

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

**NEXT WEEK: May 5th**

**NURSERY:** Lisa Upchurch, Lucy Upchurch

**USHERS:** Dale Hammond, Ray Thompson,  
Lyndon Whitfield, Karen Whitfield

**DEACON OF THE WEEK:** James Parrott

Attendance 04/21/2024

Sunday School	45
Morning Worship	95
Awana	13
Youth Bible Study	(9) Youth/(2) Adults
Youth (04/24)	(9) Youth/(2) Adults
Missions Journey Kids	(3) Kids/(2) Adults

<b>WEEKLY</b>
<i><b>Sunday Morning Prayer Rally: each Sunday at 9:20 a.m. in the Parlor</b></i>
<b>Sunday School</b> Classes meet at 9:45 a.m. before the 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION**  
Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

During the Hymn of Commitment, we encourage you to respond if you are considering becoming a Christian, church membership, or any other spiritual decision. A minister will be available at the conclusion of the service to answer any questions you may have.

**THE ABC'S OF SALVATION**

**ADMIT**

Admit to God that you are a sinner. All persons need salvation. Each of us has a problem the Bible calls sin. Sin is a refusal to acknowledge God's authority over our lives. Everyone who does not live a life of perfect obedience to the Lord is guilty of sin. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Since none of us is perfect, all of us are sinners (Romans 3:10-18).

The result of sin is spiritual death (Romans 6:23). Spiritual death means eternal separation from God. By God's perfect standard we are guilty of sin and therefore subject to the punishment for sin, which is separation from God. Admitting that you are a sinner and separated from God is the first step of repentance, which is turning from sin and self and turning toward God.

**BELIEVE**

Believe in Jesus Christ as God's Son and receive Jesus' gift of forgiveness from sin. God loves each of us. God offers us salvation. Although we have done nothing to deserve His love and salvation, God wants to save us. In the death of Jesus on the cross, God provided salvation for all who would repent of their sins and believe in Jesus. "For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

**CONFESS**

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to others. After you have received Jesus Christ into your life, share your decision with another person. Tell your pastor or a Christian friend about your decision. Following Christ's example, ask for baptism by immersion in your local church as a public expression of your faith. "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. With the heart one believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses, resulting in salvation" (Romans 10:9-10).

**PRAYER:**

Dear God, I believe you sent your son, Jesus, to die for my sins so I can be forgiven. I'm sorry for my sins and I want to live the rest of my life the way you want me to. Please put your Spirit in my life to direct me. Amen.

**Welcome Visitors**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this your:**

- 1st time?
- 2nd time?
- 3rd time?

**I'm interested in:**

Knowing how to commit my life to Christ.

Growing in my relationship with Christ.

Information on joining this church family.

A small group.

**Activities:**

- Children
- Junior High
- Single Adults
- Young Couples
- Young Adults
- Adults
- Seniors
- Music
- Bible Studies

**How did you learn about Antioch?**

- Church Website
- YouTube/Live Streaming
- Social Media
- Outreach - Invited / Recommended
- Location - Drive by
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
April 28, 2024

<b>Preparation for Worship</b>		
<b>Video</b>	<b>“Christian Service Month”</b>	Pam Durham
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Pastor Atwater
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<b>“Awana Song”</b>	Awana Leaders & Clubbers
<b>*Songs of Praise</b>	<b>“You’re Worthy of My Praise”</b> <b>“I Love You, Lord”</b>	Congregation
<b>Children’s Sermon</b>		Carol Dawson
<b>*Offertory Hymn #515 v. 1,3</b>	<b>“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”</b>	Congregation
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		Pam Durham
<b>Offering</b>		
	<b>Children’s Church</b>	
	Ages five through third grade, may exit to the Educational Building.	
<b>Offertory Music</b>		Ann Heatherley
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>Hebrews 12:1-2</b>	Crawford Dameron
<b>Special Music</b>	<b>“What He’s Done”</b>	Choir
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		Pastor Atwater
<b>Message</b>	<i>“The Secret to Finishing Well.”</i>	Pastor Atwater
<b>*Hymn of Response #518 v.1</b>	<b>“The Longer I Serve Him”</b>	Congregation
<b>Benediction</b>		Pastor Atwater
<b>Depart to Serve</b>		

\* Please Stand

**Thoughts to Ponder**

“God uses the encouragement of the Scriptures, the hope of our ultimate salvation in glory, and the trials that He either sends or allows to produce endurance and perseverance.” – Jerry Bridges

“Endurance comes from minimizing excess baggage and maximizing efforts to achieve God’s battle objectives.” – Jerry Wragg

“It is the Holy Spirit who is causing you to persevere. In those times when you are lazy and have no enthusiasm for any Spiritual Discipline, or when you haven’t practiced a particular Discipline as you habitually do, it is the Holy Spirit who prompts you to pick it up in spite of your feelings. Left to yourself you would have forsaken these means of sustaining grace long ago, but the Holy Spirit preserves you by granting to you the grace to persevere in them.” – Donald S. Whitney


“Literally the Greek word (hupomone) means to “remain under the weight.” Perseverance is the ability to press on with Jesus, despite the obstacles that we daily face. It’s being steadfast, goal-oriented and focused. It’s the opposite of backsliding. It’s the marathon runner refusing to quit, take a short-cut or fall off the pace in the test of endurance. It’s finishing strong.” – Randy Smith

**Deacon of the week: Pam Durham**

“When you leave the church property today, you automatically enter ‘the mission field.’”

<b>Today:</b>	
<i>Awana Sunday</i>	
“Sunday Lunch”	noon
Awana	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Wed. Night Supper</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<i>Reservations are required: Either by calling or emailing the church office Monday morning, or by filling out the form attached on your bulletin.</i>	
<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Missions Journey Kids</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Adult Bible Study</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Choir</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>

 The Nominating Committee is making plans for the 2024 – 2025 Church year and is excited to help you find a place to use your gifts to serve God at Antioch. Expect the *Servant Opportunities Survey* in your email inbox or pick one up in the sanctuary vestibule. There will be a special opportunity to return them during worship on May 19.

**Altar Flowers**  
Today’s flowers are in appreciation of each Awana leader and all assistants. Also, to you who volunteer, donate and support the Awana program in numerous ways.

**Commander:** Pat Cecil  
**Secretary:** Pat Tayloe  
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**Awana Clubs**

**Puggles:**  
Jamie Pope & Dawn Blake

**Cubbies:**  
Kim Dunn & Branan Hackney

**Sparks:**  
Tommy Cecil, Kay Hammond, Peggy Tripp & Haide Corchado

**Truth & Training (T&T):**  
Robin Farrell, Carol Dawson & Shelby Ward  
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**Recreation:**  
Sherry Webster & Brian Pope

**Listeners:**  
We could not do this each week without you!



<b>Coming Events!</b>	
<b>May 5th: “Sunday Lunch”</b>	<b>noon</b>
<b>May 9th: Outreach Committee Mtg.</b>	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>
<b>May 12th: Mother’s Day / Child Dedication</b>	
<b>May 14th: Young at Heart (Mason Jar Café)</b>	<b>11:45am</b>

**“Sunday Lunch” ~ Each Sunday in May**  
If you are able make plans to bring a covered-dish, beverage etc. and stick around after morning worship at noon. A time of fellowship, open to everyone! *“Sunday Lunches” are on the schedule each Sunday, until further notice.*  
Reach out to Judy Tripp, Robin Farrell or Lisa Upchurch with any questions.

**FOOD ROUNDUP FOR Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina**  
Through the **BCH Food Roundup in April, Antioch**, will be collecting food gift cards to ensure children have three meals a day. The gift cards, for security reasons, should be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, given to Pastor Dave, Denise Lloyd, Robin Farrell or placed in treasury box located on the wall by the mailboxes in the educational building. **DUE DATE: APRIL 28th**

**2024 College & High School Graduates:**  
Graduation Sunday has been set for June 2nd. The Youth Committee will need your information **no later than May 12th.**  
**Jamie Pope ~ jcp5141@gmail.com**  
Name ~ School ~ Future Plans ~ Picture

**Child Dedication Sunday**  
Any parents who would like to dedicate their child (or children), please contact Pastor Dave as soon as possible.  
**A service of dedication is planned for the May 12th (Mother’s Day) service.**

**Antioch Country Breakfast and Bake Sale**  
**May 18th / 6:30 – 10:00 a.m.**  
All are welcome. Net proceeds to missions. Donations of baked goods for sale will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Judy Atwater. Breakfast volunteers please contact Bill Heizer no later than Friday, May 10th.

" Thank you to everyone who donated food, money and/or time towards the Benefit for Larry Colie. Your generous donations and help far exceeded our expectations. Your outpouring of love and support is a beautiful example of a community coming together to support one another. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus." ~ Kim

**Volunteer!!** ~ It’s time to start thinking about it! VBS: July 8th - 12th / 9:00 a.m. - noon

**Wednesday Night Supper**  
**6:00 - 6:35 p.m.**

Please sign up by indicating on this form the number of meals you will need and placing it in the offering plate today. You may also call or email the church office on Monday no later than 3:00 p.m.

Adults - \$5.00  
Ages 10 & under - \$3.00

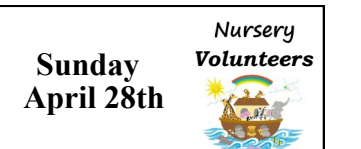
**Menu for 05/01/2024**  
Lasagna, Salad & Garlic Bread

How many meals?

Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**Ann Phillipie**  
**Cindy Durham**  
**Children’s Church**  
**Carol Dawson**  
**Karen Whitfield**

Nursery Guidelines  
A parent or guardian is required to sign in each child and sign out the child every Sunday. One contact information sheet completed by the parent or guardian for each child must be on file. All information is located in the nursery, a volunteer will assist you with any questions or needs. The safety and security of the children at Antioch is the number one priority of the Nursery Committee.