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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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| 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

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| 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

Dave Atwater, Pastor

2026: DEACON MINISTRY

Greg Bronson

Pam Durham

Mark Phillipie

Tommy Cecil

Mark Lloyd

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Tim Dameron

John McGuire

Lamont Durham

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A Message From The Pastor:

Have you ever noticed that the most talented among us seem to self-destruct? Over the years, I've seen numerous examples of that among those I once considered "rising stars." Not because of burnout or the fear of failure or even simple greed. More like arrogance or an overblown ego. They simply didn't think the rules applied to them.

Author Philip Crosby makes a similar observation in Quality Is Free. The one thing that destroys most leaders, he says, is a "*continually growing belief in their own infallibility – the thought that only they can see the light which is hidden from everyone else.*" According to Crosby, this leads to a constant changing of the rules, confusion, loss of confidence, hesitancy on the part of followers, and a disease that paralyzes the organization.

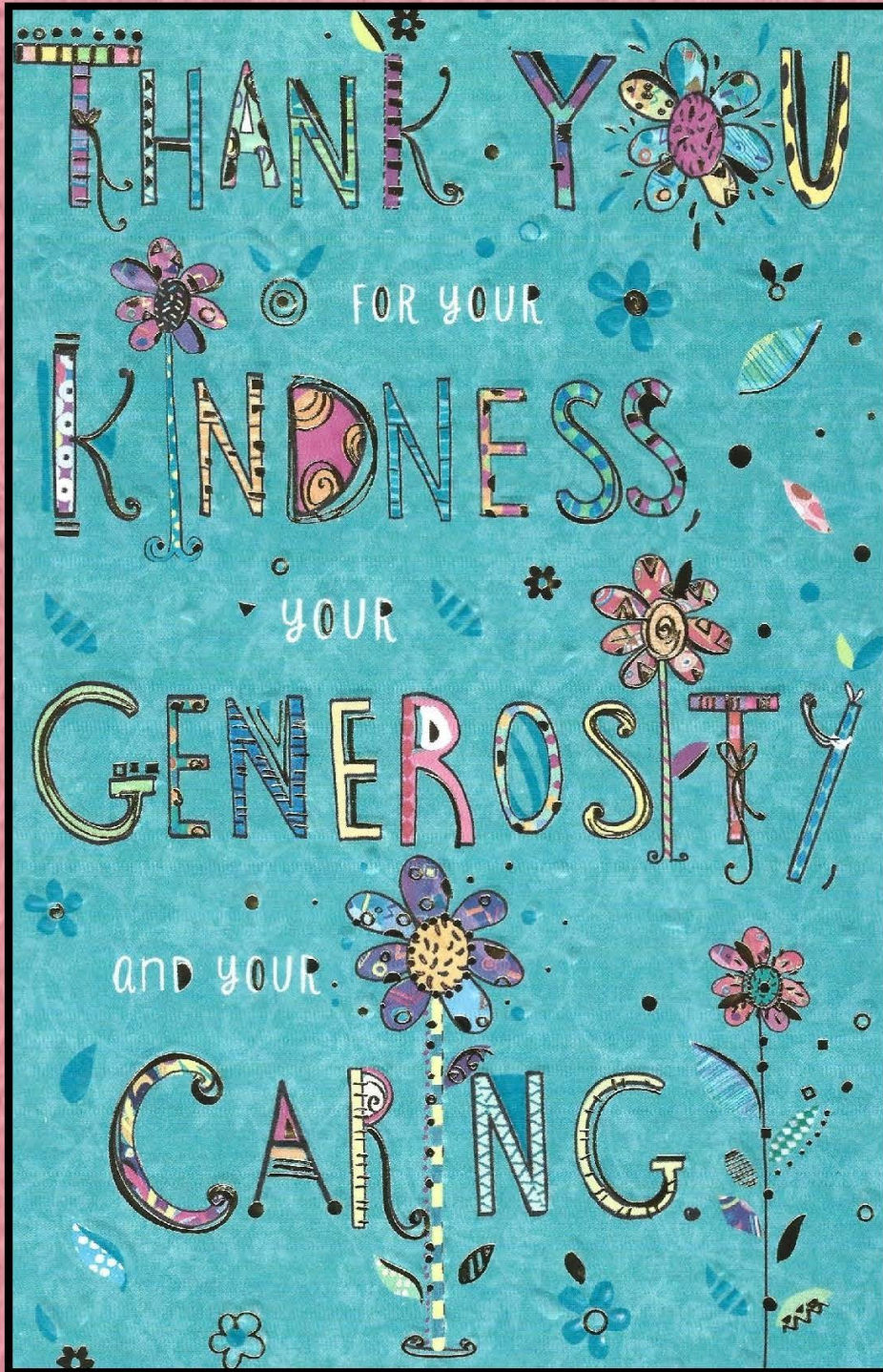
He goes on to point out that Napoleon and Hitler were both masters of their political systems, but they left the same legacy – absolute zero. Their programs died because these powerful men failed to create institutions that would preserve and pass on their visions.

This kind of blind spot is not limited to the powerful, the charismatic, or the politically well connected. It's a danger we all share. The apostle Paul warned, "*Do not think of yourself more highly than you should. Instead, be modest in your thinking, and judge yourself according to the amount of faith that God has given you.*" (Romans 8:23). He goes on to point out that we have many gifts individually, but that we are all members of one body.

Perhaps Paul's most valuable insight, however, is advice on how we can succeed at so difficult a discipline. "*Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God,*" he advises. "*Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind.*" (Romans 12:1-2 TEV).

Accountability. Self-awareness. Self-discipline. Spiritual transformation. These aren't popular options in our culture, but they can prevent the seeds of self-destruction from producing their seemingly inevitable harvest. As the psalmist prayed, "*Keep back your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression*" (19:13 NKJV). May God grant each of us such wisdom.

Blessings, Pastor Dave



**To My
Antioch
Family,**

**Your
Kindness
~
Generosity
~
& Caring**

**has touched
my heart
deeply. Each
individual,
group and
corporate
expression
of love and
appreciation
has meant the
world to me!**

Forever grateful!
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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 |
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|  | | | 1 6:00 p.m. Youth, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir | 2 | 3 | 4 6:00 p.m. Family Fun Night |
| 5 The Lord's Supper Sunday Lunch (CS) 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Small Gr. 2026-2029 New | 6 Church Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. | 7 Women's Bible Study 10:00 - 11:30a.m. | 8 6:00 p.m. Youth, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Special Called Business Mtg Noon | 13 | 14 6:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Comm. Mtg. | 15 6:00 p.m. Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir | 16 Outreach Comm Mtg 7:00 p.m. | 17 August Newsletter submissions due | 18 (FHR) Dameron/Rives 12:00—8:00 pm |
| 19 | 20 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg. | 21 Safety & Security Comm. Mtg 7:00 p.m. Parlor | 22 6:00 p.m. Youth, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study | 23 Ronald McDonald House Meal | 24 | 25 (FHR) Sandra Neville 12:00—5:00 pm |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 6:00 p.m. Youth, Adult BASICS, Adult Bible Study | 30 | 31  | |

If you would like to go, please have money in church office by July 31st.

Mt. Zion Baptist Association 2026

SENIOR ADULT BANQUET & 157TH ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH

6:30PM - 8:30PM

With Special
Musical Guests

Shepherd's Voice

"We are a Southern Gospel family trio that loves God and wants to share the word through music."

Each member is active in their churches, and have been part of Southern Gospel music for many years. We hope you will join us for a wonderful evening of entertainment with Shepherd's Voice!

Hear them now by clicking on one of the links below!

<https://www.shepherdsvoicetrio.net/> OR
https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=1300411468370364



The 157th Annual Meeting of the Mt. Zion Baptist Association will be conducted at the beginning of the event. If you wish to stay for the meal, you are welcome to do so. Just register and pay at your church office!

REGISTRATION ENDS THURSDAY, JULY 23RD

COST \$10 PER PERSON

**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH * 3572 W. GREENSBORO-CHAPEL HILL ROAD
LIBERTY, NC**

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

"Take me out to the Ballpark!"

Saturday, July 4th

Burlington Sock Puppets vs. Danville Otterbots

Game starts at 7:00 pm with Fireworks to follow.

General Admission Tickets are \$11.00 and can be purchased online at

<https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/BuyNew.asp?EventID=357122>

Come early so we can all sit together!

From a child's perspective.

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

What will you be doing on July 4th to celebrate America's 250th birthday?

We go to my aunt's and watch fireworks and eat pizza.

Brooklyn Christopher

We have a normal day. We watch fireworks on TV because they are so loud!

Blake

Watch Fireworks!

Jase



Classes:
Grades PreK-2nd
Grades 3rd - 5th
Grades 6th - 12th
Foundations

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.
Classes are offered in a variety of age groups and allows an opportunity to learn more about the Bible and Christianity.

Show me your
ways, Lord,
teach me your
paths.

Psalm 25:4

Classes:
Co-ed Adults
Median Adult Women
Median Adult Men
Senior Faith Class

Tripp's Treasures



Construction of New Sanctuary

On June 17, 1973, the church voted to build a new brick sanctuary at a cost of \$164,485. The last service was held in the old white frame building on September 2, 1973. Ground breaking ceremonies for the present colonial style sanctuary were held on September 16, 1973. Participating in this service were Rev. Robert D. Davis, Pastor; Mr. Wallace Lloyd, long time dedicated member; Miss Ella Lloyd, oldest member; Mr. Gregory Tilley, youngest member; Mr. Roy Lloyd, Chairman of the Building Committee; and Mrs. Barbara Cheek, Director of the W.M.U. Construction on the building began the latter part of September, 1973 by Van Thomas of Siler City.

When construction had started, \$89,000 had been raised and the Finance Committee had plans to raise the remainder by the time the building was completed so that only a few thousand dollars had to be borrowed.

A dedication service for the new sanctuary was held on Sunday, June 30, 1974 at 10:30 a.m. The congregation gathered in front of the building for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Participating in the ceremony was Rev. Robert D. Davis; Mrs. Earl Riley, oldest member, and Rev. Charles McMillan, Superintendent of Missions of the Mount Zion Baptist Association. The congregation was led inside the sanctuary by the combined choirs of the church singing the processional hymn. After the morning worship service, dinner was served on the grounds followed by the laying of the corner stone.



ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

The white, frame sanctuary used from 1898-1973.



*The present sanctuary was built in 1974;
the office area and educational building in 1964.*

SONS OF THE
 AMERICAN
LEGION

SAL PATRIOTIC FAMILY BREAKFAST

Sons of the American Legion

Red • White • Blue • Community



Join us for a delicious, family-friendly summer breakfast EVENT!

Saturday July 11, 2026, 8am-12pm Dine-in & Take-out Available

This breakfast event is for families and is open to the public.

Location: American Legion Chapel Hill Post 6

Address: 3700 NC Highway 54 W, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Summer Menu

Classic Pancake Stack
Scrambled Eggs
Fresh Fruit
Grits

Sausage & Bacon
Biscuits & Gravy
Coffee, Orange Juice & Water

Price: \$10 per plate

Proceeds support Sons of the American Legion programs and local veteran-focused initiatives.

Thank you for your support!

Questions: Call 919-627-4066 / SALadjutant@alpost6.org

Notes: Please enter through the main entrance. Cash & card accepted.

For God and Country • Thank you for supporting our veterans and community.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Family Summer BBQ



SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
LEGION



Location: 3700 Hwy 54 W Chapel Hill, NC 27516

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY AUGUST 15, 2026, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Price: \$12 per plate

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Join us for a fun-filled summer cookout with great food, fellowship, and community spirit!

BBQ Menu

From the Grill

- Pulled pork barbecue
- Grilled chicken

Desserts

- Various Desserts

Sides

- Baked beans
- Creamy coleslaw
- Potato salad
- Corn on the cob

Drinks

- Sweet tea
- Lemonade
- Bottled water

Family Activities

Enjoy lawn games, music, and fun activities for all ages throughout the day.

Bring your family, bring your friends, and come to celebrate summer with us!

For information: SALadjutant@alpost6.org

Call: 919-627-4066

For God and Country ● Thank you for supporting our veterans and community

July Usher Schedule

Sun. 5th: Ray Thompson, Larry Colie,
Spike Upchurch, Rosie Upchurch
Sun. 12th: John McGuire, Kitchin Durham,
Hugh McGuire, Tom McGuire
Sun. 19th: Miles Temple, Mike Cherry,
Xander Heizer, Caeton Florence
Sun. 26th: Dale Hammond, Gene Williams, Jonathan
Sparrow, Braxton Sparrow

July Nursery Schedule

Sun. 5th: Lisa Upchurch
Sun. 12th: Lyn Lloyd, Keri Carwile
Sun. 19th: Pat Cecil, Dawn Blake
Sun. 26th: Cindy Durham, Lou Ann Myatt



July

Kim Dunn
Pat Tayloe

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.

-- Appalachian Coalfields Christmas Ministry --

The Appalachian area is one of the poorest areas in America. Through the Christmas ministry, we are helping to meet physical needs and open doors that allows an opportunity to share the Gospel message to the parents and children living in the area.

Will you **Adopt a Backpack**, fill it with prayer, love, and gifts for a child?

Remember this may be the only gift the child receives for Christmas.

PLEASE CHOOSE ITEMS AND PACK THE BACKPACK AS IF YOU WERE GIFTING TO YOUR LOVED ONE.

New items only, please.

On Sunday, July 12th, backpacks will be available for adoption.

They will be set up in the fellowship hall and may be picked up before Sunday School or following the morning worship service. **Due Date: October 25th.**

We have 48 backpacks to adopt. Complete instructions for packing will be in the backpack along with a Bible and a copy of the Christmas Story. **Please** read all instructions for packing, as some items have changed. School supplies are **no longer** on the list of items to pack, as they are now donated by a business for the children.



-- Ronald McDonald House Meal: Thursday, July 23rd --

Meals are prepared the 4th Thursday of the month by Team Antioch.

After a long day at the hospital or doctor's office, families appreciate coming "home" and having a home-cooked meal waiting for them.

Please pray for the employees of the Ronald McDonald House, their residents and their precious children that are in Chapel Hill for medical reasons and for this vital ministry.





Appalachian Christmas Outreach “Testimonials”

(from actual cards and letters received from Appalachian children)

“The stuff we got was so good! The shampoo smelled so good! The Old Maid game was fun. My cousin wants to play every time he sees me! You guys are so nice! Merry Christmas!” – **Brianne**

“Thanks so much for the backpack! My favorite part is the scarf! – **Keeley**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Thank you for the backpacks. I love the Lord. We love you! – **Jason**

“Thank you for the backpacks. People really need it! – **Nelson**

“Thank you for the backpacks. Thank you for the gloves and the toboggan. I love you guys! You guys are so nice. Thank you for the clothes!” – **Kaitlyn**

“Merry Christmas! I love the Lord. Hope you all have a great Christmas with your family!” - **Caleb**

“Hello people of the church! Thank you for the backpacks and the items in them. I am very thankful for it. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Also, please pray my teacher who has cancer.” - **William**

Vacation Bible School

MOTTO: FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

SCRIPTURE: *Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths.* Psalm 25:4





WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00—11:30 a.m.

Leader: *Virginia Ferguson*

virginiaiveyferguson6@gmail.com

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



It's all about Jesus!

Shanika & Sherika and the Mittens

We grew up in rural Jamaica sharing most things, not because we're twins but because it was a necessity for our family to make ends meet. Our parents had us in their late teens. They couldn't afford an ultrasound, so having twins was unexpected. Our mom and dad had to stop attending college in order to provide for us. They worked hard—our mom at home and our dad in sugar cane fields. Both Christians, our parents had faith that the Lord Jesus would provide for our needs.

Every morning, they gathered us together for devotions. To enable both of us to have something to write on at school, our father cut an 8- by 9-inch notebook in half. He also broke a pencil in two and sharpened the lead with a knife because we didn't have a pencil sharpener. We wished we could have full-sized notebooks and pencils like some of our peers. Our wish came true at age 8 when we heard shriek after shriek of delight in the halls of our school. Large cardboard boxes with a shoebox plane printed on them were delivered to each classroom. We were so excited about these huge brown boxes and were curious to see what was inside. We rejoiced when we learned that they contained shoebox gifts for us. One of us received two full-sized notebooks! We shared what was in our shoeboxes so we would each have one. We also received our first calculator—a small, gray one we still love to use. We received a pair of woolen mittens. We didn't need them for warmth, since we lived in the Caribbean, but we put them to good use as pot holders. Our parents still have them at home in Jamaica. We were glad to receive a game of jacks since previously we used stones or the balls from roll-on deodorant to play the game. We also each received pencils and pencil sharpeners, as well as crayons, coloring books, and personal care items, such as combs, toothbrushes, washcloths, and soap. One of our younger brothers also received a shoebox gift. He still has the flashlight he received in his box.

At first, we wondered who we knew that would send us these gifts. We had learned the story of the Good Samaritan in Sunday School. So, when we saw Samaritan's Purse printed on the tape that held the shoebox closed, we knew that Good Samaritans had sent us these gifts. Through the shoebox gifts, we learned that you don't have to be close neighbors in order to help each other. These gifts came from strangers. The boxes of gifts ultimately reflected the goodness of Christ, showing us that the Lord graciously provides for us. We felt God's love for us as we received them.

Earlier that same year, we both made professions of faith in Jesus Christ during an evangelistic crusade. We each stepped forward that night to dedicate our lives to Him. The shoebox gifts and [The Greatest Gift Gospel booklet](#) that we received along with them helped us as new Christians to continue to grow in our faith. We read the booklet in Sunday School and together as a family before we went to bed. The lessons, which we read over and over, were such a blessing and comfort to us.

Our parents instilled in us how important it is to study the Bible and pray together. We talked and prayed through any issues that came up, seeing how God works through situations. We sisters still have morning devotions together.



Our parents are so proud that both of us graduated last year with business administration master's degrees from Liberty University, a Christian college in Virginia. Our mom went back to school to earn a teaching diploma and our dad has certifications in food service, hospitality, and nutrition.

It wasn't until we saw an [Operation Christmas Child](#) video at our church in Virginia that we realized those were the gifts we received. We knew that logo—the shoebox plane. And there was that word again—Samaritan. We raised our arms in joy and praise. We exclaimed: "We're shoebox recipients!" We stood and shared our stories right then.

It meant so much to us to learn the background of how our boxes were sent—through churches! It also was moving to see how much church members appreciated hearing us talk about the lasting influence the gifts had on our Christian walk.



Then, we saw the shoebox logo again on our college campus. They pack shoeboxes there, too!

That's when we knew we had to keep sharing our story, so the message of how God is working keeps spreading.

"Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!" (Psalm 96:3)

Reminder: This year we are packing individual shoeboxes and each paying their own shipping cost. We will **not** be having any church-wide packing parties. It is only 5 months till Shoebox Sunday!

Another easy way to pack a quality shoebox is to pack on-line at <https://www.samaritanspurserg/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>



For \$30 (includes shipping) you can pack a great shoebox and never leave home.

Stewardship



A Way of Life

*Make It
Yours!*