

# THE VOICE

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## 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 (Sept.- April)    | 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

|                      |                      |                        |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Greg Bronson</i>  | <i>Pam Durham</i>    | <i>Mark Phillippie</i> |
| <i>Tommy Cecil</i>   | <i>Mark Lloyd</i>    | <i>Byron Tripp</i>     |
| <i>Tim Dameron</i>   | <i>John McGuire</i>  |                        |
| <i>Lamont Durham</i> | <i>James Parrott</i> |                        |

## A Message From The Pastor:

### The Power of a Teacher

Eric Butterworth tells the story of a college professor who sent his sociology class into the Baltimore slums to take the case histories of 200 boys. Based on these histories, and their previous studies, the students then evaluated each boy's likelihood of future success. In every case, the prognosis was that *"This kid doesn't have a chance."*

Twenty-five years later, another professor came across that study and had his students follow up. The shocking results contradicted all accepted sociological theory. Twenty of the subjects had either died or could not be located. Of the remaining 180, however, all but four had achieved more than ordinary success as lawyers, doctors and businessmen. What could account for this remarkable turn of events?

When the professor investigated further, he discovered that each of these men had been encouraged by a teacher. In fact, it was the same teacher! She was much older now, but still alive and alert, so the scholar sought her out. What magical formula had she used? Her eyes sparkled as she said with a smile, *"It's really very simple; I LOVED those boys."*

That's the real key. As someone has said, *"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."*

I once had an acquaintance who wanted to be a coach. He was knowledgeable of his sport, experienced as a player, and credentialed as a coach, but totally ineffective at teaching and motivating young boys. Why? They regarded him as a bully – arrogant, uncaring and harsh. That assessment was reflected in their performance for him.

In his book, There's A Lot More to Health Than Not Being Sick, Bruce Larson points out that, when Annie Sullivan began her work with Helen Keller, the young girl was little more than *"a hostile, rebellious, untamed animal."* Ms. Sullivan fought her way into Helen's life and released one of the most gifted and inspirational women of all time. Larson concluded, *"Each of us has the power to perform miracles of that sort if we can begin to communicate to other people that they are important to us and of supreme value in the sight of God."*

In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13, Paul says that three things – faith, hope, and love – will last on throughout eternity, but that the greatest of these is love. May our lives and legacies reflect that guiding principle.

Blessings, Pastor Dave

| Sun                                                                                                   | Mon                                                                 | Tue                                                                                                                               | Wed                                                                                         | Thu                                                                                                                           | Fri                                    | Sat                                                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                       |                                                                     | 1<br>Church Council<br>Mtg.<br>6:00 p.m.                                                                                          | 2<br>6:00 p.m. Youth<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Adult BASICs,<br>Adult Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m. Choir  | 3                                                                                                                             | 4                                      | 5                                                             |
| 6<br>Sunday<br>Lunch<br>(CS)<br><br>4:00-5:30 p.m.<br>Youth                                           | 7<br>Labor Day<br>Office Closed                                     | 8<br>Women's Bible<br>Study<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Young at Heart<br>11:30 a.m.<br><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Budget & Fi-<br>nance Comm.<br>Mtg. | 9<br>6:00 p.m. Youth<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Adult BASICs,<br>Adult Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m. Choir  | 10<br>Outreach<br>Comm. Mtg<br>7:00 p.m.                                                                                      | 11<br>FHR<br>(entire day /<br>set-up)  | 12<br>Senior Citizens<br>Banquet                              |
| 13<br>Committee's<br>Luncheon: noon<br><br>4:00-5:30 p.m.<br>Youth                                    | 14<br>Men's Club<br>6:30 p.m.                                       | 15<br>Women's Bible<br>Study<br>10:00 a.m.<br><br>Safety & Secu-<br>rity Comm.<br>Mtg<br>7:00 p.m.                                | 16<br>6:00 p.m. Youth<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Adult BASICs,<br>Adult Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m. Choir | 17<br>Oct. News-<br>letter submis-<br>sions due                                                                               | 18<br>(FHR)                            | 19<br>5th Cruise-In<br>At Antioch<br>(Youth benefit<br>event) |
| 20<br>4:00-5:30<br>p.m. AWANA<br>4:00-5:30 p.m.<br>Youth                                              | 21<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Deacons' Mtg.<br><br>7:00 p.m.<br>Trustee's Mtg. | 22<br>Women's Bible<br>Study<br>10:00 a.m.                                                                                        | 23<br>6:00 p.m. Youth<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Adult BASICs,<br>Adult Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m. Choir | 24<br>Ronald<br>McDonald<br>House<br>Meal                                                                                     | 25<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Family<br>Fun Night | 26                                                            |
| 27<br>4:00-5:30<br>p.m. AWANA<br>4:00-5:30 p.m.<br>Youth<br><br>2027 Homecoming<br>Nominations<br>DUE | 28                                                                  | 29<br>Women's Bible<br>Study<br>10:00 a.m.                                                                                        | 30<br>6:00 p.m. Youth<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Adult BASICs,<br>Adult Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m. Choir | *N.C. Missions<br>Annual Offering<br><br>LIVING SENT!<br>"...as the Father<br>has sent Me, I<br>also send you."<br>John 21:21 |                                        |                                                               |

### September Usher Schedule

**Sun. 6th:** Matt Carwile, Luke Carwile,  
Tucker Parrott

**Sun. 13th:** Ray Thompson, Larry Colie,  
Spike Upchurch, Rosie Upchurch

**Sun. 20th:** John McGuire, Kitchin Durham,  
Hugh McGuire, Tom McGuire

**Sun. 27th:** Miles Temple, Mike Cherry,  
Xander Heizer, Caeton Florence

### September Nursery Schedule

**Sun. 6th:** Lisa Upchurch, Amanda Koonce,  
Kaylee Farrell

**Sun. 13th:** Keri Carwile, Lyn Lloyd

**Sun. 20th:** Pat Cecil, Dawn Blake

**Sun. 27rd:** Cindy Durham, LouAnn Myatt

**Children's  
CHURCH**

### September

Kim Dunn  
Crystal Sparrow

*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)*

## **1. APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH:**

48 backpacks have been adopted.

If you did not have the opportunity to adopt a backpack and would like to fill a backpack for a child, instructions may be found on the Baptist on Missions website ([baptistonmission.org](http://baptistonmission.org)). Contact Robin Farrell if there are questions.

**BACKPACKS DUE DATE November 1st** Please place filled backpacks on the pews located behind the sanctuary.

## **2. Women's Department of Correction Gifts (THE RED BOX MINISTRY)**

Each year red gift boxes are delivered at Christmas to inmates at the North Carolina Correctional Institute for Women and Raleigh Correctional Center for Women. Donations are provided from churches all across North Carolina. Approximately 1,700 red boxes are filled. For many of these women our gift is all they receive. Your contributions make a difference in the lives of these women.

This is a state wide mission coordinated by the Women's Missionary Union of North Carolina. The mission of the ministry is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the women incarcerated.

**Antioch has been asked to provide 50 pairs of winter gloves (SPECIFICATIONS: one size fits all. PLEASE remove all tags, paper and fold together as a pair)**

**DONATION DUE DATE October 11th** Please place donations in the cart between the Educational Building and the Sanctuary.

### 3. Ronald McDonald Meal—September 24th

4. **Ralph Scott Homes Dinner**—Dinner will be served to the residents of The Ralph Scott Homes. The homes are a community based residential services to adults with intellectual disabilities and other developmental disabilities. Volunteers are needed to assist with serving, visiting with the residents during the meal, and cleanup.

This an evening of fun and blessings for volunteers, caregivers and our guests from the homes. Carpool will leave the church at 4:00 or meet us at the church at 4:30.

The address is Holly Hill Baptist Church 2818 Edgewood Ave, Burlington. Contact Robin Farrell for additional information or questions.

DOOR PRIZES ARE NEEDED: men's and women's gifts are needed. Ideas for gifts are scarves, sport team hats and t shirts (Duke and UNC are their favs), socks, cosmetic jewelry (gently used and cleaned are fine), stuffed animals, body wash, fleece throws/blankets...Use your imagination, any gift is appreciated.

*COME AND BE A PART OF THIS SPECIAL EVENING.  
THE LOVE AND SMILES ARE PRICELESS!*

#### **October Missions:**

**Appalachian Christmas gift backpacks are due by November 1st.**

**Ralph Scott Homes Dinner October 15th**

#### **November Missions:**

**Thanksgiving Food Giveaway, November 21st.**

**Angel Tree adoption November 22nd**

# News and Opportunities

BE THE ONE. Tell someone about JESUS!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**You don't want to miss the  
5th Cruise-In at Antioch  
September 19, 10 - 2**

**See beautiful cars \* Listen to great  
music \* Free hot dogs w/all the  
trimmings \* chips \* soft/drinks or  
water \* ice cream \* supervised  
children's activities \* dash plaques  
for the 1st 25 cruisers**

**Payment by donation  
Donations will be split between the  
Church youth group for camps and  
missions trips, and our ministry to  
UNC students.**

**Rain or Shine ! NO PETS, PLEASE!**

## MEN'S CLUB

**OPEN to all young and "seasoned"  
men of Antioch.**

**Sept 14th @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Join the group in the fellowship hall  
for a meal, form some new  
friendships and learn how we work  
together to help others.**

## Wednesday Nights

6:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. — Bible Basics

## YOUTH GROUP



6:00—7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - Missions Journey: Kids  
Age group: PreK - 5th grade  
(Resumes Sept. 23)



# The Church Bell - Byron Tripp, Antioch Historian

## **The Church Bell**

The church bell which rings to call us to Sunday School and Church was, at one time, sounding notice to people throughout the South from the front of a steam locomotive on the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

The bell looks and sounds exactly as the one pictured on the attached Southern Railway steam locomotive labeled "A Puffing Southern Beauty," which was built in 1911 and ran until 1948.

The bell was acquired through the efforts of William "Bill" Lloyd, who worked as a Train Engineer for the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

We are told by Bill's daughters that the bell was kept in the backyard of their Dad's home for many years and was rung on New Year's Eve to bring in the new year.

Bill Lloyd was the husband of Nancy Durham. The Durham family has been prominent in the history of Antioch Baptist Church for generations. They had their "homeplace" on Carl Durham Road. Nancy had sisters Gladys McLendon, Nellie, who became the mother of Roy Lloyd and Julia Durham, Nettie, who married Thomas Andrews, and Maude Durham, as well as brothers Alton Durham, Bernard Durham, the father of Kitchin Durham and Sedelia Campbell, and Carl Thomas Durham, the famous U.S. Congressman.

When the Church was rebuilt in 1973-1974, to its current configuration, complete with steeple, Bill Lloyd donated the bell and it was hung in its present location and still calls us to worship each Lord's Day.

### **"A Puffing Southern Beauty"**



## Special Request from your Safety Committee



Your Safety Committee needs your support to continue to keep Antioch Baptist Church a safe place of worship. At the August Business Meeting, approval was received to begin raising funds for security cameras. The first phase will include exterior cameras and cameras in the children class area (basement ) and the nursery. If you feel led to donate , please make your donation to the Safety special fund. We appreciate your support.  
Safety Committee

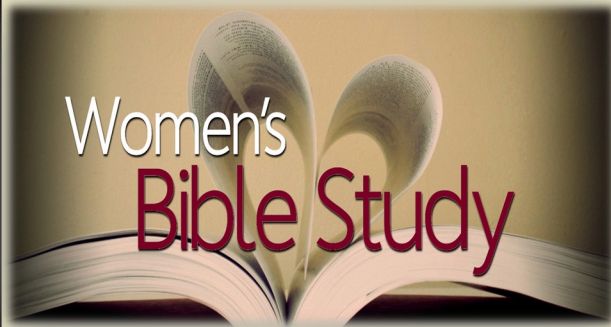
## From a child's perspective

Antioch's Children's Church &  
Missions Journey Kids

**What are you most looking forward to at AWANA?**

Getting to see Connor ~ Jase

Getting to see my friends ~ Blake  
Going to the AWANA store  
and getting AWANA Bucks ~ Rosie  
Learning stuff about God ~ Mia



**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.

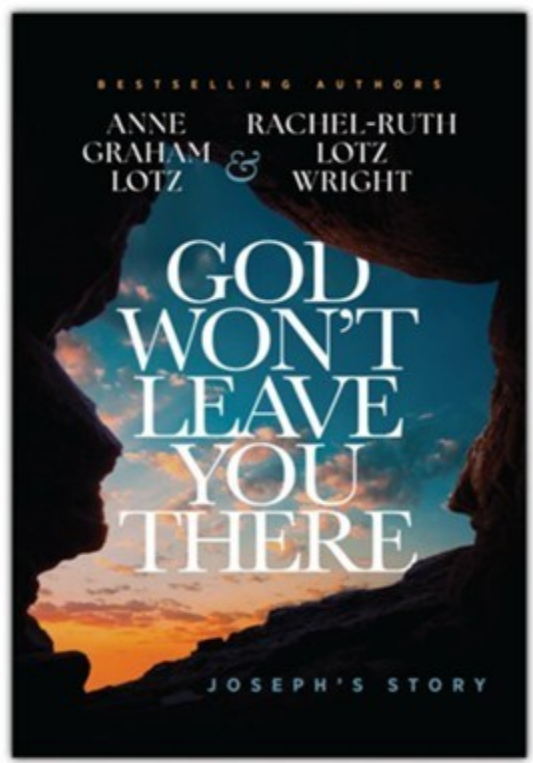
**God Won't Leave You There:  
Out of the Pit and into God's Promise**

*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*

**AVAILABLE NOW!**

Books: \$18.00

Please let Virginia know  
if you need a book and  
are planning to attend



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](mailto:virginiaiveyferguson6@gmail.com)*

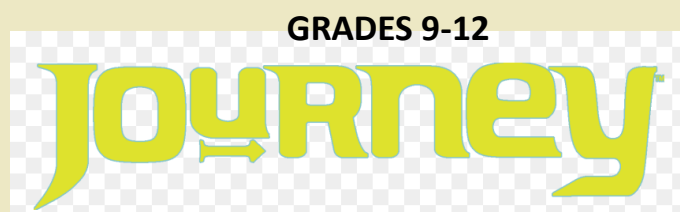


**Time for Fun, Food  
and Fellowship!**

*Come join us and bring a friend!*



We look forward to resuming AWANA for the 2026-2027 year beginning September 20 at 4:00 p.m. This year we will offer clubs for children and youth ages 3 (potty-trained) thru high-school seniors. We hope to see your children/grandchildren, friends, and neighbors there. We are offering two additional clubs this year so we need more adult volunteers. We hope you will consider volunteering for some days/hours.



**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

### Amid Noise and Silence, the Gospel Is Going Forward in Gabon

Joy interrupted life in Owendo one Friday afternoon. A church in that neighborhood hosted an Operation Christmas Child outreach event for children in the community. Through singing, games, and interactions with every child, the church laid a foundation for the extraordinary. “Very quickly, what was intended to be a simple gathering transformed into a vibrant scene,” said Pastor Kiendo, Operation Christmas Child’s coordinator for church mobilization in the country of Gabon. “One only needed to look at the faces: broad, uninhibited smiles; bright eyes, filled with wonder.”

As boys and girls in Gabon’s capital of Libreville enjoyed the event tailored just for them, they suddenly felt free to laugh, free to receive, and free to believe. “When the Gospel was proclaimed to them, it was not a static moment. It was a continuation,” Pastor Kiendo said. “It was as if their hearts—already opened by joy—were ready to welcome a greater truth.” When the invitation to receive Jesus Christ was extended, many responded to embrace His Gospel. The Spirit was moving.

Each child, upon opening their box, seemed to discover something far greater than just its contents. The message of God’s love became tangible for them as shoebox gifts brimmed with toys, school supplies, and other fun items they had never imagined. The unique items selected just for them by shoebox packers around the globe showed boys and girls that they are important to the Lord of the universe.

“That Friday, joy was not merely an idea. It was a reality. A proof! In those radiant faces—in that unrestrained laughter, in those eyes brimming with life—one truth became self-evident: when God touches a child, joy does not hide itself—it is seen,” Pastor Kiendo said. A similar scene unfolded in nearby Nzeng-Ayong, another bustling community in the capital.

But, when the boys and girls opened their gifts, the parents looking on couldn’t hear the excited reactions. The mothers and fathers are deaf and could only watch their children unpack the fun items. Nonetheless, the joy was obvious from opening their shoeboxes to hearing about the Good News of Jesus Christ. These parents wanted their children to continue to grow. So, they decided to open their homes for classes of *The Greatest Journey*. On a regular basis, their children gathered right where they live for 12 engaging, child-friendly Bible lessons on how to know, grow in, and follow Jesus for a lifetime!

“Even without hearing the songs, even without grasping every word, the parents saw,” said Pastor Kiendo. “They saw their children transformed. They saw joy. They saw peace. And so, a new door opened.” An interpreter, who is the daughter of deaf parents from this same area, began serving as a bridge. “Now at the end of every discipleship lesson, worship services will be held right there on the premises,” Pastor Kiendo said. “And the parents will take part. Silence will no longer be a barrier.

Help  
share  
the good  
news!



Operation Christmas Child

One  
shoebox  
at a  
time!

*"God began with the children—in order to reach the families ... and a church was born."*

Please pray for [Operation Christmas Child](#) outreach events in over 100 countries. Ask that this new body of believers in Nzeng-Ayong will continue to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, sharing His eternal hope with the people around them.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matt 19:14*

**As your children and grandchildren start a new school year, please pray for the children around the world that can't attend school because they don't have the supplies they need. You can make an education possible for a child.**

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





*Make Antioch Yours!*

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