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Serving Others*

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1 Peter 4:10

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GOD HAS GIVEN EACH OF
YOU A GIFT FROM HIS
GREAT VARIETY OF
SPIRITUAL GIFTS. USE
THEM WELL TO SERVE ONE
ANOTHER.

May is Christian
Service Month.

What are your gifts?

Time
Talents
Treasures
Testimony

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

A Message From The Pastor:

The Orphan Train

No, the title of this column isn't just a "teaser" to get your attention. There really was an "orphan train" in the early 1900's which regularly travelled across the United States offering children for adoption. I was reminded of this recently by a television program seeking to reunite siblings who had been separated when they were adopted by different families. Here's the rest of the story.

In 1850, as many as 30,000 children found themselves abandoned on the streets of New York City. Their immigrant parents had died enroute to America. The children had no money, no relatives here, and most didn't speak English. They slept in alleys and ate from garbage cans. With the flood of immigrants into New York City, it seemed that no one had the time, money or interest to help them – except for a twenty-six-year-old minister named Charles L Brace. He became the guardian angel to these children, and founded what came to be known as "the orphan train." He put hundreds of orphans on trains headed west and announced in towns along the way that anyone who wanted to adopt a son or daughter could do so when the train went through. By the time the last train travelled west in 1929, over 100,000 children had found homes with western families.

Few people remember the names of those families. Even less remember the name of Charles Brace. But what a difference they made. I'm told that many of the orphans went on to great achievements, that two became governors, one became a U.S. congressman, and another became a U. S. Supreme Court Justice.

Most of us think of ourselves as just ordinary people doing ordinary jobs. But so were the people in our story. Each of us has the power to make an extraordinary difference in the lives of others – perhaps that of a family member, a neighbor, or maybe one of the less fortunate we encounter along the way. Our own lives may be changed in the process as well. May God help us to see the power of the ordinary.

Blessings - Pastor Dave





May 2024

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
<u>May Nursery Schedule</u>			1	2	3	4
<p>Sun. 5th: Lisa Upchurch, Lucy Upchurch Sun. 12th: Lyn Lloyd, Keri Carwile Sun. 19th: Pat Cecil, Dawn Blake Sun. 26th: Ann Phillippie, Cindy Durham</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>May Children's Church:</u> Pat Tayloe, Kim Dunn</p>			6:00 p.m. Supper 7:00 p.m. Missions Journey Kids, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	National Day of Prayer		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday Lunch noon			6:00 p.m. Supper 7:00 p.m. Missions Journey Kids, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	Outreach Comm. Mtg 6:45 p.m.		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday Lunch noon	ECA: 10:00a.m. Parlor	Young at Heart 11:45 a.m. 	6:00 p.m. Supper 7:00 p.m. Missions Journey Kids, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	(FHR) Newsletter submissions due	(FHR)	Antioch Country Breakfast and Bake Sale (6:30-10:00)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday Lunch Noon	7:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg.		6:00 p.m. Supper 7:00 p.m. Missions Journey Kids, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	Ronald McDonald House Meal		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sunday Lunch noon	Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Comm. Mtg.		6:00 p.m. Supper 7:00 p.m. Missions Journey Kids, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir		6:00-10:00 p.m. Youth Friday Fun Night (FHR)	The Mason Jar Café 6956 NC-87 Graham 27253  <i>Join Young at Heart for food & fellowship</i> The Voice 3

News and Opportunities



OUR MISSION PROJECTS THIS MONTH:

If you would be willing to assist, please contact Robin Farrell (919) 323-2528, call or text. e-mail: rpf0321@hotmail.com

You may also call the church office at (919) 929-2230.

"I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."
Matthew 25:36

--ALAMANCE/ORANGE DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS BIRTHDAY GIFTS--

Donations for Gift Bags ~ Antioch's month for gifts and party treats for the inmates at Alamance/Orange DOC is the month of May. There are protocols in place for the safety and health of all, that do not allow us to visit and have a party in person. A birthday party is something we might take for granted. This ministry is a vital part of connecting to the inmates as Antioch has found in past birthday parties, there are men who never had a birthday cake or party. Chaplain Josh is having monthly birthday gatherings for the men during their birthday month. Gift bags will be given to the men at their birthday celebration. Donations of items for the gift bags are needed.

Items recommended are: toothbrushes, toothpaste (6-8 oz size), shampoo (regular size bottles), soap (bath size), wash clothes, lotion (21-32 oz size), Antiperspirant deodorant, (powder stick or solid only), Individually wrapped snacks (crackers, cookies, candy), chewing gum. Please keep the men, Chaplain Josh and the ministry at the DOC in your prayers.

donations are due by Sunday, May 19th.

Please place donations in the basket in hallway between the sanctuary and educational building.

"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

--Ronald McDonald House Meal--May 23rd. Providing a meal is a wonderful way to share comfort with families as they care for their seriously ill child. It removes a burden from parents so they can focus on their child's care and well-being. Without the meals provided through the RMH, families often eat meals from vending machines, or fast-food restaurants. Antioch and many other volunteers offer the warm welcome of hot nutritious meals at the end of the day. Antioch's volunteers prepare a home cooked meal the 4th Thursday of each month.

June Mission:

- ♥ OCIM shelf-stable food collection.
- ♥ Ronald McDonald House Meal, June 27th.



High School and College Graduation Sunday June 2nd

We are in the process of compiling a list of 2024 graduates from our congregation (high school and college) to be recognized during morning worship service. The Youth Committee needs the name of the graduate, the school they are graduating from, future plans, picture, etc. **The deadline for submissions is May 12th.** Please email your information to **Jamie Pope at jcp5141@gmail.com**

News and Opportunities



"Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God."

1 Peter 4:10

What the Bible says about Spiritual Gifts for Edification of Church

John W. Ritenbaugh

Every Christian has received some gift in trust from God to be held and used for the benefit of the whole church. The gifts may vary widely, but the ministry or the service of each is to be according to the character of the gift. As in Paul's body analogy, the finger does not do the same job as the toe, but the fingers are a gift to the body so that the body can function. However, the toes are also a gift to the body so it can function better in another area. It contributes its part to the well-being of the body, but it does not have the same characteristics as a finger does—or the nose, ears, eyes, or mouth.

Everybody has been given gifts by God, and He has given them to the person so that he can serve the Body, allowing the Body to function better than it would have otherwise if it did not have that part, or that gift.

We are to do this as a steward, and above all things, a steward must be faithful. One cannot be faithful unless he has faith. This is where faithfulness begins—with faith, with a belief. Then we carry through. As we minister the gift to the Body of Christ, we become faithful—reliable, trustworthy, responsible—in carrying it out. Thus, each Christian is responsible to follow through faithfully in his service to the brethren.

~ Nominating Committee

May Usher Schedule

- Sun. 5th:** Dale Hammond, Ray Thompson, Lyndon Whitfield, Karen Whitfield
Sun. 12th: Mark Lloyd, Joel Lloyd, Bill Heizer, Branam Hackney
Sun. 19th: Tommy Cecil, James Parrott, Sammy Parrott, Josh Cecil
Sun. 26th: Keith Webster, Keith Harris, Charles Smith, Connor Blake

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.

BE THE ONE.

Tell someone about JESUS!



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

wdheizer@earthlink.net

no later than Friday, May 10th.

Business Council Meeting Report ~ From Grounds Sub-Committee
April 14, 2024

1. With the assistance of Ray Thompson's front-end loader, we were able to remove 13 boxwoods on the North side of the Fellowship Hall. Morales Landscaping provided the large truck to haul them to the dump at a cost of \$250.00. (This included removing all dirt from the roots and raking-out the area. We did not have enough space for the remaining five bushes.
2. Miles and Cory Temple did yeoman's work removing a "stubborn" azalea bush from the Sunday School yard.
3. There may be other azaleas in the back of the church, down to the cemetery that are struggling to bloom this year. We apparently have some soil issues everywhere!! It appears we have 7 dead azaleas.
4. Kitchn Durham assisted me in chlorinating the well system.
5. We started Spring mowing on March 28, 2024.
6. Good news ... Morales has paid-up for all of 2024 and to 03/19/2025 on Liability Insurance and the confirmation is in the office and with the Cemetery Committee.
7. The office door was installed by Rice Glass of Carrboro. The final price was \$2,700.00, all paid for by members concerned about office staff safety.
8. Danny Long is working to replace about half of the monkey grass on the South side of the church.
 - 8a) We had to replace three (3) spots on the trash pick-up schedule.
 - 8b) The mystery "Flower Person" is back at it again!! Take a peek at the beautiful flower arrangement outside the Senior Ladies Sunday School room.
9. **THE BIG UPCOMING EVENT** is Mulch Spreading, which will require 25-30 people to finish the job in less than two hours. We have three tractors and front-end loaders coming on **Saturday, April 27th @ 8:00 a.m.** Bring your rakes & shovels. Note the date changed from April 13th to **Saturday, April 27th**, due to church calendar events.



THANKS to all who respond!!

A. Gordon Neville - Leader of B&G Sub-Committee



Shoebox Gifts Remind Mexico's Children that God Is Near

Esmeralda startled her daughter Fernanda awake as Hurricane Otis roared over their town just outside of Acapulco. Gentle words did little to soothe the 10-year-old's fears as she saw the terror in her mother's face, especially as the sheet metal roof peeled away. Hours before, as Fernanda fell asleep, it had only been a gentle rain. Now, Otis was a Category 5 storm, the strongest ever to hit Mexico's Pacific Coast.

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It was very cold. They shivered and prayed as they hid under the bed. Fernanda's cat was with them, clawing under them for cover. Then the rest of the roof caved, covering the bed and trapping them as the mud poured in, quickly filling the floor through the walls of their one-room home. Everything they owned was being buried, and so were they. "That mud was ugly," Fernanda later said as she recounted that night, which included the heroism of her grandfather. Somehow the ailing man had made it from four houses away, alongside another of his daughters. He burst into the home and shouted "Let's go!" He pulled off the sheet metal and dragged them out of the mud. All was lost. Dishes, furniture, beds, and valuables. The children's clothes and all their books for school. Even Fernanda's cherished notebooks and crayons were gone.

The October 2023 hurricane took lives and destroyed homes. Samaritan's Purse responded shortly after, working in Jesus' Name alongside local churches to provide water filtration systems, shelter, food, mosquito netting to protect against dengue fever, and solar lanterns that kept homes illuminated at night in communities without electricity. Then we worked with hundreds of churches to host Operation Christmas Child outreach events, sharing the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and providing shoebox gifts for children in need—children who'd lost everything. Fernanda and her family were invited to attend one of these outreach events by a local pastor in her neighborhood.

Days later, as she and Esmeralda walked from their house to Iglesia Cristiana Filadelfia, several blocks down the dusty road, they could hear the music and laughter from a distance. Esmeralda watched as Fernanda found a seat with the other kids. They played games and sang songs. It was one of the few happy events the family had experienced in the weeks since the storm struck, and one of the most tangible reminders for the children that generous Christians were thinking about the city's young people.

"I found some kids from school there. We played a fun game of Piojo Juancho. We prayed. They taught us how the heavens and the earth were made, how God made the water and the animals, and Adam and Eve," Fernanda recounted. "They taught us about Jesus, too."

And when Fernanda opened her shoebox alongside the dozens of other children, her eyes widened with delight. Inside she found a toy boat, little toy kittens, socks, and, most exciting, notebooks, colored paper, crayons, and pencils. "I was excited because I wanted to draw many things—like flowers and cats—and a picture of how God took care of us during the storm," she said. "My box also had a letter from a 12-year-old girl named Abel who wants me to send her a letter. I'm going to write her a letter to tell her thank you."

Esmeralda said the storm and everything that's happened after the storm has encouraged her to reconnect with God and other believers. And she also wants to be an encouragement to other hurting people, the way others have encouraged and helped her and Fernanda. "Sometimes people are going through hard times and they need a word or just a hug," she said. "And I want to tell them that 'Jesus Christ loves you and He is with you even in difficult times.' God has shown us that even in the most difficult moments, He brings the right people. These gift boxes and the church are a blessing to us and to this whole community."™

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

May suggested items: small water bottles, hairbrush, comb, toothbrush, BandAids, washcloth, games like cards, dominoes, checkers, etc.

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REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

Prayer Rally: (Parlor)	9:20 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
AWANA (Sept.- April)	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study (Sept. - April)	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Supper	6:00 - 6:35 p.m.
Missions Journey Kids	7:00 p.m.
Youth Group	7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice	8:00 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Dave Atwater, Pastor
Sandi Brady, Minister of Music
Denise Lloyd, Ministry Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9:00 – 3:00 P.M.