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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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.
AWANA (Sept.- April)	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Youth Group	5:45 p.m.
Missions Journey Kids	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

Vacant, Associate Pastor for Student Ministries

Vacant, Minister of Music

Regina Kleiman, Ministry Assistant

2026 / 2027: DEACON MINISTRY

Tommy Cecil

Dale Hammond

Mark Lloyd

Tim Dameron

John McGuire

Ray Thompson

Lamont Durham

Miles Temple

Byron Tripp

A Message From The Pastor:

When President Lyndon Johnson selected Bill Moyers for White House Press Secretary, Moyers was only in his thirties and relatively unknown. The choice surprised many political observers. At one point a reporter even asked the President why he had chosen someone so inexperienced. Johnson supposedly looked him in the eye and said, "*Bill Moyers always tells me the truth.*"

Effective leaders do seem to value frank communication. They know that every leader is wrong sometimes, so they encourage others to speak their minds and suggest alternatives. That doesn't mean that such leaders avoid authority. Nor does their openness keep them from insisting on total support once the final decision has been made. It simply means that they realize the importance of using everyone's best insight to reach the best conclusion. A top advisor to President Kennedy once confided, "*He tried to surround himself with people who asked questions, and was wary of those who adapted their opinions to what they thought the President wanted to hear.*"

One of my favorite illustrations on this subject is an old management parable entitled "*The Ill-Informed Walrus.*" It's the story of an otherwise capable leader who eventually fails because his followers are afraid to give him the whole truth. In the end, the leader is left alone and mumbling to himself, "*I don't understand it. And just when everything was going so well.*"

An ancient proverb warns, "*A friend means well, even when he hurts you. But when an enemy put's his arm around your shoulder, watch out!*" (Prov. 27:6 TEV). How do we react to bad news? Our answers carry important spiritual implications. And our responses will shape our personal development as well as our relationships. As Jesus was fond of saying, "*Take heed how you hear.*"

Blessings – Pastor Dave



October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 The Lord's Supper Sunday Lunch (CS) AWANA 4pm Youth 4 -5:30pm	5 Church Council Mtg 6pm	6 Women's Bible Study 10am Cemetery Committee Mtg 7pm	7 Missions Journey 6pm Adult Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6pm Choir 7pm	8 Outreach Comm Mtg 7pm	9	10
11 Red Box Ministry Women's DOG-gloves due today Business Mtg 6pm	12 Men's Club 6:30pm	13 Women's Bible Study 10am Young at Heart 11:30am Budget & Finance Comm Mtg 6pm	14 Missions Journey 6pm Adult Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6pm Choir 7pm	15 Ralph Scott Homes Dinner 6pm Outreach Fundraiser Entire Campus Reserved	16 Nov. Newsletter submissions due Outreach Fundraiser Entire Campus Reserved	17 Dovie Jo Cecil Benefit Outreach Fundraiser Entire Campus Reserved
18 AWANA 4pm Youth 4 -5:30pm	19 Deacons' Mtg 7pm	20 Women's Bible Study 10am	21 Missions Journey 6pm Adult Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6pm Choir 7pm	22 Ronald McDonald House Meal	23	24 "
25 AWANA (Trunk or Treat) 4 -5:30pm	26 (FHR) Blood Drive 1-6pm	27 Women's Bible Study 10am	28 Missions Journey 6pm Adult Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 6pm Choir 7pm	29	30	31

October Usher Schedule

Sun. 4th: Dale Hammond, Gene Williams,
Jonathan Sparrow, Braxton Sparrow

Sun. 11th: Mark Lloyd, Joel Lloyd,
Andy Pugh, Branan Hackney

Sun. 18th: Tommy Cecil, James Parrott,
Sammy Parrott, Josh Cecil

Sun. 25th: Keith Webster, Keith Harris
Charles Smith, Jase Wagner

October Nursery Schedule

Sun. 4th: Lisa Upchurch, Kaylee Farrell

Sun. 11th: Keri Carwile, Lyn Lloyd

Sun. 18th: Pat Cecil, Dawn Blake

Sun. 25th: Cindy Durham, LouAnn Myatt

**Children's
CHURCH**

October
Carol Dawson
Karen Whitfield

Robin Farrell

Mission Updates and Important Info

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107

Thank you so much Antioch Family for Women's Prison Ministry Red Box donations. Your support is invaluable to this mission. May God be glorified through the Red Box Women's Prison project and mission.

Ladies, Each year a group of us travel to Boone to the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center to examine shoeboxes. We would love to have you join us.

Registration is October 2. We try to get processing times on Monday or Tuesday. We are aiming for November 30, December 7 or December 14. If you are interested or have questions, please call or text Pat Tayloe at 919-451-0733 by end of day October 1. We always make extra reservations so if you think you might want to go, let me know.

October Missions

APPALACHIAN COALFIELDS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

48 backpacks have been adopted! It's not too late to fill a backpack with prayer and gifts for a child.

Instructions can be found on the Baptist on Missions website. Contact Robin Farrell if there are questions. **BACKPACKS DUE November 1st**



Red Box NC Women's Christmas Ministry

One size fits all Gloves. Goal: 50 Pairs

Due Date: October 11th.

Place in cart outside Choir room



Ronald McDonald meal will be October 22nd. Antioch will prepare a hot home-made meal for the families staying at the house. Please pray for the Ronald McDonald House residents, their children receiving care at the area medical facilities, and staff. The meal ministry is an opportunity to express God's love through a home cooked meal to the families.



Ralph Scott Homes

Dinner will be served for Ralph Scott Homes Life-services residents on October 15th at 6:00 pm.

Ralph Scott Life-services provides community based residential services to adults with intellectual disabilities and other developmental disabilities. It is the mission of RSL to provide individualized community living services and support that promotes health, dignity, growth, stability and community involvement that recognizes the value of each individual.

Volunteers are needed. There are many needs to host a dinner for the residents. They include assisting the residents, serving food and drinks, set up, clean up, giving out prizes and other needs that might come up during the evening. What a beautiful evening to have the privilege serving the community of people that live at the Ralph Scott Homes and their caregivers. The dinner is being held at Holly Hill Baptist Church.

The address is 2818 Edgewood Ave, Burlington, NC.

The carpool will leave Antioch at 4:00.

If you do not carpool and would like to assist, meet at Holly Hill Church at 4:30. Contact Robin Farrell for additional information or questions or volunteer. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be circulated during Sunday School.



Just Around the Corner

November Missions

Thanksgiving Food Giveaway, November 21st

Angel Tree Gift adoptions, November 22nd

We will not serve a meal in November at Ronald McDonald

December Missions

Angel Tree Gifts Due December 6

Ronald McDonald meal December 25th

Benefit for Dovie Jo

BARBECUE
Chicken Dinner
— TO BENEFIT —
Dovie Jo Cecil



LIVE MUSIC BY
NOMADS
BAND
4 PM - 6 PM

 MUSIC 4 PM - 6 PM	 BAKE SALE & SILENT AUCTION STARTS AT 4 PM	 FOOD FROM 5 PM - 7 PM
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MUSIC WILL BE ON LAWN
SO BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET!

*Be devoted to one another in love.
Honor one another above yourselves.*

ROMANS 12:10

 **ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH**
1707 White Cross Road
Chapel Hill, NC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026


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Donations Welcome!



Women's Bible Study October 2026 Schedule

Session 5 Tuesday, October 6

Session 6 Tuesday, October 13

NO CLASS ON OCTOBER 20

Session 7 Tuesday, October 27

10:00 am – Noon

Please contact Virginia Ferguson or the church office for a book or more details.

News and Opportunities

BE THE ONE. Tell someone about JESUS!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

You don't want to miss the:

Young at Hearts
11:30am
October 13

Dovie Jo Cecil Benefit
October 17 4-6pm

AWANA Trunk or Treat
4-5:30pm
October 25

Remember to tell everyone you know
about Antioch's
Country Breakfast Craft & Bake Sale
November 14th

MEN'S CLUB

OPEN to all young and "seasoned"
men of Antioch.

Second Monday of each month
6:30 p.m.

Join the group in the fellowship hall
for a meal, form some new
friendships and learn how we work

Wednesday Nights

6:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study

YOUTH GROUP



6:00—7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - Missions Journey: Kids
Age group: PreK - 5th grade



The Gazebo - Byron Tripp, Antioch Historian

The Gazebo

On Homecoming Day, August 13, 1982, the Gazebo that is positioned on the north side of the Fellowship Hall was dedicated in honor of the faithful, gracious Christian ladies... Martha and Mary Lloyd.

The children of Paul and Ozell Lloyd, Martha and Mary grew up in the White Cross community. The Lloyds were sizable landowners and farmed, with sharecroppers, raising cotton and tobacco along both sides of Old Greensboro Road. They were innovators in the community, operating the first cider mill, the first poultry incubator, driving the first car, and playing the first radio.

Gordon Neville's father, Mr. Lacy, talked of how he and other youngsters of the area would go to the Lloyd's on Saturday night and lay out on the lawn to listen to the radio, on an open window sill, playing music broadcast from the Grand Old Opry.

These dedicated women were dedicated to the community and Church in special ways. Mary and Martha kept house for their family and regularly carried vegetables, poultry, flowers and homemade goods to the Curb Market in Chapel Hill, just across the street from the old Police Station. Mary taught the little children in Sunday School and Martha taught the High School at Antioch for over forty years. They prepared lunch for the mailman each day, prepared dinner for the pastors at Antioch and boarded visiting ministers during revivals. After World War II, a number of college students stayed with them while earning a degree and looked upon the Lloyds as their surrogate parents.

The Gordon Neville Family desired to honor these exceptional members of Antioch, in a way that could be enjoyed by the entire congregation. They provided the idea and materials for the Gazebo project, which was constructed by Mr. Howard and Mr. Robbie Smith.

The initial location of the Gazebo marked the site of the Antioch Baptist Church Building, which was constructed in 1832. When the Fellowship Hall construction began in 2001, the Gazebo was moved to the present location, just to the edge of the north parking area. The South side and wall of the current Fellowship Hall covers a portion of the 1832 building site.

Most of the comments in this article were published by our previous Church Historian, Mr. Duncan MacCalman, in April 2006.

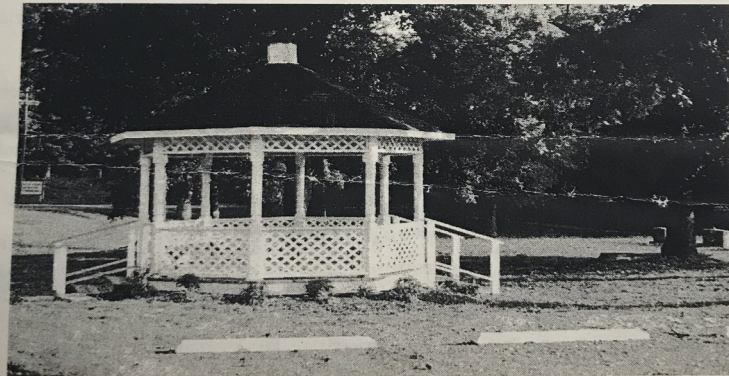
Church Historian, Byron Tripp

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Wallace Lloyd, Martha Lloyd, Mary Lloyd





GOD IS USING A BOLD CHURCH PLANTER, TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST TO UNREACHED AREAS.

The bike ride through the path of deep sand to Kitomondo takes Pastor Marco Kayumbo more than two hours to negotiate. He prays and sings to pass the time. Kitomondo is a rural community outside Tanzania's largest city of Dar es Salaam, and it's where Pastor Marco started a church almost two years ago. It wasn't easy.

"I just went like a man with a passion to do the work of God, and when I reached that place I knew it was the right place," Pastor Marco said. "But then I thought 'what do I do now.'" After his first trip, he felt as if he'd failed. They cursed him. They gave him no place to stay, and they even cast spells on him so he might die in his sleep or at least leave and never come back. But Pastor Marco is a 22-year church planting veteran, and he learned early on that God always provides a way. And besides, a tough place like Kitomondo was the exact kind of place he'd asked God to take him.

"I went to Kitomondo because it is very famous for witchcraft, and because I prayed to God to give me the grace to go to a place that is totally unreached," Pastor Marco said. "I like to go to the hardest areas, so that's why I went to Kitomondo."

He fasted and prayed for a week, and there were two ways God answered his prayers: the villagers began to believe Pastor Marco was invincible to their witchcraft and, more importantly, they started to believe he and his God cared for them. This is because he returned to the village with a very tangible demonstration of love in 500 [Operation Christmas Child](#) shoebox gifts for their children.

As with many of the rural areas of Tanzania, Kitomondo had never seen anything like this—so many free gifts with no strings attached. Pastor Marco says that it's God's power working through these simple shoebox gifts that has allowed him to plant churches in so many difficult areas of coastal Tanzania.

"When you give me a gift box and I have it in my hand, I know I have a very powerful tool," Pastor Marco said. "If I'm going somewhere difficult, I just put the gift boxes on my bicycle and I go to that place because I know I can get an opening."

After that initial shoebox distribution two years ago, dozens of children joined [The Greatest Journey](#) discipleship program and an additional distribution was scheduled for 180 more shoebox recipients the same year. Last year Pastor Marco held a distribution in the area for 600 more children. Praise God that now Maranatha Church of Kitomondo—the church Pastor Marco planted—welcomes nearly 20 worshippers to its twice-weekly gatherings.



Many Christians moved to Kitomondo to find work, but to protect their families, they took Muslim names and Muslim identities. The power of the Gospel has now emboldened believers to emerge from the shadows. Others who were lost have been saved. The blessings of God continue to show through. The Muslim leaders of Kitomondo have become some of the church's greatest allies, local landowners have donated land to the church, and soon they will break ground for a building to replace the current sanctuary with its roof of sticks and tin.

God has used shoebox gifts to reach children and to break down barriers in rural areas like Kitomondo, where people are suspicious of outsiders, especially those carrying a belief and message that challenge Islam and a community's culture. Shoebox gifts, though, have communicated something deeper than ideology or a way of life. They've demonstrated to hearts enslaved by fear that God's love is a free gift bought for them by His Son, Jesus Christ.

"I don't have words to explain the importance of these shoeboxes, except to explain what God has done before my eyes," Pastor Marco said. **"These people without Jesus are in bondage, but through the gift boxes He has made them receptive to us. I don't need a car. I don't need money. I just need shoeboxes."**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Reminder: this year we will not be having packing parties. We hope you will pack at least one shoebox per family member. There are brochures in the Welcome Center if you need a reminder of what to pack. On Sunday, November 15 we will collect your shoeboxes, pray a blessing over them, and deliver them to a drop-off location.

Special Request from your Safety Committee



Your Safety Committee needs your support to continue to keep Antioch Baptist Church a safe place of worship. At the August Business Meeting, approval was received to begin raising funds for security cameras. The first phase will include exterior cameras and cameras in the children class area (basement) and the nursery. If you feel led to donate , please make your donation to the Safety special fund. We appreciate your support.
Safety Committee

Monday

October 26

1-6pm

Fellowship Hall



Blood
DRIVE



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2027

Help little ones feel at home

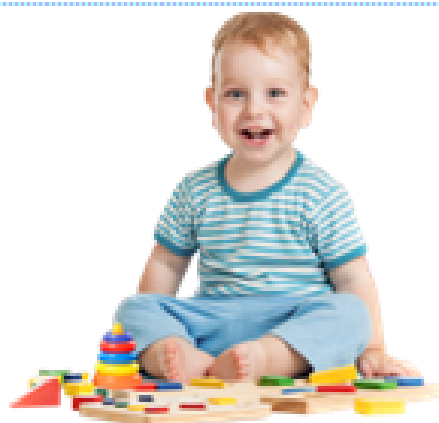
Share a smile. Lend a hand.
Serve in our church nursery.

SIGN UP TODAY

2026-2027 Nursery Volunteers Easy Sign-Up

Please check the time and age group for which you would like to volunteer and place this form
in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office.
Thank You!

I would like to volunteer for:



Time

- ☐ Sunday Morning 11:00 a.m.
- ☐ Children's Church
- ☐ Wherever Needed

Age Group

- ☐ Babies
- ☐ Toddlers

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

From a Child's Perspective:

October is the month of cooler mornings, shorter days, leaves changing colors and falling, pumpkin spice, pumpkin carving, corn mazes, hay rides, harvest festivals, football games, soccer matches, and Halloween.

Besides Halloween, what do you like best about Fall? And, why?

Jase:

football

Blake:

apple
cider

Rosie:

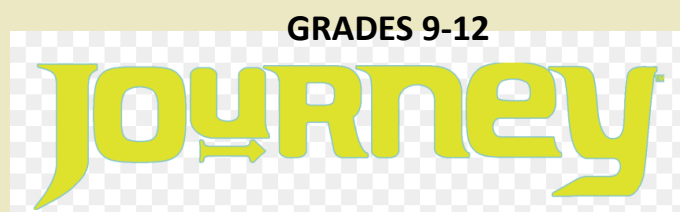
Cheerleading season

Conner:

Because the weather is cooler



We have resumed AWANA for 2026-2027. We meet on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. We offer clubs for children and youth ages 3 (potty-trained) thru high-school seniors. We hope to see your children/grandchildren, friends, and neighbors there. We are offering two additional clubs this year so we need more adult volunteers. We hope you will consider volunteering for some days/hours.



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
Still Matters

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Classes:

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

Classes:

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



September & October Themes

- 9/27/2026** Mustache Night – Be creative – Psalms 27: 7-9
- 10/4/2026** Bring A Friend Night (Quadruple Bucks) *** - Matthew 28: 18-20
- 10/11/2026** Goofy Glasses Night – Matthew 6: 22-23
- 10/18/2026** Shoebox Night – Bring items for Operation Christmas Child – Luke 6: 20-21
- 10/25/2026** Dress Like A Farmer - Trunk or Treat – Ecclesiastes 8:15



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