Thoughts to Ponder

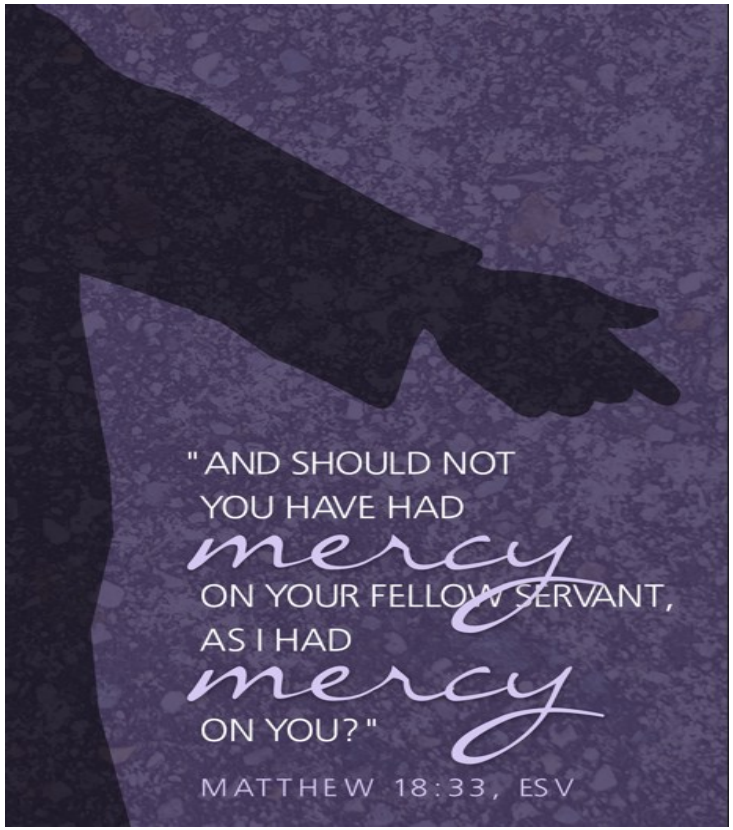
"Our debt to God is infinitely beyond our capacity to pay. Our debt to God is infinitely greater than any person's debt to us. When we truly experience God's forgiveness for our sins it will transform us into forgiving people." – Randy Alcorn

"Forgiving costs us our sense of justice. We all have this innate sense deep within our souls, but it has been perverted by our selfish sinful natures. We want to see "justice" done, but the justice we envision satisfies our own interests. We must realize that justice has been done. God is the only rightful administrator of justice in all of creation, and His justice has been satisfied. In order to forgive our brother, we must be satisfied with God's justice and forego the satisfaction of our own." – Jerry Bridges

"We must never buy into the lie that to forgive means that sin is being whitewashed or ignored or that the perpetrator is not being held accountable for his/her actions. It simply means we consciously choose to let God be the one who determines the appropriate course of action in dealing justly with the offending person… To long for justice is entirely legitimate, but to seek it for yourself is not. Let God deal with the offender in his own way at the appropriate time. He's much better at it than you or I." – Sam Storms

"By forgiving, we do become Christ to others. By bearing in our bodies the weight of unjust accusation, undeserved pain, and unretaliated harm, we are the Holy Spirit's message of Jesus to others. By the practice of forgiveness, we have the privilege of being a living witness to the One we most love, and who has loved us eternally and sacrificially." – Bryan Chapell

Antioch Baptist Church



OUR MISSION:
LOVE GOD. EXALT CHRIST.
SEEK HIS WILL.
SERVE HIS PURPOSE.

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Operation Christmas Child Video

Welcome & Announcements
Pastor Atwater

***Call to Worship**
"He Is Here" B 94

Children's Sermon
Carol Dawson

***Offertory Hymn**
"Without Him" B 470

Offertory Prayer
Deacon of the Week: Tommy Cecil

Special Music
"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

Scripture Reading
Matthew 18: 21-35
Pastor Atwater

Message
"Christ's Most Difficult Command"
Pastor Atwater

***Hymn of Response**
"The Savior is Waiting" B 412

Benediction
Pastor Atwater

*Please Stand

Special Events

NEEDED!!:
Volunteers needed for the Country Breakfast Saturday, November 14th: 7 – 10 am Contact Robin Farrell or Pat Cecil if you wish to volunteer. Donations of crafts and baked goods are greatly appreciated! Please contact Sherry Webster. All are welcome. Net proceeds to missions.

November 14th Country Breakfast
November 21st Thanksgiving Grocery Giveaway
November 22nd Angel Tree Adoption
November 24th Community Thanksgiving Service

Budget for October 2026

Actional Amount Received	20,555.29
Expenses	23,137.96
Difference	2,582.67

Today's altar flowers were provided by Pat Tayloe: It's All About Jesus! The poinsettia is symbolically Jesus' life story in a plant. The shape of the leaves symbolize the Star of Bethlehem that led the wise men to find the baby Jesus, the red leaves symbolize the blood of Christ shed for each of us, and the white leaves symbolize His purity. He is God's perfect gift to us.

Attendance 11/01/2026

Sunday School	57
Morning Worship	84
AWANA	8

Online Giving: Vanco.com

"When you leave the church property today, you automatically enter the mission field."

NEXT WEEK: November 15, 2026

AWANA Theme: PJ Night
Nursery: Pat Cecil & Dawn Blake
Children's Church: Crystal Sparrow & Kim Dunn

Schedules

Usher

8th Tim Dameron, Lamont Durham, Crawford Dameron, Jonas Parrott
15th Matt Carwile, Luke Carwile, Tucker Parrott
22nd Ray Thompson, Larry Colie, Spike Upchurch, Rosie Upchurch
29th John McGuire, Hugh McGuire, Tom McGuire, Kitchin Durham
Dec 6 Miles Temple, Mike Cherry, Xander Heizer, Caeton Florence

Monitor

11/08 – 11/14 Miles Temple
11/15 – 11/21 Ray Thompson
11/22 – 11/28 John McGuire
11/29 – 12/05 Tommy Cecil
12/06 – 12/12 Lamont Durham

Deacon

11/08 – 11/14 Tommy Cecil
11/15 – 11/21 Lamont Durham
11/22 – 11/28 Mark Lloyd
11/29 – 12/05 Bryon Tripp
12/06 – 12/12 Dale Hammond

Counters

11/08 Sherry
11/15 Angela
11/22 Angie
11/29 Robin
12/6 Angela

Altar Flowers

11/15 Flower Committee
11/ 22 Flower Committee
11/ 29 Jamie Pope

OCCURRING WEEKLY

Sunday
Morning Prayer Rally: 9:20 am in the Library
Sunday School 9:45 am
AWANA 4 – 5:30 pm

Wednesday Night Activities
Youth Group 6 pm
Missions Journey: Kids 6 pm
Adult Bible 6 pm
Choir 7 pm



November 10, 17
Women's Bible Study 10 am

November 9
Men's Club — 6:30 pm

November 10
Young at Heart — 11:30 am
Budget & Finance Meeting — 7 pm

November 12
Outreach Committee Meeting — 7 pm

November 14
Antioch Country Breakfast, Bake & Craft Sale — 7–10 am

November 15
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due

November 16
Deacons' Meeting 7 pm

November 17
Personnel Committee 6:30 pm
Safety Committee 7 pm

November 21
Thanksgiving Food Giveaway

The ABC's of Salvation

Admit

Admit to God that you are a sinner. All persons need salvation. Each of us has a problem the Bible calls sin. Sin is a refusal to acknowledge God's authority over our lives. Everyone who does not live a life of perfect obedience to the Lord is guilty of sin. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Since none of us is perfect, all of us are sinners (Romans 3:10-18). The result of sin is spiritual death (Romans 6:23). Spiritual death means eternal separation from God. By God's perfect standard we are guilty of sin and therefore subject to the punishment for sin, which is separation from God. Admitting that you are a sinner and separated from God is the first step of repentance, which is turning from sin and self and turning toward God.

Believe

Believe in Jesus Christ as God's Son and receive Jesus' gift of forgiveness from sin. God loves each of us. God offers us salvation. Although we have done nothing to deserve His love and salvation, God wants to save us. In the death of Jesus on the cross, God provided salvation for all who would repent of their sins and believe in Jesus. "For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Confess

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to others. After you have received Jesus Christ into your life, share your decision with another person. Tell your pastor or a Christian friend about your decision. Following Christ's example, ask for baptism by immersion in your local church as a public expression of your faith. "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. With the heart one believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses, resulting in salvation" (Romans 10:9-10)

Prayer:

Dear God, I believe you sent your son, Jesus, to die for my sins so I can be forgiven. I'm sorry for my sins and I want to live the rest of my life the way you want me to. Please put your Spirit in my life to direct me. Amen.

