarcely reach the pedals, he was already playing the organ. By nine, he was substituting for the regular organist at church services. And, by age thirty, his career as a concert organist was flourishing.

You will recognize this man's name immediately, ...but not for his musical ability. You probably don't know that this unpromising student eventually earned four doctorates – in philosophy, theology, music theory, and (eventually) medicine. Or that he wrote a number of books. Or that, in fact, he became amazingly successful at several demanding professions at the same time!

The ultimate direction of his life came “by chance,” however, while reading a magazine article. “While we are preaching about religion in the Congo,” it declared, “people are suffering and dying before our eyes.” Those lines changed his focus and his life. He resolved to become a missionary doctor. Even when he proposed marriage, he asked the young lady if she would be willing to spend the rest of her life with him in the jungle. Her answer was to become a nurse. So it was that on Good Friday of 1913, Albert and Helen Schweitzer left for Africa, where they would serve for more than 50 years.

What really made the difference in Dr. Schweitzer's life? Dedication? Persistence? Determination? Or was it something more that drove him to choose hardship and service over popularity, physical ease, and financial success?

Reading this account, it's clear that our “calling” doesn't always depend on our background, personal interests, or even our more obvious talents. Sometimes, God reveals our life's purpose in unusual, even mysterious, ways. Often our openness to such revelation, and our willingness to embrace such that destiny, depends more on our values than our abilities. It's a matter of having learned WHAT to value so that we can make the best choices. ...And recognizing that “to whom much is given, much is required” (or expected).

As we draw near to the season of Thanksgiving, may God help us to remember that “values determine vision,” and to choose carefully those values that will help us to show our gratitude by becoming good stewards of God's gifts. Who knows? With God's guidance, our choice could end up changing our world.

Business Meeting Minutes

Continued...

- **PROPOSAL FIVE:** “Clarify duties of Trustees”. The following amendment was proposed and approved:
 - Add parenthesis in the Trustee section of By-Laws to (Board of Directors).
 - This was voted on as amended and approved.
- **PROPOSAL SIX:** “Change of heading for Article V” was voted on and approved.
- **PROPOSAL SEVEN:** “Revise discussion of church officers” was voted on and approved.
- **PROPOSAL EIGHT:** “Clarify work of Pastor Search Committee” was voted on and approved.
- **PROPOSAL NINE:** “Strengthen role of Personnel Advisory Committee in hiring of a Church Secretary” was voted on and approved.
- **PROPOSAL TEN:** “Allow greater latitude to Historian in sharing items of Historical interest” was voted on and approved.
- **PROPOSAL ELEVEN:** “Move most non-business leadership descriptions to the Policy and Procedures Manual” was voted on and approved.
- **PROPOSAL TWELVE:** “Change wording of Flower Committee” was voted on and approved.
- **PROPOSAL THIRTEEN:** “Simplify wording in description of denominational affiliations” was voted on and approved.

Discretionary Missions - Pastor Atwater - They assisted one individual with \$350 in rent. Byron Tripp added that the Deacons have elected Larry Colie as Deacon Representative of the Discretionary Missions committee.

Youth - Cindy Lloyd – The regular youth meeting has been moved from Wednesday evenings to Sundays. The trip to Fort Caswell will be October 21-23. Six students and three Chaperones will be attending and the committee purposed the church to pay \$50 of the \$118 per person plus the van rental of \$276. Recommendation was made, voted on and approved. They have been working on setting up a Facebook page to connect the youth of Antioch as well as other youth in the community. And, they are beginning to look at mission trip opportunities for youth.

No reports – Church Council, Missions, Budget and Finance, Benevolence, Cemetery, Church Outreach, Flower, Kitchen, Library, Men's Club, Music, Nominating Committee, Nursery, Personal Advisory, Tape Ministry, Technology, Usher and Van.

Old Business - none

New Business – Pastor Atwater will be attending the Associational Meeting and asked for two volunteers to attend the meeting as voting members representing Antioch. A recommendation was made for Pat Tayloe and Gordon Neville to represent Antioch. This was voted on and approved.

Robbie Smith made a motion that if there is a church member who wants to represent Antioch as a voting member at the State Convention that they need to contact the church office. Motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

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

The Voice is published monthly to share Christ's love, to keep members and friends informed of programs of the church, and to report news about Antioch's people. *The Voice* is a publication of Antioch Baptist Church, 1707 White Cross Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516-9715, (919) 929-2230, info@abccommunity.com. Editor-in-Chief: Dave Atwater. Managing Editor: Jessica Burton.

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Live Nativity

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Christmas Cantata

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Did You Know?

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Christ United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill
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Leaning and Lifting

“There are just two kinds of people on earth today;
Just two kinds of people, no more I say.
Not the saint and the sinner, for ‘tis well understood
The good are half bad, and the bad are half good.
Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man’s wealth
You must first know the state of his conscience & health.
Not the humble and proud, for in life’s little span,
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man
Not he happy or sad, for the swift flying years,
Bring each man his laughter, and each man his tears.
No! The two kinds of people on earth I mean
Are the people who lift, and the people who lean.
Wherever you go, you will find the earth’s masses
Are always divided into just these two classes.
And oddly enough you will find too, I’ve seen,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.
In which class are you? Are you easing the load,
Of over-taxed lifters who toil down the road?
Or are you a leaner who lets others bear
Your portion of labor and worry and care?”

– Ella Wheeler Wilcox

2011-2012 Deacons

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