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## ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Worship the Lord, wherever you are!*



### 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.
Sunday Lunch (1st Sundays)	Noon
AWANA (Sept.- April)	4 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Band	4 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Small Groups	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group	6:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Adult BASICS Class	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

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## 2026: DEACON MINISTRY

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## A Message From The Pastor:

By the time this article is published, most graduations will have concluded, and graduates will have moved on to preparations for the next stages of their lives. Now what? If they (and we) are wise, the focus will now shift to preparations for the inevitable conflicts of the rest of our lives. What does that mean? Read on.

Did any of you have to read Moby Dick back in high school? Years ago, it was a centerpiece of English literature courses. I labored over it but never learned to appreciate it until a few years ago when an article by Eugene Peterson changed my mind. It spotlighted one passage which offers a very practical lesson... even for our modern day.

The scene is one of violent upheaval as a whale boat claws its way across a frothing sea in pursuit of a great white whale. Most of the sailors are pulling the oars with all their might as they concentrate on their common goal. Peterson writes that *"The cosmic conflict between good and evil is joined: the chaotic sea and the demonic sea monster versus the morally outraged man, Captain Ahab. Yet amid all this tumult, there is one man who does nothing. He does not hold an oar. He does not direct the efforts of others. He does not even shout encouragement. He stands tall and quiet and still. All his energy and attention are focused on the task of preparation. He is the harpooner. As the author Herman Melville explained, 'To ensure the greatest efficiency in the dart, the harpooners of this world must start to their feet out of idleness, not from out of toil.'"*

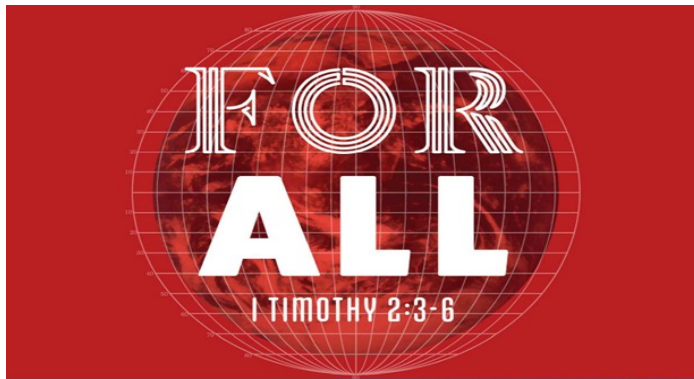
Peterson writes, *"In such a world, noise is inevitable and immense energy is expended. But if there is no harpooner in the boat, there will be no proper finish to the chase. Or if the harpooner is exhausted, having abandoned his assignment to become an oarsman, he will not be ready and accurate when it is time to throw his javelin. ... The poise of the harpooner is not achieved by leaving the whale boat and lying on a sun-drenched tropical beach far from the danger but precisely by remaining quiet and ready in the midst of the chase."*

In such a context, the words of the psalmist take on a new light: *"Be still and know that I am God."* Or as the prophet Isaiah said. *"In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength"* (Isa. 30:15). Taking the time to pray, meditate, and listen to God are not merely an exercise for the faint of heart. They are a necessary preparation to ready us for the battles of life. Most of you who read this will do so amid conflicting demands, personal or professional uncertainty and social upheaval. As you struggle to make wise choices, my prayer for you is that you will take time to seek the harpooner's calm.

**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
<b>Stewardship Month</b>  <b>Be a cheerful giver!</b>	<b>1</b>  (FHR) Red Cross Blood Drive 1 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>2</b>  Women's Bible Study 10:00 - 11:30a.m.  Church Council Mtg. 6:00 p.m.  Cemetery Committee Meeting	<b>3</b>  6:00 p.m. Youth, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir  <b>NO SUPPERS June—August</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  (FHR) Outreach 10 - 3:00p.m. Friendship Meal
	<b>7</b>  Sunday Lunch (CS)	<b>8</b>  <b>Men's Club 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>9</b>  6:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Comm. Mtg.	<b>10</b>  6:00 p.m. Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>11</b>  Outreach Comm. Mtg 7:00 p.m.	<b>12</b>
<b>Student Ministry SUMMER CAMP</b>						
<b>14</b>  <b>Father's Day 6:00 p.m. Business Mtg</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg.</b>	<b>16</b>  Nominating Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	<b>17</b>  6:00 p.m. Youth, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>18</b>  <b>July Newsletter submissions due</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>  4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Band 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Small Gr.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Ronald McDonald House Meal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  VBS SUNDAY 11:00a.m. Sunday Lunch (CS)  4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Band	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				



June brings the rush of summer camps, trips, and activities, which is a wonderful season of growth for your teen. Your encouragement this month is to be intentional in the transitions. Instead of seeing the schedule as stress, see it as an opportunity for conversation. Ask about the biggest thing they learned, the hardest challenge, or a new friend they met. Prioritize listening, and when they are home, protect time for true rest. Remember, the goal is not a busy summer, but a meaningful one. How can you help your teen focus on maturing in their walk with Christ, with keeping a routine of physical exercise, and giving space for peace and unscheduled downtime?

	1	2 Guys Prayer Bible & Biscuits	3 Youth Service 6:45-8:00~	4	5	6
	7 FOR ALL Summer Camp	8 FOR ALL Summer Camp	9 FOR ALL Summer Camp	10 FOR ALL Summer Camp	11 FOR ALL Summer Camp	12 FOR ALL Summer Camp
13 FOR ALL Summer Camp Returns	14	15 Guys Prayer Bible & Biscuits	16 Youth Service 6:45-8:00~	17	18	19
20 9:45 Sunday School Band 4-5:30 Small Groups 5:30-7:00	21 TWISTS & TURNS	22 TWISTS & TURNS	23 TWISTS & TURNS	24 TWISTS & TURNS	25 TWISTS & TURNS	26 TWISTS & TURNS
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*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](mailto:youthinfo.antiochbaptist@gmail.com)

For any other concerns please email: [daniel.antiochbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.antiochbaptist@gmail.com)

# From a child's perspective.

## Antioch's Children's Church & Missions Journey: Kids

*What can you tell a friend about Vacation Bible School that would make them want to come?*



### Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

**MISSIONS:**  
Kids Around The World

### **Missions Journey: Kids**

Focusing on missions work both here in the US and throughout the world, Missions Journey: Kids will captivate your children's minds and hearts as they learn about the different avenues Christians use to share the gospel with the nations.

Our children need you!

**VOLUNTEER**

**Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.**

**Age group: PreK - 5th grade**

Contact: Carol Dawson



# Tripp's Treasures



I have included a letter that was prepared by Pastor Howard Tew for Homecoming in 1967. This information was published by our Historian, Duncan MacCalman, during Antioch's bicentennial in 2006. Pastor Tew introduced himself to my family when we first moved into the community in 1964.

My prayer is that the LORD will continue to call faithful pastors to Antioch as He has consistently done throughout our service to Him.

In Christ, Byron Tripp, Church Historian



Reverend Howard Tew and family

## Howard Tew 1967

For those who worship with us today a word of welcome and if you are not acquainted with our church, just a few words of historical background.

Antioch is one of the oldest churches in Orange County and is the second oldest Baptist Church in the Mount Zion Association. The Church was founded in 1806 and was known as the Haw River Mountain Church in her early years. In 1830 the church was moved to the present location from the original site, which was two miles south of the present location.

Antioch Church has had a continuous Christian witness at the present location for 137 years. God has blessed her history with marked spiritual and physical growth. The spiritual growth is difficult to measure in human terms but the spirit of love and fellowship in the community gives evidence of this growth. The physical growth can be measured in the ample facilities for Worship, training and Christian Education and the financial and membership growth which has been continuous. The church membership is now approximately 380. God has been good to us and we give Him the praise for it.

This brief history is told for information only. Antioch is not living in the past. Our people are looking forward to meeting the challenging future with the gospel of Christ and expect to win the victory in Christ. We feel we can do this by spiritual preparations and Christian training for ourselves and by improving our worship and study facilities. Our next unit of construction in the building program is a new auditorium. We covet your interest, your prayers and your financial assistance on the new building.

Annually on Homecoming Day an offering is received to provide perpetual care for our cemetery. If you have family members buried in the cemetery we invite you to have a part in keeping it beautiful. If you care to contribute to either the Building Fund or the cemetery fund please take one of the envelopes located in the pews and mark it for the fund you designate, and drop it, with your contribution, into the offering plate. Mr. Brady Lloyd will receive your gift directly, if you desire.

This is Sunbeam Band Focus Week and we salute our splendid group of sunbeams and their fine workers.

The pastor and his family will be leaving for a week of vacation tomorrow. They are grateful to the church for this privilege of relaxation. If he is needed Roy Lloyd, chairman of deacons, can tell you how to reach him.

The families love to spend homecoming day visiting and catching up on the news. Therefore, we will have no other services after noon today. We urge each family to pause at the usual worship hour for a period of family devotion. In your prayers please pray that God will bless the efforts of our church to reach the lost and strayed for Christ.

The fine Baldwin piano that you see in the auditorium was bought by the church recently. Mr. Wallace Lloyd is receiving special contributions on this instrument.



## SENIOR ADULT Lunch & Learn

Thursday, June 18th  
11:00am - 1:00pm

"What's it All About?" - AI info for Aging Adults  
Matthew Martin, NCBAM

Moore's Chapel Baptist Church  
5750 Church Road \* Graham, NC 27253

Sign up is now open! Call 336-226-0249 or email  
sandiking@mtzionassociation.com

Deadline to sign up is **Monday, June 15th!**

VBS June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>  
PreK - rising 6th grade  
Dinner 5:30 - 6:00  
Class 6:00 - 8:00

Register Now!!!

# TWISTS & TURNS

FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME PSALM 25:4

Antioch Baptist Church, 1707 White Cross Road, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516. (919) 929-2230

**Consider being a volunteer!**

**Contact:** *Pastor Daniel*

**[daniel.antiochbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.antiochbaptist@gmail.com)**

## \* HAPPY \* Father's day

As a father has compassion  
on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion  
on those who fear him;  
- Psalm 103:13

↳ EntheosWeb.com

Calling ALL  
men!

You are re-  
quested to join  
in the all male  
choir on

**Father's Day!**

The special mu-  
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oldie but a  
goodie.

### June Usher Schedule

**Sun. 7th:** Tommy Cecil, James Parrott,  
Sammy Parrott, Josh Cecil

**Sun. 14th:** Keith Webster, Keith Harris,  
Charles Smith, Jase Wagoner

**Sun. 21st:** Greg Bronson, Gordon Neville,  
Daniel Tayloe, Blake Tayloe

**Sun. 28th:** Tim Dameron, Lamont Durham,  
Crawford Dameron, Jonas Parrott

### June Nursery Schedule

**Sun. 7th:** Lisa Upchurch, Lucy Upchurch

**Sun. 14th:** Lyn Lloyd, Keri Carwile

**Sun. 21st:** Pat Cecil, Dawn Blake

**Sun. 28th:** Lisa Upchurch, Cindy Durham

Children's Church

June

Carol Dawson  
Karen Whitfield

## **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](mailto:rpf0321@hotmail.com)  
You may also call the church office at (919) 929-2230.

Ronald McDonald House - The first Ronald McDonald House opened in Philadelphia in 1974. It was founded after Philadelphia Eagles player Fred Hill's daughter, Kim, was diagnosed with leukemia. Experiencing the hardship of sleeping on hospital chairs while his daughter was treated, Hill and his team collaborated with Dr. Audrey Evans and McDonald's to establish a temporary, affordable "home away from home" near the hospital. It was funded initially by proceeds from McDonald Shamrock Shake sales.

Today, the organization is known as the Ronald McDonald House Charities. It has grown into a massive global network with over 360 chapters spanning more than 62 counties. The organization provides millions of overnight stays, hospital respite rooms, and family centered services to parents and siblings of children receiving critical medical care.

If you are looking for an organization to serve, consider Ronald McDonald house of Chapel Hill. The House is always in need of volunteers.

Ronald McDonald Meals-Antioch has been serving meals to the residents on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday night of each month for more than 20 years. Our next meal is on June 25th. Volunteering to serve a meal is a way to show Jesus' love to the families who don't have the time or energy to prepare a home cooked meal at the end of the day, nor the funds to purchase a meal.



**YOUTH**  
**May 2026 Fundraiser**  
**Efland Cruize-In**





## Antioch Library:



**Bring the kids by and  
choose something from  
our collection to read  
together!**

**We have AC and a  
nice reading area.**

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00—11:30 a.m.

Leader: *Virginia Ferguson*

[virginiaiveyferguson6@gmail.com](mailto:virginiaiveyferguson6@gmail.com)

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JUNE 2

Acts 3: 12-26

JULY 7

Acts 4:1-20

AUGUST 11

Acts 4:23-31

## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

“God Will Not Leave You There”

By Anne Graham Lotz and Rachel-Ruth Wright

A study of Joseph

Contact Virginia to purchase a study book



## Transforming a Nation One Child at a Time

"When we need God, He always rescues us. God sent Jesus to save us from our sin and shame. What do you all see here?" Janeysi asks, directing the room full of children to an illustrated presentation of the Gospel. The children attentively watch and respond as they learn about Jesus Christ during an Operation Christmas Child outreach event in their community. Today is a special day for Janeysi and her church here in Belize because these children

not only receive their Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts, but they are also hearing about the greatest gift ever given—Jesus Himself.

After Janeysi finishes sharing with the group, she joins other team members in joyfully giving each child a shoebox gift. Soon the room is buzzing with laughter, whistles, and chatter as boxes are opened and children discover the contents of their box. They pull out toys, school supplies, and hygiene items lovingly packed by families and individuals from far away.

"The soccer ball is my favorite item," a little boy named Edward says. "I love playing soccer with my friends." For Edward and many of the children around him, this may be the first time they have received a gift of their own. For some of those same children, it may be the first time they've heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. "Today, I learned how God takes care of us, and how He gave His only Son to die for us to protect us from sin," Edward says. It is evident he is leaving the event with more than a new soccer ball.

The Central American country of Belize, bordered by Mexico, Guatemala, and the Caribbean Sea, is a country of immense beauty with tropical jungles, Mayan ruins, and coastal villages. Sadly, many of its communities are gripped by intense poverty, gangs, and drug trafficking.

Around half of the children in Belize find themselves caught in the middle of this multidimensional poverty and uncertain of what their futures hold or where to place their security. "A lot of the kids come from single parent homes. One of the major issues I've seen is that their parents aren't telling them anything about who Jesus is, so they're growing up just believing whatever the world has to say," Shinell, a local partner with Operation Christmas Child, explains. "I'm glad that the Lord led me here to pray for them and to be an example."

This is why Shinell and many others are grateful to stand in the gap, working to bring hope to communities and their country by the transforming power of God's Word. We pray that each child might hear the Gospel, believe, and become a part of God's work of transforming their family and community.

Moneque was 12 years old when she experienced this transformation. She received a shoebox gift, received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and now she is teaching her son and other children in the Operation Christmas Child discipleship course called *The Greatest Journey*. Each child who attends an outreach event is invited back to go through this 12-lesson discipleship class to learn more about Jesus and how to have a personal relationship with him.

"I remember opening my shoebox. I got a ball, a teddy bear, and a letter. It was a pen pal letter, and I was excited," Moneque shares, recounting the day she received her shoebox gift. "I wrote to my pen pal who was a little girl from Texas, and she wrote back to me. It was life-changing for me." The shoebox gift and the letter came at just the right time in Moneque's life. Through it, God provided her with the comfort she needed to face her parent's separation as well as the affirmation she longed for in her identity during precarious teenage years. "It's just amazing how God works. He started off with a little box and someone writing to tell me it's going to be okay," Moneque says. "I accepted Jesus at a very young age and I'm glad that through all of that, His love surrounded me."



Just as the Lord used a simple shoebox gift and a pen pal, He is using Moneque to speak into this new generation of children, teaching them that they are not only known by God, but called to live differently through His Son. “I want to say thank you to the little girl (Moneque’s pen pal). To all the donors, all the people who sacrifice, all the volunteers: ‘Thank you for your support,’” Moneque says. “You are touching people.”

Operation Christmas Child has been working in Belize since 1999. “The country of Belize is doing a fantastic job in reaching their children for Christ,” Jonatan says. Jonatan is the assistant director of the partnerships and promotions team at Operation Christmas Child. “What Jesus did is that He showed us that God doesn’t treat children as a distraction from the mission, but as central to the mission,” Jonatan explains.

And this is part of what excites teachers like Janeysi, who sees each outreach event and lesson in *The Greatest Journey* as an opportunity for growing God’s Kingdom locally and transforming Belize as a whole. “We always say that the kids are the future of the church; they are the future of the whole country,” she says.

We are grateful for the many churches in Belize who have faithfully partnered with Operation Christmas Child for decades to see families turn to Christ and reach the farthest corners of Belize with the Gospel. Please continue to pray for churches in Belize as they continue to reach their communities and for the local and national Operation Christmas Child teams as they work to reach each child with the hope of the Gospel.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17.*

# Stewardship



*A Way of Life*

*Make It  
Yours!*