



ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

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“THE GOOD NEWS”

JANUARY 2012 THROUGH MARCH 2012

NEW YEAR WELL WISHES!!!

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Happy New Year! Our Antioch family was very busy and blessed in 2011. We prospered in so many different ways:

- We increased in membership,
- We increased in our giving,
- We started a Capital Growth Campaign to purchase real estate, and
- We welcomed a new pastor.

The year 2012 will be the beginning of several new things for our church family as well. We will start our year with a new pastor



is to give you quarterly information about our church events so everyone is well informed. The premise is that if members are given several venues for obtaining information then participation in church functions may increase.

This newsletter is also a way to highlight the great things that happen at Antioch as well as the great people who work hard for the call of Christ.

We welcome 2012 with great enthusiasm and expectations of continued blessings.

who is excited about our mission and who has a vision for kingdom building. We have new officers for our ministries who have great ideas for fellowshipping and missionary work. And lastly, we have a new quarterly newsletter.

This newsletter was created for several purposes. One purpose

If you would like information or pictures included in the next newsletter please see Sister McKoy or Trustee McKoy before March 18, 2012.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Sunday School**
Sunday—9:30 am

- Worship Services**
Sunday—11:00 am

- Bible Study/Prayer Service**
Wednesdays —7:00 pm

A NEW YEAR'S POEM "JUST ONE REQUEST"

Dear Master for the coming year,
just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness
Or any earthly thing
I do not ask to understand
the way Thou leadest me.
But this I ask: Teach me to do
the thing that pleaseth Thee.
I want to know Thy guiding voice,
to walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
and ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
a happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
the thing that pleaseth Thee.
-Unknown Author



“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33 KJV

NEW YEAR'S ADVICE

As another New Year rings in, people traditionally make resolutions to change or improve some aspect of their lives. This is also a time to set goals for ourselves. Here is some friendly advice to help you reach your goal (s):

1. Do not try to change others—work on self improvement.
2. When you forgive, forgive unconditionally.
3. Spend time communing with God to strengthen your relationship. Prayer changes things.
4. Work toward one goal at a time—do not get overwhelmed or frustrated over small set backs.
5. Stay motivated and willing to readjust your goals as needed.

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“WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH: BUT HE THAT KEEPETH THE LAW, HAPPY IS HE.”

PROVERBS 29:18 KJV

The Vision for our church in 2012 is “The Great Commission”, taken from Matthew 28:19-20: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world.” KJV. How will our vision be realized? By working toward our mission.

The Mission statement for our church is to be committed to being A Worshipping Church, A Learning Church, and A Soul Winning—Soul Sustaining Church. How are we going to be accountable for accomplishing our mission? By focusing on our theme.

The Theme for 2012 is “Getting Back Into Shape”. We will act upon the 7 Principles of a Healthy Church. 1. Be Saved and Sure, 2. Be a Witness, 3. Be in Attendance, 4. Be in Study, 5. Be in Ministry, 6. Be a Giver, and 7. Be in Prayer.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE WEEKLY SERMONS, CONTACT TRUSTEE CHARLES GRAY TO GET AN ORDER FORM.

FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP . . .

A Steward is defined as someone who cares for someone else or their possessions. The first stewards in the Bible were Adam and Eve who were entrusted to take care of the earth and all within it. Therefore, today, we are also stewards of God’s gifts.

In the first quarter of 2012, Reverend Sledge will focus on messages that emphasize the importance of us lending our TIME, TALENT, and TREASURES back to the one who own them all—God.

God gives us tools such as natural talents, material resources, relationships, and physical abilities. Stewardship is the framework for good ministry because God gives us the gifts with the expectation that we will give them back. All of these tools are gifts to be used for the Glory of God.

In the coming months, remember I Chronicles 29:14: “But who am I and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things [come] of thee, and of your own have we given thee,” KJV.



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT



Janae Drumgoole

Janae Drumgoole is the nine year old daughter of Valerie Drumgoole and the granddaughter of Ella Drumgoole.

Janae is a fourth grade student at AG Richardson Elementary School. She is also an active member of Antioch Baptist Church’s Youth Ministry. She volunteers to sing solos in the choir, pray during the worship service, and lead the responsive reading of scriptures.

Janae enjoys singing and dancing. She always tries to be nice to people. She loves animals, especially dogs and hamsters. Janae wants you to know that she is always happy—especially when she is in church.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



George Taylor

George E. Taylor is a longtime member of Antioch Baptist Church, He has served as a member of the Senior Choir, Mass Choir, and the Trustee Ministry. Not only has he actively served our church, he also served our country as a Sergeant in the US Army from 1943-1946. He fought in World War II and received 7 medals of honor.

On November 22, 2011, Mr. Taylor received the 2011 Congressional Veteran Commendation Award after being nominated by the Culpeper VFW Post 25. Mr. Taylor’s historical experiences are documented in the Veterans’ History Project located in the Library of Congress.

ACKNOWLEDGING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Carter G. Woodson

Black History Month honors the contributions of African Americans to the United States History. Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” which was created in 1962 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

A Black History Fact: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens on February 12, 1909.

ABC Mass Choir

will sponsor a

Black History

Celebration

Program in

February

Date to be Announced.

SO YOU GOT JOKES. . . :))

One day during a terrible storm, rescue workers were sent throughout the town to tell the residents to evacuate. All of the town’s people left as warned except one man. The man told the rescue workers that he was not leaving his home. He said, “I have faith; God will save me.” As the waters began to rise to his knees, rescue workers returned in an SUV to convince the man to evacuate. Again, the man said, “I have faith; God will save me.” The water rose so high that the man had to go upstairs to stay dry. Rescue workers again returned to convince the man to evacuate. This time the water was so high they returned in a boat. The man said boldly, “I have faith; God will save me.” Soon the waters rose above his head, the man retreated to the roof top. The rescue workers returned in a helicopter pleading for the man to evacuate. The man refused. The water rose over his rooftop, drowning the man. When the man arrived at the Pearly Gates, he asked St. Peter why God had not saved him. St. Peter looked surprised and responded, “God sent you an SUV, a boat, and a helicopter, what more did you want?”

LESSON: “What good is it my brother, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? So also faith by itself if it does not have works is dead.” James 2:14, 17.



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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **January 14, 2012—Saturday**

Pastor's Orientation 10:00 am. All ministries and auxiliaries should be present.



• **January 16, 2012—Monday**

Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration 12:00 noon. Sponsored by the Culpeper Branch of the NAACP. At Antioch Baptist Church.



• **January 28, 2012—Saturday**

Contemporary Choir Workshop from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Choir will sing on the 5th Sunday (January 29, 2012).



• **January 30 2012—Monday**

Women's Minstry—5th Monday Pot Luck—Roundtable at 7:00 pm.



• **February 2, 2012—Thursday**

Youth Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A in Culpeper. Spirit Night also on March 1, 2012 and April 5, 2012. Pass the word...!



• **February 11, 2012—Saturday**

"Strong Bonds" Marriage Ministry—Marriage Month



• **March 17, 2012—Saturday**

Women's Ministry Fellowship Tea 2:00 pm.



Quarterly Official Board Meeting—Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Quarterly Church Meeting—Friday, February 10, 2012 at 7:00 pm

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