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HOMEcoming

**220TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

AUGUST 9TH @ 11:00 A.M.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

LOVE GOD. EXALT CHRIST. SEEK HIS WILL. SERVE HIS PURPOSE.

REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer Rally: (Library)	9:20 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
AWANA <i>(Sept.- April)</i>	Summer Break
Youth Bible Study	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Youth Group	5:45 p.m.
Missions Journey Kids	6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION: MONDAY-FRIDAY / 9:00 – 3:00 P.M. The Voice 1

CHURCH STAFF

Dave Atwater, Pastor

Vacant, Associate Pastor for Student Ministries

Vacant, Minister of Music

Vacant, Ministry Assistant

2025 / 2026: DEACON MINISTRY

Greg Bronson

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Mark Phillippie

Tommy Cecil

Mark Lloyd

Byron Tripp

Tim Dameron

John McGuire

Lamont Durham

James Parrott

A Message From The Pastor:

The Basis of Success

Several decades ago, I ran across a list of "Ten Sure-fire Ways to Fail in Business." It was attributed to a senior vice president of the Coca-Cola Company. Though applicable to any organization with customers, I think it has a special relevance for those of us involved in teaching or training. After all, we have a greater opportunity than most to help shape the future. For what it's worth, here are some approaches worth avoiding.

1. Quit taking risks.
2. Be content with what you have where you are.
3. Before making a move, ask yourself what the firm's founder would do.
4. Be inflexible. Don't respond to change.
5. Rely on research so you don't make your own mistakes.
6. Concentrate on your competition, not your customers.
7. Always put yourself ahead of your clients, associates and customers.
8. Always give financial and administrative concerns top priority.
9. Get someone else to do your thinking for you.
10. Memorize the formulas "TGE" (That's good enough) and "TNMJ" (That's not my job). Do this often enough and you're guaranteed to fail.

Each of these rules represents a wrong attitude and a failure of character. Like weeds, they keep popping up in unexpected places. We've seen the results. Samuel Stiles summarized the inevitable progression back in 1887. "*Sow a thought and you reap an act. Sow an act and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny.*" Attitudes, like ideas, always have consequences.

It's best, of course, to begin with self-evaluation. That's one area where we can make an immediate difference. It's also a part of good stewardship. Our faith was never intended merely for our private improvement but for our common good. Attitudes shape the world we all share.

The bottom-line is this: "*The way to build success is to build character.*" Let's pray for success. There is much at stake.

Blessings. – Pastor Dave

Antioch Calendar of Events

YouTube Channel: Antioch Baptist Church Chapel Hill - 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Kitchen closed for cleaning 9:00- Noon
2 Sunday lunch Carpool to DOC 6:15 Youth 4-5:00	3 Child Protect Comm Mtg 5:30 Church Council Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	4 Cemetery Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	5 6:00 p.m. Missions Journey: Kids, Youth, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	6 FHR Set-up for Homecoming	7 FHR Set-up for Homecoming	8 FHR Set-up for Homecoming
9 Homecom- ing Speaker: Brandton Wood	10	11 Women's Bi- ble Study 10:00 - 11:30a.m	12 6:00 p.m. Missions Journey: Kids, Youth, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m Choir	13 Outreach Comm. Mtg 7:00 p.m.	14	15
16 6:00 p.m. Business Mtg. Youth 4:00— 5:00 p.m.	17 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg. September Newsletter submissions due	18	19 6:00 p.m. Missions Journey: Kids, Youth, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	20	21	22 (FHR) Back to School Splash
23 Youth 4:00—5:00 p.m.	24 	25	26 6:00 p.m. Missions Journey: Kids, Youth, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	27 Ronald McDonald House Meal	28	29
30 Youth 4:00— 5:00 p.m.	31					

August Usher Schedule

Sun. 2nd: Mark Lloyd, Joel Lloyd,
Andy Pugh, Branan Hackney

Sun. 9th: Tommy Cecil, James Parrott,
Sammy Parrott, Josh Cecil

Sun. 16th: Keith Webster, Keith Harris,
Charles Smith, Jase Wagoner

Sun. 23rd: Greg Bronson, Gordon Neville,
Daniel Tayloe, Blake Tayloe

Sun. 30th: Tim Dameron, Lamont Durham,
Crawford Dameron, Jonas Parrott

August Nursery Schedule

Sun. 2nd: Lisa Upchurch,

Sun. 9th: Lyn Lloyd, Keri Carwile

Sun. 16th: Pat Cecil, Dawn Blake

Sun. 23rd: Lou Ann Myatt, Cindy Durham

Sun. 30th: Keri Carwile, Lisa Upchurch

Children's
CHURCH

August

Carol Dawson
Karen Whitfield

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. - Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Alamance/Orange Department of Corrections Prison Ministry Dinner and Worship

DATE: August 2 | TIME 7:00 PM

LOCATION: DOC in Hillsborough / Carpool leaves Antioch at 6:15 PM

We anticipate this to be a meaningful evening of devotion, music and fellowship with the men housed at the DOC.

We will serve a meal and have the volunteers needed to join our ministry team. While the event is short—just an hour and a half—the blessings received by both the residents and those who serve will be truly lasting.

Contact Robin Farrell for additional information and/or to volunteer in the future at 919-323-2528 (phone or text).

APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH:

If you did not have the opportunity adopt a backpack and would like to fill a backpack for a child, instructions may be found on the Baptist on Missions website.

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Appalachian-Christmas-Outreach>

There are Bibles and the Christmas story printouts available. Contact Robin Farrell if there are questions.

BACKPACKS DUE November 1st.

We are delighted to welcome Pastor Brandon Wood as our 2026 Homecoming Speaker. Brandon is married to Mary Kathryn Upton (Katie), they have three daughters and a son-in-law.

Brandon served Antioch as our Minister of Youth and Music while attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1993-1998. He has served as a Church Plant Strategist for the North American Mission Board, a Pastor, a Youth Pastor, and a supply speaker in churches up and down the Eastern Seaboard. He has researched and written articles for Lifeway, NAMB, and Outreach Magazine.

He is currently serving as Transitional Pastor at First Parish Congregational Church in Pownal, ME. Thus far he has led First Parish to begin a partnership with the SBC, is leading the church through a Revitalization Process and equipping them to be ready for their future pastor, leading weekly worship, and recruiting/training new worship leadership.

He has done all of this while raising and selling collies, pumpkins, strawberries, sunflowers, tomatoes, corn and more. Brandon grew up on a farm in Dexter GA and will always be a Southern boy at heart. The family cheers on the Atlanta Braves, the Red Sox, and the Georgia Bulldogs.

God has led his family on a journey that many of us would have given up on but he has never stopped loving people and serving God.

His words: "Now one of my primary goals is to encourage believers to see themselves as God sees them... loved, valued, and forgiven. I believe that when believers see themselves this way, they become free to live a life overflowing with grace. As this grace overflows, it will lead us to increasingly share Jesus with others. God is increasing my desire to share the Good News of Jesus, because more and more, He is overwhelming me with reminders of His goodness and forgiveness."



Join us to hear what God has laid on Brandon's heart for us.

Stay for "dinner on the grounds" in the Fellowship Hall.

We look forward to seeing friends and family old and new!



Adult Choir mid 1990's
Front: Virginia Ferguson, Renee Wrenn, Debbie Wood, Sedelia Campbell, Carol Aucompaugh, Rev. Neil Snell. Back: Byron Tripp, Pat Tayloe, Miles Temple, Doug Strickland, Angie Daulton, Donna Tayloe, and Lil



Antioch Youth

Circa 1997

News and Opportunities

BE THE ONE. Tell someone about JESUS!

PLANNING AHEAD FOR MISSIONS

September Missions

- ♦ Red Box Christmas Ministry for the NC Women's Prison through WMU. Collecting gloves—due October 11.

October Missions

- ♦ Ralph Scott Homes Picnic—October 15
Holly Hill Baptist Church—6:00 p.m.

November Missions

- ♦ Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Backpacks—due November 1st
- ♦ Thanksgiving Food Giveaway—Nov. 21
- ♦ Angel Tree Adoption—November 22nd

BUSINESS MEETING

August 16th

Officers and Committee Chairpersons:

We ask that you please send
your reports to:

Clerk, Lyn Lloyd: lnlloyd116@gmail.com
the week preceding the meeting.

If you are an officer or standing
committee chair and have

nothing to report,

let Lyn know that information as well.

*Your promptness helps her prepare and
is greatly appreciated!*

Wednesday Nights

6:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. — Bible Basics

5:45 p.m. Grades 6th - 12th

YOUTH GROUP



6:00 p.m. - Missions Journey: Kids
Age group: PreK - 5th grade
(Currently on break)



Turning Back the Clock

Byron Tripp,
Antioch Historian

Early Church Music

The following entries are taken from Antioch's Historian, Duncan MacCalman's notes, February 12, 2006, for our bicentennial celebration.

"On January 9, 1856, the Church met and a motion was made and adopted that one dozen hymn books be purchased. At that time, the congregation numbered 278, by actual count of Minute Book records of 1851. They came together for monthly worship services by horse, buggy, on foot, and by mule drawn wagon.

There was no piano or organ, and almost never any musical accompaniment to singing. The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion, was published in 1854. These singing books were prepared for those who could read traditional music and also to help individuals who could not read music. The shape notes resemble standard round notes in every respect, except the head of each note has one of four shapes. The right triangle is fa; the circular is sol; the square is la; and the diamond is mi. Using these song books often involved the singers sitting in a hollow square, facing each other, with a leader in the center. One side consisted of sopranos, one side of altos, one side tenors and one side bass. The leader started each song by giving pitch and motioning the timing.

One example of shape note singing, was demonstrated in the motion picture, "The Sound of Music". In one particular scene, the Captain's children were being taught this method: "Do a deer, a female deer; ra, a drop of golden sun; mi; a name I call myself; fa, a long, long way to run; so, a needle pulling thread; la, a note to follow so..." Each note was higher than the last and the singer pitched the word being sung to the pitch of the note next indicated by the music.

These song books brought to Antioch the music and words of a large selection of Baptist hymns for praising God."

**In Christ,
Byron Tripp**

1 Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound) That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved: How precious did that grace ap - pear, The hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, 4 The Lord has promised good to me, 5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, 6 Tho' earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
I have already come; His word my hope secures; And mortal life shall cease, The sun forbear to shine;
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, He will my shield and portion be, I shall possess, within the veil, But God, who call'd me here below,
And grace will lead me home. As long as life endures. A life of joy and peace. Will be for ever mine.

COOKHAM. 7's.

Lord I cannot let thee go, Till a blessing thou bestow; Do not turn a - way thy face, Mine's an urgent, pressing case.

ROCK OF AGES. 6 lines. 7's

1. Rock of A - ges, shel - ter me! Let me hide myself in thee! Let the wa - ter and the blood, From thy wounded side which

2. Not the la - bor of my hands Can ful - fil thy law's demands: Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears for ev - er

flow'd, Be of sin the double cure; Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

flow still for sin could not a - tone: Thou must save, and thou a - lone.

2. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Black, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eye-strings break in death
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne.
Rock of Ages, shelter me:
Let me hide myself in 'thee'



**Water
slides!!**

**Freeze
pops**

**Yard
Games**

**Cotton
Candy**

**BACK
TO K
SCHOOL
SPLASH**

Bubbles

FREE

**Cake
Walk**

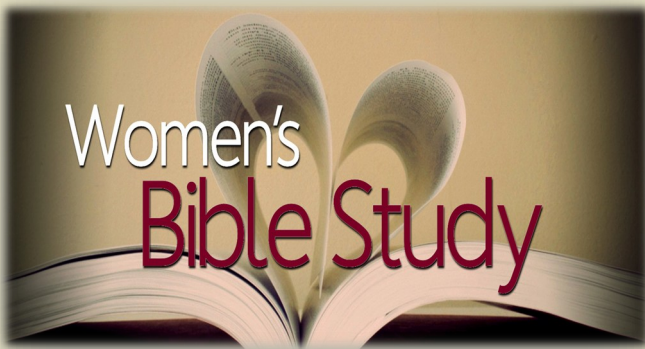
Explore A Police Car!

Ident - A - Kid

BATHING SUIT & TOWEL SUGGESTED BUT NOT REQUIRED

AUGUST 22RD 10:00AM – 12:00 NOON

Antioch Baptist Church 1707 White Cross Rd, Chapel Hill NC



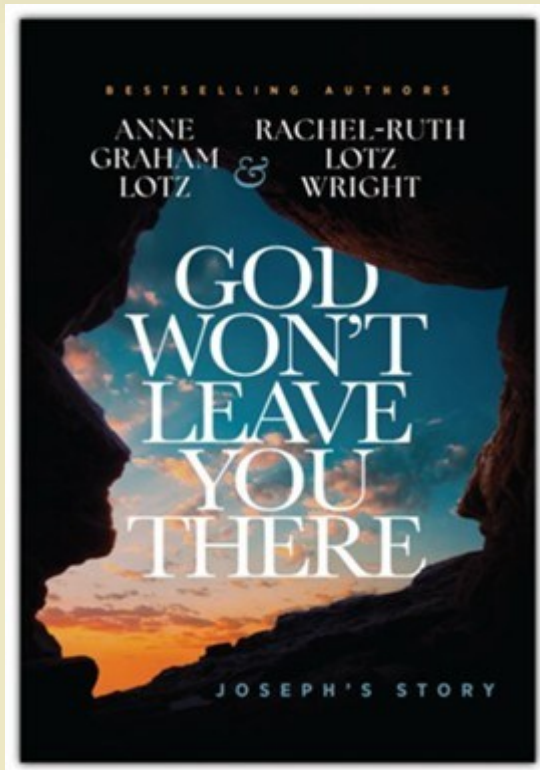
Announcing: beginning September 8TH!

Our new weekly **Fall Bible Study** will be

God Won't Leave You There

by Anne Graham Lotz and Rachel-Ruth Lotz Wright.

God Won't Leave You There: Out of the Pit and into God's Promise



As we stepped into Joseph's story, we saw Jesus in the shadows of his life. An exceptional Old Testament character, Joseph exhibited a Christlike character in a beautiful way. Joseph shows us that God, regardless of what life throws at us, won't leave us in the pit of hopelessness but will faithfully bring us through to confident hope in His ultimate purpose for our lives. We invite you to step into Joseph's story and walk away with this truth: God Won't Leave You There.

AVAILABLE NOW!

Books: \$16.00

Please let Virginia know

if you are planning on attending and
if you need a study book!

I am looking forward to a new year for our women to study God's Word together on Tuesdays. **10:00 a.m.— noon.**

Kind Regards, Virginia 919-618-6430

email: virginiaiveyferguson6@gmail.com

The last Bible study of the summer will be August 11 at 10:00 a.m.

We will be completing our study in Acts 4:23-31.

Antioch Library:

There are all sorts of books in our church library.

Do you know anyone that needs this:

The Legacy of a Pack Rat by Ruth Bell Graham



Special Request from your Safety Committee

The Safety Committee is asking for your support as we work to help keep Antioch Baptist Church a safe and welcoming place of worship.

At the June Business Meeting, approval was given to begin raising funds for the installation of security cameras. The first phase of this project will include exterior cameras, as well as cameras in the children's classroom area (basement) and the nursery.

If you feel led to contribute, please designate your gift to the **Safety Special Fund.**

We sincerely appreciate your prayers, generosity, and continued support as we work together to enhance the safety of our church family.

Safety Committee

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
Still Matters

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Classes:

Grades PreK-2nd
Grades 3rd - 5th
Grades 6th - 12th
Foundations

Classes:

Co-ed Adults
Median Adult Women
Median Adult Men
Senior Faith Class

Help
share
the good
news!



One
shoebox
at a
time!

Operation Christmas Child

Opening Doors to Discipleship with a Globe

When Maya Kisievia, known affectionately as Mako, travels for Operation Christmas Child outreach in Georgia (the country), she always brings one unusual item with her—a small school globe. It is not just a prop. It is a doorway into the story.

“Our program is called *The Greatest Journey*,” she tells the children, holding the globe in her hands. “And today, we are starting a journey together.” Soon the children realize that if they stick with the course, they will learn 12 exciting Bible lessons that will show them how to know, grow in, and share Jesus with others. And this adventure of following Him surpasses all others!

Mako and her team do not wait for children to come to them. They go looking for them.

Recently, the team traveled through villages outside Tbilisi (the capital), moving from the Manglisi area toward Marneuli, where Azerbaijani communities also live. In one trip, they reached four different locations. This meant four villages, four programs, and four opportunities to share the Gospel with children who may not otherwise hear it. There were no printed invitations. No formal registration. No prepared auditorium. The team simply arrived, stopped the car, and began looking for children. One woman on Mako’s team seems to know someone everywhere—a taxi driver, a relative, a friend of a friend. Through these local connections, doors open. Sometimes a family offers their own yard. Sometimes the children gather at a stadium. Sometimes the program happens right in a public park. In one village, 22 children came. In another place, more than 100 children gathered—little ones, older children, and young teens all sat together, listening as Mako spoke through a microphone and speaker.

The program begins with songs, games, and conversation. Mako introduces the team and explains that they have come from a church. She tells the children about Samaritan’s Purse and why the team has brought [Operation Christmas Child](#) shoeboxes. But before the gifts are given, she invites them into something even deeper. She opens the story of *The Greatest Journey*.

Using the globe, posters to illustrate the Gospel, and “stops” along the way, Mako helps the children understand that this is more than a one-day event. It is an invitation to begin a journey with God. The children participate, answer questions, hold visual materials, and become part of the story.

For Mako, like many Operation Christmas Child ministry partners around the globe, placing a shoebox gift in a child’s hands is not the end of the outreach event; it is the beginning of discipleship. Because many of these villages are difficult to revisit regularly, she finds creative ways to continue with the children. Some receive a link to online lessons. Others receive books when online access is not possible. The follow-up is not always easy, but Mako continues to look for ways to help the boys and girls finish the course. Her hope is to gather the children again, perhaps in one central place, and celebrate a graduation.

Help
share
the good
news!



Operation Christmas Child

One
shoebox
at a
time!

This is what ministry looks like in the villages of Georgia—a small team, open yards, children gathered from the street, a microphone, a few posters, a globe in hand, and a faithful invitation to take the next step in following Jesus. Mako and her team are not simply distributing gift-filled shoeboxes. They are opening roads to new life in Jesus Christ. And for many children, that road begins with a simple question: “Are you ready for [The Greatest Journey?](#)”

“Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled’” (Luke 14:23).

Nothing can stop God’s love from reaching people who have never heard the Name of Jesus and live in hard-to-reach areas or in parts of the world that heavily restrict the Gospel. Through Pack A Shoebox Online, you can give shoeboxes that will be specially packed for hard-to-reach countries. These gifts provide a creative way for believers to share the Gospel in a culturally sensitive way.

samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline



**Shoeboxes change lives for the
sender and the recipient!**

**A boy from Idaho sent a Christmas shoebox
gift to a girl in the Philippines. 14 years later,
they found each other on Facebook, fell in
love, and they're now married with a child.**

OUR PATRIOTISM ON DISPLAY

The VOICES ONE CELEBRATION CHOIR

JUNE 28, 2026



A Human-Interest Story

Robin Farrell and I met with the Terrell's Creek Baptist pastor and other interested individuals on 6/15 to:

1. Present the Antioch Business Meeting's recommended donation of \$4,000 as a Mission Project response from our recent May breakfast proceeds.
2. The Pastor, Rev. Chris Wade has been at Terrell's Creek for eight years and seems to be well liked (formerly in the Army for 22 years).
3. A new 20'x40' covered picnic area was completed several years ago for homecoming, weddings, etc. celebrations.
4. They also have a new, fenced in Cremation Section in the far North corner of the cemetery.
5. They individually mentioned their appreciation for the new donated cemetery plot that will mean so much over decades to come.
6. It was acknowledged that Mr. "Skinny" Fearrington was still the chairman of the Deacons, and his son Danny attended the presentation.
7. Robin organized the presentation of the \$4,000 donation for church repairs.

In summary, it was a splendid and beautiful event (Pat Neville was the photographer).

A Gordon Neville,

The Scribe





Make Antioch Yours!

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