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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.
Fellowship Lunch <i>(1st Sunday Monthly)</i>	noon
AWANA <i>(Sept.- April)</i>	4 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Band	4 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Small Groups	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday Night Supper	6:00 p.m.
Youth Group	6:45 p.m.
Missions Journey: Kids	7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Adult BASICS Class	7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice	8:00 p.m.

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

CHURCH STAFF

Dave Atwater, Pastor
Daniel Howell, Associate Pastor for Student Ministries
Harold Greene, Minister of Music
Denise Lloyd, Ministry Assistant

2026: DEACON MINISTRY

Greg Bronson Pam Durham Mark Phillipie
Tommy Cecil Mark Lloyd Byron Tripp
Tim Dameron John McGuire
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A Message From The Pastor:

Happiness and Helping

What makes people happiest? Is it money? Status? Power? Fame? Business has sought the answer to that question for years. A host of motivation theories have been proposed to help us find the secret. Most suggest part of the answer, or offer fragments of the truth, but no single theory seems to give us the complete picture. I guess humans are just too complex.

Yet for all the theories proposed by scholars and textbooks, I don't recall a single one ever suggesting that some people might be motivated by a chance to help others. I hadn't even thought about that until recently. Then someone sent me a motivation written by Jerry Shields who was a chaplain colleague of mine. Jerry told the story of Louis Pasteur – the pioneer of immunology – who lived at a time when thousands of people died each year from rabies. Pasteur worked for years to develop a successful vaccine. Then, just before he was to begin experimenting on himself, a mother brought in her nine-year-old son who had been bitten by a rabid dog. She had heard of Pasteur's work, and begged him to save her son. She knew it was still experimental, but knew that her son had no chance without it. So Pasteur gave the boy injections for ten days. And the boy lived! Thus began a new era of hope and healing in public health. Decades later, Pasteur chose three simple words as his epitaph: *"Joseph Heister Lived."*

George Burns supposedly voiced a similar sentiment in his later years: *"I don't know Dr. Jonas Salk," he said, "but after what he's done for us with his polio vaccine, if he isn't happy, he should have his brilliant head examined.... The point is, it doesn't have to be anything that extraordinary. It can be working for a worthy cause, performing a needed service, or just doing something that helps another person."*

I can think of no better closing than that of Chaplain Shields: *"Our greatest legacy will be those who live better because of our efforts. Keep up the good work for the good of us all."*

Amen! May all of us live in that Spirit. And *"may God bless us every one."*

– Pastor Dave

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Fellowship Lunch 4:00-5:30 p.m. AWANA 4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Band 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Small Gr.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Church Council Mtg. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Supper 6:45 p.m. Youth 7:00 p.m. Missions Journey: Kids, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins 4:00-5:30 p.m. AWANA 4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Band 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Small Gr.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>ECA: 10:00a.m. Parlor Men's Club 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Young at Heart noon 6:00 p.m. Budget & Fin. Comm. Mtg. Bylaws Comm. Mtg. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Supper 6:45 p.m. Youth 7:00 p.m. Missions Journey: Kids, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Outreach Comm. Mtg 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p><u>GUEST SPEAKER</u> <u>Pastor Eric Garner</u> Lunch & Learn Q&A with Pastor Eric 4:00-5:30 p.m. AWANA 4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Band 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Small Gr.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. April Newsletter submissions due Safety & Security Comm. Mtg 7:00 p.m. Parlor</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Supper 6:45 p.m. Youth 7:00 p.m. Missions Journey: Kids, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>(FHR & Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. Outreach YOUTH (BOYS) Spring Retreat Chestnut Ridge Camp & Retreat Center</p>	<p>21</p> <p>(FHR & Sanctuary) until noon Outreach YOUTH (BOYS) Spring Retreat Chestnut Ridge Camp & Retreat Center</p>
<p>22</p> <p>4:00-5:30 p.m. AWANA YOUTH (BOYS) Spring Retreat</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Supper 6:45 p.m. Youth 7:00 p.m. Missions Journey: Kids, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Ronald McDonald House Meal</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Easter Cantata 4:00-5:30 p.m. AWANA (Easter Egg Hunt) 4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Band 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Small Gr.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>March 8th</p>  <p>Spring Forward Change Your Clocks</p>			

THE MAZE

A Series On Seeking God's Will For Our Lives

MARCH

Just a reminder: This stage of life is filled with rapid change, for both you and your teen. You will both make mistakes, and that is okay. This month, extend the same generous grace to your teenager that God offers to you. Practice patience when communication is difficult, remembering that their journey toward independence is a marathon, not a sprint. Your calm response is their safe harbor. And as they start considering the future and what it looks like to be an adult it is normal for there to be some fireworks. Remember Proverbs says Iron sharpens Iron so one person sharpens another. If you need help, reach out, I would love to be able to assist. -Pastor Daniel

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9:45 Sunday School Band 4-5:30 Small Groups 5:30-7:00 1	2	3	Youth Service 4 6:45-8:00~ Parents Welcome	5	6	7
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Parents Brunch
And Learn after
church with
guest speaker

FUNDRAISER Connect the Dots- Who can complete their punch card first and win a prize?

Lunch and Learn will be an opportunity to ask and learn about things in our culture that are hard to discuss. It will be lead by some seasoned leaders. Come ready to eat, ask questions, and be encouraged.

march

This schedule is tentative: It is subject to change based on church schedule, weather, and other obligations. Not all activities that involve the youth pastor are listed. Our Youth Pastor attempts to make it to sports games, plays, performances, and the occasional movie or bojangles hangout but these may not be listed as they are not organized by the youth group or the youth staff.

Please make sure to pay attention to the weekly emails.

If you have a student and are not on our list please email: youthinfo.antiochbaptist@gmail.com

For any other concerns please email: daniel.antiochbaptist@gmail.com

March Usher Schedule

Sun. 1st: John McGuire, Kitchin Durham,
Hugh McGuire, Tom McGuire
Sun. 8th: Miles Temple, Mike Cherry,
Xander Heizer, Caeton Florence
Sun. 15th: Dale Hammond, Gene Williams,
Jonathan Sparrow, Braxton Sparrow
Sun. 22nd: Mark Lloyd, Joel Lloyd, Andy Pugh,
Branan Hackney
Sun. 29th: Tommy Cecil, James Parrott,
Sammy Parrott, Josh Cecil

March Nursery Schedule

Sun. 1st: Lisa Upchurch, Lucy Upchurch
Sun. 8th: Lyn Lloyd, Keri Carwile
Sun. 15th: Lisa Upchurch, Dawn Blake
Sun. 22nd: Lisa Upchurch, Cindy Durham
Sun. 29th: Lisa Upchurch, Keri Carwile

Children's
CHURCH

March
Pat Tayloe
Kim Dunn

Antioch
on
MISSION

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.

-- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering --

The 2026 theme is **Your Generosity Is more than a gift.**

Mark 16:15

"And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are used to train and resource missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Gifts are also used to create evangelism resources. New churches are being planted, hurts are healed and lives are being transformed by the Gospel because you give.

In 1895, an offering was first collected for the work of the Home Mission Board. In 1934, this offering was renamed the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions to honor the work of Annie Armstrong as a tireless advocate for giving, praying and going to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who did not know him.



ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF GIFTS

given to the AAEO offering goes directly to the missionaries for their use in the field in North America and Canada.

Antioch's giving goal for 2026: \$3,500.00

"God is bringing the nations of the world to America ... The need for chapels and other aid ... is immediate." quote by Annie Armstrong

-- Ronald McDonald House Meal: Thursday, March 26th --

Reach out to Robin to help assist with the evening meal.

Women's Bible Study

March - April

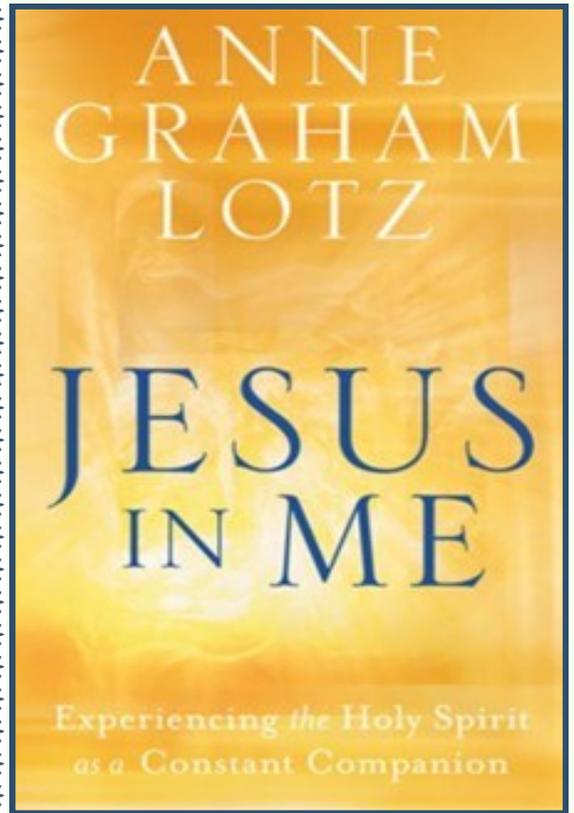
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.- Noon

Prayer Request: questions and/or concerns please call

Virginia Ferguson 919-618-6430

virginiaiveyferguson@gmail.com

Anne draws on her rich biblical knowledge as well as her personal story - Including her recent cancer diagnosis.



**SENIOR ADULT
Lunch &
Learn**

March 5th 11:00am - 1:00pm

**Holly Hill Baptist Church
2818 Edgewood Avenue * Burlington, NC**

**NC Baptist Retirement Homes
Stephanie Shaffer**

SIGN UP REQUIRED

It is **FREE**, and a light lunch will be included.

To sign up by email: sandiking@mtzionassociation.com

or call Sandi at the office: 336-226-0249

**Last Date to sign up is
Monday, March 2nd**

March 10th

Noon



**Fellowship-Food-Fun
Antioch Fellowship Hall**

Special Program



**Eli Whitney Volunteer
Fire Department**

**Country
Breakfast**

Saturday, March 7, 2026
6:30 am - 10:00 am

Eli Whitney Community Building
3917 E. Greensboro-Chapel Hill Rd
Snow Camp, NC (at Eli Whitney Crossroads)

Hosted by EWVFD Auxiliary
Adults \$10 Children \$5

Cash or Check only

MEN'S CLUB

March 9th

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Open to all age

groups!



Chestnut Ridge

Camp and Retreat Center

[Chestnut Ridge Camp & Retreat Center |
summer camp](#)

Youth Spring Retreat
(boys)

Be in prayer for our
youth and leaders as they
enjoy a weekend retreat!

March 20 - 22nd.

GUEST SPEAKER: Pastor Eric Garner



11:00am Morning Worship / March 15th

[Eric Garner – Freedom is possible with Jesus Christ](#)

Reach out to Pastor Daniel with any questions.

daniel.antiochbaptist@gmail.com



Join us for a covered-dish lunch following the morning worship service. At the conclusion of the meal, there will be a Q&A session with Pastor Garner.

AT THE CROSS



Antioch Easter
Cantata
March 29th
11:00 a.m.

Contact Harold for details and participation interest. haroldgreene@hotmail.com

FEBRUARY FUN



Easter Egg Hunt & Hotdog Supper

Antioch Baptist Church Grounds
And Fellowship Hall

March 29th: 4 - 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Open To All Children

Sponsored by: Awana





From a child's perspective.
 Antioch's Children's Church & Missions Journey: Kids
 What can you tell us about God's grace?

Jesus died on the
 Cross for our sins.

Jase W.

When I act bad Jesus
 gives me grace.

Jemma K.

He showed us by
 dying on the Cross for
 our sins.

Blake T.

God's grace is like
 when He gave me
 time to come to the
 Valentine's Party.

Rosie U.

God gave me
 flowers.

Skylar G.

He gave me
 Mommy & Daddy.

Bryson G.

God had grace to give
 me a Bible.

Eli A.

God is giving me
 a sister.

Mya C.

God's grace is
 everlasting.

Connor B.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Sundays: 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Age groups:

PreK - 7th grade

March THEMES

03/01	Solid Rock Night	1 Sam. 2:2
03/08	Daylight Savings Night	Gen. 1:14
03/15	Crazy Legs Night	John 19:31
03/22	Sports Night	2 Tim. 2:5
03/29	Easter Egg Hunt	



Missions Journey: Kids
 Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
 Age group: PreK - 5th grade
 Contact: Carol Dawson

Tripp's Treasurers

by:
Byron Tripp, Antioch Historian



Missionary Haide Corchado

Haide has literally traveled to innumerable places and thousands of miles across the world to serve Christ. Listed are just a few ministries that she has been engaged showing her unwavering dedication to the Lord.

Alongside team members of "Hands on Africa," in July 2022, as part of their ongoing expansion to establish a mission in Sierra Leone, she worked to help equip locals for effective ministry. Again in April 2025, with "Hands on Africa," she served with team members, working as a counselor for the Eye Clinic Outreach in Malawi.

Hungary became a significant place of refuge for people fleeing the war in Ukraine, with over 5.9 million border crossings recorded. Haide was there ministering to those that were being displaced.

After the wildfires that devastated Maui in 2023, Haide and her son, Amos, went to help with the disaster relief efforts.

Also, after the catastrophic Hurricane Helene in September 2024, Haide has gone twice into Western North Carolina to help.

She traveled to Anguilla for mission work in July 2025 and Vermont in August 2025. Beginning in January 2026, she was serving in Burundi Africa and in February 2026 in Jamaica with Amos.

Haide is a blessing and such an inspiration. She is always ready to serve the Lord, sharing the gospel wherever He leads.

In Christ, Byron Tripp

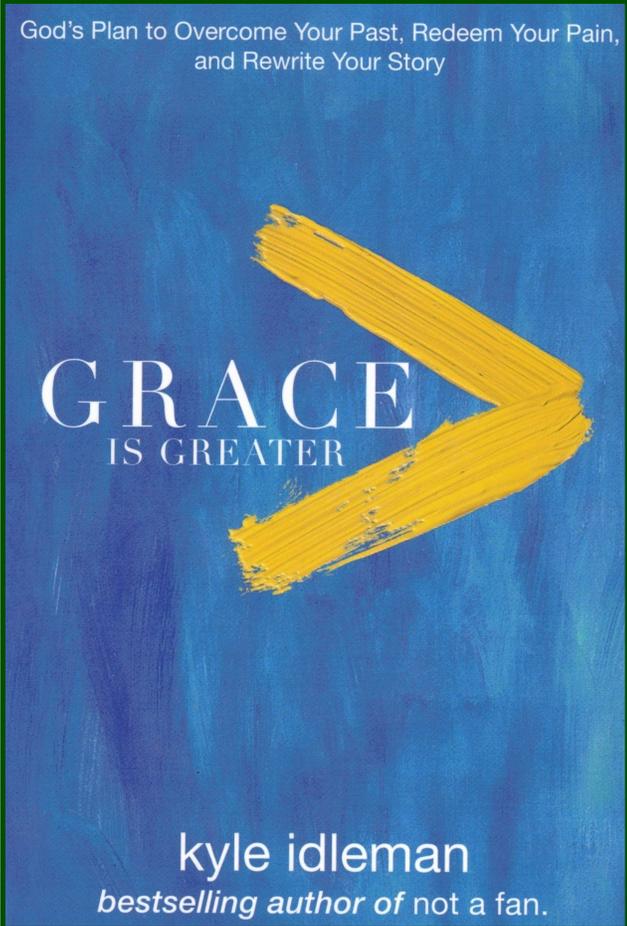


Haide sharing
the Cross
in
Burundi, Africa.

BE THE ONE.
Tell someone about JESUS!



Visit your Antioch Library



“By the end of this book you will see grace in a new light; you will see your loving God in a new light. Read it and be encouraged.”
 —Max Lucado, author of *GRACE* and *In the Grip of Grace*

No sin is so great, no bitterness so deep that God's grace cannot transform the heart and rewrite the story. But grace is so hard for us to understand.

*It doesn't make sense.
 It's not fair.
 It can't possibly cover over what I've done.*

Perhaps nothing is as difficult to *explain* as God's grace. The best way—perhaps the only real way—to understand it is to *experience* it.

In *Grace Is Greater*, bestselling author and pastor Kyle Idleman leads us past our hang-ups toward an understanding of grace that is bigger than our mistakes, our failures, our desire for revenge, and our seemingly impossible situations. Through powerful stories of grace experienced, this book will help you truly grasp God's grace . . . even if the Christians around you have failed to live it.

“Grace is my favorite topic, and Kyle Idleman's new book breathes fresh life into it through engaging stories and winsome insights. Nothing is greater than grace. Celebrate it, live it, share it!”
 —Lee Strobel, award-winning author of *The Case for Grace*

Kyle Idleman is teaching pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, the fifth largest church in America, where he speaks to more than twenty thousand people each weekend. He is the bestselling and award-winning author of *Not a Fan*, as well as *Gods at War* and *The End of Me*. He is a frequent speaker for national conventions and influential churches across the country. Kyle and his wife, DesiRae, have four children and live on a farm.

Your GENEROSITY makes it possible.

Thank you!



**Meet Marcos & Kim Napa:
 Napa's Cleaning Service, LLC**

Thanks to you,
 we are able to employ them
 to provide our weekly
 cleaning needs.

Marcos won the 2025
 JanPro Customer Service Award.

We appreciate them!





*Give a child the
opportunity to believe
in the hope of Jesus.*

A young boy in Santiago experiences the transforming power of the Gospel.

Claudia had never been interested in attending church or learning about God. She did not grow up in a Christian family, and none of her friends or family members followed Jesus Christ. “I always fought with the idea of coming to church,” she said. But Claudia would do anything to help her three children, even stepping out of her comfort zone and trying something for the first time—like going to church. “I was desperate. I came to church for my son Cristian,” she said.

Claudia had done everything she could for 11-year-old Cristian, who struggled with extreme anxiety. The medications the doctors had prescribed were not working, and he continued to fall behind in school. “He was constantly having panic attacks and feeling like he was going to die,” Claudia said. She wasn’t sure what she was looking for or expecting by attending a local church—she just knew she had to go for her son.

One Sunday at church, Claudia learned about an Operation Christmas Child outreach event for boys and girls in the community. She took the invitation home and showed it to Cristian, who was excited to attend. The festive celebration included worship songs, a Gospel presentation, and a shoebox gift full of special items for every child in attendance. Cristian was glad to see all the fun toys in his shoebox, but his favorite item was *The Greatest Gift*—a Gospel booklet that colorfully illustrates 11 Scripture stories and is given out worldwide with gift-filled shoeboxes. Cristian was captivated by the stories, especially Jesus feeding the 5,000 (Matthew 14:13-21). This was the first time he had ever read any Bible stories. The outreach event was also the first time he heard the Gospel.

Pastor Marco was thankful to the Lord for bringing children like Cristian to the event. “We wanted to tell people about the love of God,” he said. “We truly felt the presence of God that day.” Cristian was eager to learn more about God and His Word and asked his mother if he could attend *The Greatest Journey*, our 12-lesson discipleship program for shoebox recipients. Claudia was delighted, and a bit surprised, to see her anxious son so excited about joining the program with other children.

Salome, a church member and *The Greatest Journey* teacher, said that Cristian was incredibly shy during the first few lessons. Yet, as the weeks went on, he opened up and was the most enthusiastic of all the children. “He learned the memory verses, asked questions during the lessons, and completed all the activities in his workbook,” she said. “I noticed a change in him. He was excited for every class. When we opened the door to the church, he was right there, waiting for the class to start.” Salome is grateful for the opportunity God gave her to teach the Bible to Cristian and other boys and girls. “This may be the only opportunity they have to hear the Gospel.



*Give a child the
opportunity to believe
in the hope of Jesus.*

We don't take this responsibility lightly. We know that the Gospel can change their lives."

It certainly changed Cristian's heart, who prayed to receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior during *The Greatest Journey*. "I don't have as many troubles in my heart," he said. Cristian wants to one day help lead worship at the church. He has already given a devotional during a Sunday morning service about *Philippians 4:6-7*:

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Cristian now listens to worship music when he feels anxious. His panic attacks have decreased so significantly that he's been able to reduce his medication. "When my son came to church, he found peace," Claudia said. Claudia and her husband now attend church with Cristian. As a family, they are learning more about the Savior and how to live in His peace and joy. **IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!**

*The total shoeboxes packed worldwide in 2025 is 12,205,900!
The U.S. packed 10.9 million of those.*

Reminder: In 2026, we are encouraging each of you to pack a shoebox. We will not be having packing parties. We are averaging 90 attendees each Sunday. If each of those 90 would pack one shoebox a month from March - November, and set aside \$10 per box for the shipping, that would be 810 shoeboxes, fully funded!

Hosted by: Outreach

A Parent's Guide to Children's Online Safety
Saturday, March 21st
9 - 10:30 a.m. at Antioch

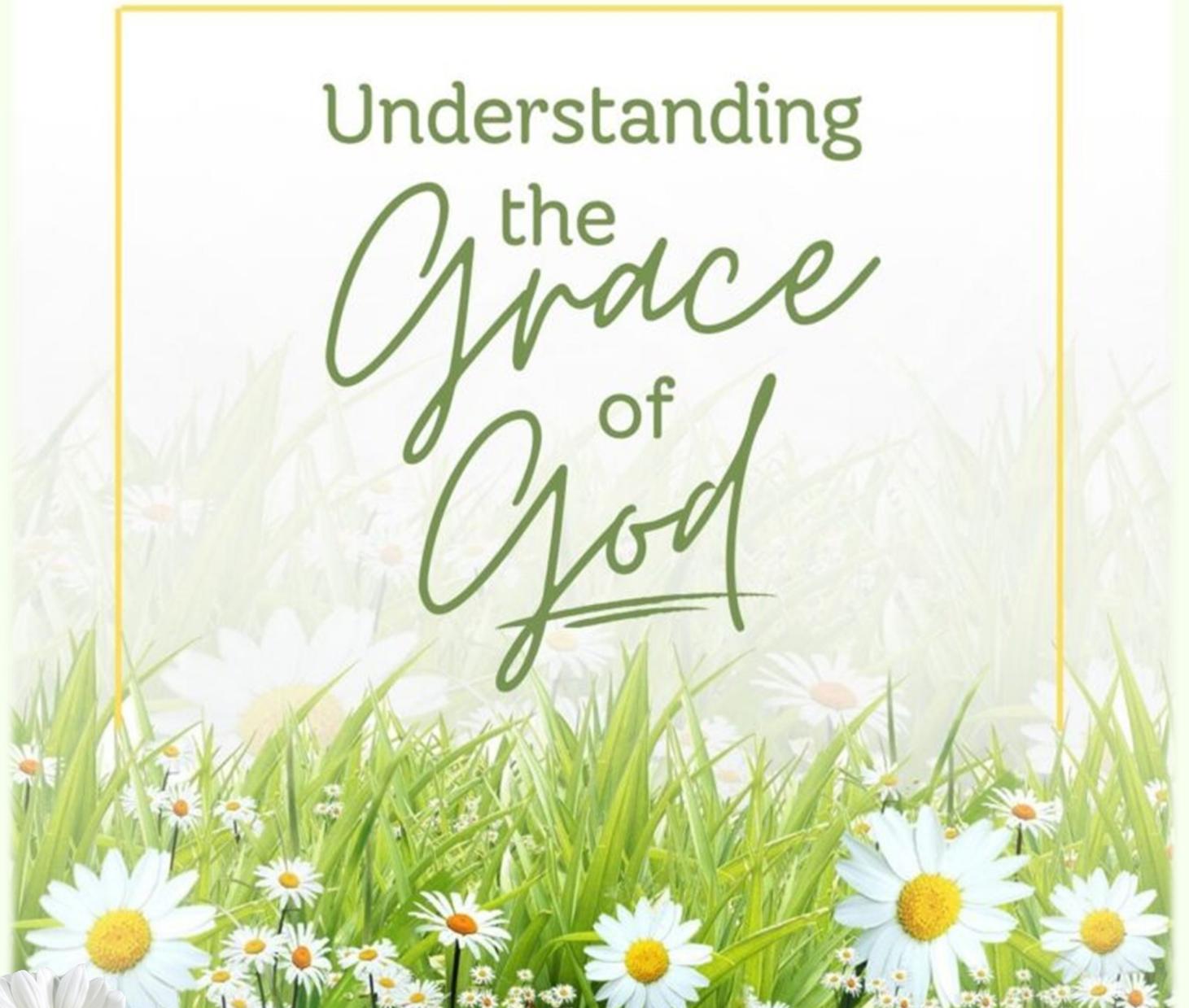
ALL PARENTS / GRANDPARENTS WELCOME!



Learn about
tools to
protect them!

Understanding

the
Grace
of
God



Let's learn together!

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