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“The Reflections of ‘The Good News’ 2012”

Well here it is—the last quarterly newsletter for 2012. Time has marched by so quickly this year. I sincerely hope that each of you have found this newsletter informative as well as enlightening. You may recall in the first newsletter, that the purpose was spelled out clearly: this newsletter is to give members and the community information about church events in the hopes that participation in services and programs would increase. I am confident that this purpose has been met.

Reflecting on the year 2012 brings as much excitement as the planning for the coming of 2012 did. In the previous issues of “The Good News” you were able to get to know some of our youth members and senior members; you were given words of encouragement from our pastor; you learned about all of the wonderful programs and activities that we sponsored; and, my favorite, you were formally introduced to our faithful Associate Minister, Reverend

Deborah Carter.

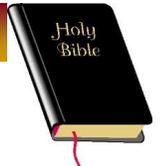
What is in store for next year? The ministries at Antioch will continue to work hard offering opportunities for praise, worship, fellowship, and celebrations of God’s blessings.

The most important reflection has to be the blessing of sharing “The Good News” about God’s works through and within the Antioch Baptist Church Family.

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Know For Yourself



“Study to Shew Thyself Approved unto God.” 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

It is true, studying the Word of God and knowing for yourself is a powerful tool to have when the wicked ways of the world attack the principles of Christianity. The power of knowing is the foundation that will make Christian soldiers strong and their faith unshakeable. Read the Bible, study its historical, social, and political context, and then pray for discernment to apply it to your life. When you do this, you can go out in the world and share the Word with others. You will also have the confidence to defend God’s word.

Getting Involved!



President Barack Obama visited the campus of Norfolk State University on Tuesday, September 4, 2012. The President addressed an enthusiastic crowd of mainly college students that included one of Antioch Baptist Church’s very own members. College Senior, Teanna Banks was in the front row during the President’s roar rousing speech. Norfolk State University was President Obama’s last campaign stop before heading to the Democratic National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Teanna was one of hundreds of students who had become active in the political discourse between President Obama and Mitt Romney. But, she was one of only twenty students who were chosen to stand behind the President representing the university’s finest academic scholars. We are proud of you Teanna!

Regardless of which political party that you support, take a stand, get involved, and most importantly, VOTE!

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What Would You Do?

Recently a conversation with another member of Antioch brought about good discussions on the connection between morality and religious beliefs. Morals are your personal principals of right and wrong; basically, your code of conduct influenced or established by societal norms (acceptance) or by your religious beliefs. Sometimes when situations arise, societal norms or acceptance may conflict with religious beliefs. So here is the question, if faced with a conflict between your religious convictions and your social morals, how would you respond to conflicts and dilemmas?

You are at an expensive restaurant with your family having dinner. You are finished with your meal and waiting to receive the bill. Before you get the bill, the smoke alarm goes off and the building has to be evacuated immediately. You are waiting in the parking lot while firefighters extinguish the blaze. You notice that in all of the chaos, many customers are leaving—essentially without paying for their meals. WHAT WOULD YOU DO? Would you leave too, or stay and pay for what you owe? (answer: 3 John 1:11, “Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.”)



“What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.”

Marks 10:9

Mr. Calvin Cropp and the former Ms. Stephanie Banks were united in marriage on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at Culpeper United Methodist Church. Over 300 family members and friends were present to witness ‘what God joined together’.

Mr. and Mrs. Cropp celebrated their nuptials at a beautiful reception held at Salem Fire Hall. They recently returned from a week long honeymoon in Florida.

Let us all continue to be prayerful for this beautiful couple.

Congratulations to the newlyweds on their exquisite wedding ceremony and reception. Moreover, may God continue to bless the union of

Mr. and Mrs.

Calvin and Stephanie Cropp.

Youth Spotlight



Briauna J. McKoy is the sixteen year old daughter of Stephen and Cassandra McKoy. She is an eleventh grade student at Eastern View High School where she is enrolled in advanced placement and honors courses. Her favorite subject is History. She was recently awarded academic honors for being named to the A/B honor roll for the 2011-2012

school year.

Briauna enjoys participating in the Eastern View High School a capella choir and show choir. She is also a member of the Dynamic Force Step Team. Briauna loves to spend time with her family and friends.

Here at Antioch, Briauna is the president of the Youth Ministry and a Junior Usher. She wants everyone to know that "anything is *impossible* if you believe it." So don't believe it.



Senior Spotlight



Emma Richards is a long-time member of Antioch. She is held in high regard in the church family and in the Culpeper Community.

Ms. Richards worked in the community as a member of the Culpeper Town Council. She was revered as a local political figure who represented the community voice. She served in that capacity for several years.

She was also a member of the local chapter of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, NAACP.

Ms. Richards wants you to know that she may be limited due to her health issues but she is still willing to be of help to anyone in need.



Trustees At Work

Our hard working

Trustee Ministry is organizing a much needed seminar for area church affiliates that focuses on Church Finances. These types of seminars have become much needed forums for church leaders because of the federal and state guidelines that restrict non-profit agencies.

The Seminar will be held on November 10, 2012. Church leaders will hear from speakers such as Gwen Faush, who will discuss Church Finances and policies and

regulations surrounding 501c3 agencies.

There will also be extensive information on Trustee Training presented by Linda Anderson. Shauna Brown will give extensive information about grant writing.

Participants will be able to submit questions, concerns, and topics of interest that affect their individual churches.

The Seminar will take place from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. The Price is \$30.00 per church affiliation. The deadline to register for the

seminar is October 30, 2012.

There has already been an outpouring of interest in this informative seminar. Thank you Trustees for recognizing and addressing a need in the churches and the community.

Church Finances Seminar
Saturday, November 10, 2012
8:00 am—2:00 pm
\$30.00 per church affiliate
Registration Deadline: 10-30-12

So You Got Jokes?!

"Isn't it funny how:

- a \$20.00 bill looks so small at the mall but so big in the collection plate.
- We get excited when a football game goes into overtime but we get upset when the sermon is longer than usual.
- Spreading gossip is more common than spreading the Word of God.

- We are rarely late for work but always late for church.
- We believe what we read in newspapers but we question what the Bible says.

...Or wait, maybe all this "isn't so funny" after all."

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"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

Calendar of Events



Saturday, October 20, 2012
Health Fair 8:30 am—2:00 pm



Women's Breakfast

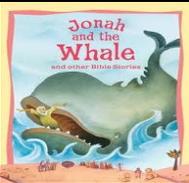
Saturday, October 27, 2012 8:00 am
Women's Ministry
Prayer Breakfast at Country Cookin'



November 5, 2012
Quarterly Official Board Meeting 7pm
November 9, 2012—Quarterly Church Meeting 7 pm
End of the Year Ministry Reports



November 20, 2012 7:00 pm
Thanksgiving Worship Service
Bethel Baptist Church



December 15, 2012—Youth Trip
to "Sight and Sound"
Production of 'Jonah'



December 31, 2012— 7:00 pm
Watch Night Services
At Antioch in fellowship with Bethel Baptist Church



A time for thanks and a time for giving; this is a daily gift that should be used in countless ways.

Let us continually pour out of our hearts to the Lord, exalting him for His goodness and His faithfulness. Thank God for the daily blessings as well as the blessings of the holiday season.

Happy thanksgiving!



During the holiday season, there are so many things that can distract us. Let's not have a distorted view of Christmas.

Let our Christmas be a reflection of its true and pure gift. That true gift, of course, is God's son, Jesus Christ.