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"The Good News"

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The second quarter of this year is guaranteed to keep everyone busy. Traditionally, spring is the busiest time of the year at Antioch. It is also a time when people tend to catch that mysterious malady called “Spring Fever”. This condition is a phenomenon that is described by altering effects in physical and psychological functions caused when seasons change from the cold of winter to the warmth of spring. Some changes can include increased energy (due to the warm days), increase in productivity (due to having more energy), sleeplessness (due to more hours of sunlight), and increase in excitement (due to brighter colors, and warmer days).

Christians are not exempt from catching Spring Fever, so here are

a few things you can do if the fever strikes you:

1. Use some of your high levels of energy by going out of the church walls and spreading the Good News of Jesus. Tell others about the gospel and your personal testimonies;
2. Be productive in your daily schedule by communing more with God. Use this time to reflect upon yourself and seek to find out if you are pleasing God in your words, actions, and personal relationship with Him;
3. Use your sleeplessness to grab your Bible and study to show yourself approved by God. Learn more about Jesus and seek to be more like Him;
4. And, use your excitement to



sew seeds of hope, joy, and faith in lives of believers and unbelievers. Use the excitement that spring brings to show elation about being obedient and pleasing to God. Also use your excitement to pray daily prayers of thanksgiving.

Spring fever is not always a bad thing, especially if you use it to glorify God. Catch the Fever!

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Historical Landmark

Culpeper Remembrance Days

The County of Culpeper has a rich history that will be commemorated on April 19th through April 24th during the annual Culpeper Remembrance Days activities. Some of the activities include free flights sponsored by Young Eagles; a lantern tour of historical haunted

houses; and, an 18th century service at Little Fork Church, one of the oldest churches in Virginia.

Noted as “one of the oldest churches and significant landmarks within the historic district”, Antioch Baptist Church has been included in the list of historical

tours. On April 20, 2013 from 4 pm until 6 pm, Antioch will be open for tours. Come out and experience “Culpeper’s Living History”. For more information, go to the Culpeper Remembrance Days’ Face Book page.

Ministry Highlights



Standing: Alice Smith, Nellie Reaves, Mary Lane, Lewis Smith, Ruth Meney, Arnette Brown, Mary Wise, Sallie Slaughter
Sitting: Susie Haight, Gertrude Glasker, Bernice Moss, Robert Moss, Sr.

The Senior Ministry at Antioch Baptist Church began about three years ago. The main goal of this ministry is to serve the needs of the Seniors in our church family. The Senior Ministry is a very active group that constantly finds ways to keep senior citizens in the forefront of the church and community encouraging empowerment and independence.

Some of their activities have been hosting fellowship opportunities, going apple picking, delivering apples to members, going strawberry picking, visiting members who are sick and shut-in, giving birthday cakes to senior members, transporting members to take care of errands, and coordinating activities for seniors to get information about issues that effect them. They also dedicated themselves to raising money to support our Capital Growth Campaign. More currently they are sponsoring our first noon-day Revival service on Tuesday, April 23, 2013. This service was proposed to offer an option to attend service in the daylight to avoid driving at night and being out too late in the evening.

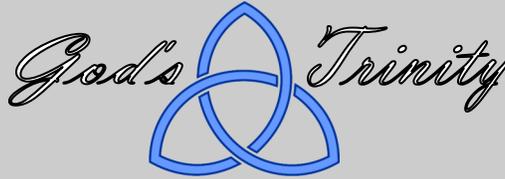
Our Senior Ministry wants every Senior in our church to become or remain actively involved in the total mission of our church. They encourage members who are fifty five years old and older to either get involved or remain involved in the spiritual worship experience and the social fellowship experience with other members. They want to ensure that no Senior is left out or left behind in this endeavor. Members may be retired from

Praise Him with timbrel and dancing. . .

Psalm 150:4 KJV

The term "Trinity", though not a Biblical term, refers to the mystery of God as an individual entity, yet also three distinct beings: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Although different, the uniting of the three solidifies the FACT that there is one God.

Celebrating God in His Oneness is Antioch Baptist's Praise Team, "God's Trinity". Members of God's Trinity may be distinctly individual but they worship on one accord.



Top: Kylee Quinn, Talia Joseph, and Monique Jasper. Bottom: Name Omitted, Jane Drumgoole, and Domonique Stinnie.

Performing liturgical dances is something that they seem to enjoy. According to member, Domonique Stinnie, "dancing makes [her] feel happy." Janae Drumgoole feels that dancing is a way to "show love for God and worship Him through the words of the songs".

God's Trinity practices each Tuesday at 6:00 pm under the direction of Tyechia Lyburn.



Audio and video recordings of the Church Services are available. See Trustee Robert Moss for an order form. This is a great way to keep members who are away at college, sick, or shut-in, connected in worship and with their church family.

Wednesday night Bible Study is now available over a Teleconference Phone Line. Call:(888) 392-4560 Access Code: 4317017 Call in at 7:15 pm

So You Got Jokes?:)

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



I PETER 5:7 GIVE ALL YOUR WORRIES AND CARES TO GOD, FOR HE CARES ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU. FOR THIS TO WORK.. YOU HAVE TO LET GO!

<http://thebackpew.com>

In Acts 3:19-20 (KJV), the Word reads, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you." This scripture focuses on the two R's: Revival and Reformation. These two R's go hand in hand.

Each Spring, churches everywhere hold traditional Spring Revival services. This is a time when we refresh spirits, minds,



and relationships with the Lord.

Revival is when you have an experience with Jesus that awakens something anew in you. Reformation refers to the changes that you make because you experienced a revival. In combination, being revived should cause you to reform your beliefs, attitude, and actions.

This year, our Spring Revival will be held on April 21, 2013 through April 24, 2013. Reverend Domanick Jones, Pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas will be our guest Preacher. Services will start at 7:00 pm nightly. There will be a noon day Revival Service on Tuesday, April 23, 2013. Let's commit to call upon the Spirit to revive us and pray for daily reformation.



Senior Spotlight

The Senior Spotlight for this quarter has an extra special twist. Our Senior Spotlight focuses on Ms. Martha Wright who has been a member of Antioch longer than anyone else. Ms. Wright joined Antioch Baptist Church 75 years ago as a teenager during the time when there was only one baptism per year. She remembers that each year in May, the Church held a

week-long revival. Traditionally, anyone who wanted to join the church would be baptized on the last night of the revival. Ms. Wright's parents were members of Antioch and her father was Deacon for several years.

Martha Wright

Ms. Wright served in several different capacities throughout her long tenure. She was a member of the Youth Choir, the first Chairperson of the Ushers, the First Bulletin Clerk, a Sunday School teacher, the President of Christian Education, and the Church Financial Clerk. She currently attends Sunday School and worship services regularly.

Ms. Wright worked as a Debit Manager at Southern Aid Life Insurance Company (later known as Atlanta Life Insurance Company) from 1953 to 1986. Since retiring, she has continued to be an active member of the Culpeper Community. Ms. Wright is a Charter member for the Piedmont Chapter of the Eastern Stars. She is a past Matron and has been a member since 1972. She is also member of the Household of Ruth of the Grand United Order of the Odd Fellows. In which she is a Past Most Noble Governess. She has been a member of the Household of Ruth since she was 19 years old in the Juvenile Society. Ms. Wright is a Life Member of the NAACP. She has served as a past President and Treasurer of the Culpeper Chapter. Currently, she volunteers with the Culpeper Regional Hospital Auxiliary. Ms. Wright has logged over 4,000 volunteer hours working at the information desk at the hospital.

Antioch relies on the senior members of our church to pass on history, impart wisdom, and offer guidance. Ms. Wright is a vital part of our church family. We are thankful to her for her hard work and dedication in the Church and the community.

Look Who Turned 80



Sanford Reaves, Sr. turned the big 8-0 on March 16, 2013. He celebrated his 80th birthday on March 24, 2013 with a party/cookout surrounded by family and friends. This milestone celebration was a surprise thrown by his children and grandchildren. His wife of fifty seven years, Ruth Reaves was also caught by surprise. Mr. and Mrs. Reaves, enjoyed a day of celebration surrounded by love, prayers, and well wishes. Happy Birthday Mr. Reaves, and many more blessed years to come.



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT



Maya Parson is the daughter of Doronia Beckwith and James Stinnie. She is a senior at Liberty High School in Bealton, Virginia. She will receive her high school diploma on June 9, 2013 at 3:00 pm. She will attend the University of Virginia in the fall. Maya plans to major in Pre-med and then go to medical school to become a Physician..



Charbene Williams is the daughter of Prince and Diamond Williams. She is a senior at Eastern View High School. She is the 2013 Senior Class President, President of the National Honor Society, Drum Major of the Marching Band, and a member of the EVHS Tennis Team. Charbene will graduate on May 31, 2013 at Eastern View High School Cyclone Stadium at 7pm. Currently she is entertaining several college options, however, her first choice is the University of Virginia. She plans to major in Kinesiology, minor in Spanish, and then go to medical school to become a Sports Medicine Physician.



Teanna Banks is the daughter of Paul and Sandy Banks. She is a senior at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia. Teanna will graduate on May 4, 2013 at 9:30 am with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business ~ Concentration in Finance and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. After graduation, Teanna plans to study to get her license as a Certified Public Accountant. Teanna also wants to attend George Mason University to earn a Master's Degree.

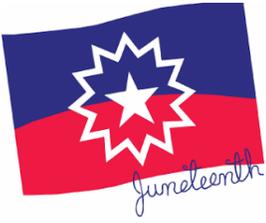


Leonard Richards, Jr. (LJ) is the son of Leonard Richards, Sr. and Carolyn Richards. LJ is a senior at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. His major is History with a concentration in Secondary Education. His focus is Interdisciplinary Social Science and Africana Studies. LJ will received a Bachelor of Arts Degree on May 4, 2013. at 10:00 am After graduation, LJ plans to continue his education by seeking a Master of Arts Degree in Education. Afterwards, he plans to teach high school level History in either Culpeper or Harrisonburg.



Chelsea Smith is the daughter of Denise and William Smith. She is a senior at Allen university in Columbia, South Carolina. Chelsea will graduate college with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music on May 18 2013 at 10:00 am. After graduation, she plans to stay in South Carolina and seek a career teaching music.

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CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is a day that the nation commemorates the ending of slavery. It is also known as African American Emancipation Day and Freedom Day. The history of this event dates back to President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862. The Proclamation declared that all slaves would become free effective January 1, 1863. Two years after the effective date, Texas still had not complied with the order. Historically, Texas was a confederate state that opposed abolishing slavery. The state of Texas was the last state to practice enslavement thus, blatantly defying the Presidential order. President Lincoln sent Union Troops to Galveston, Texas under the leadership of General Gordon Granger, to seize authority over the state until they conceded by freeing all slaves.

General Order No. 3 read, "the people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection theretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

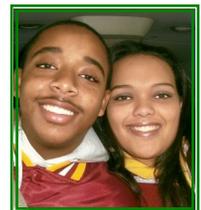
General Gordon and his troops arrived in Texas on June 18, 1865 and he addressed the people of Texas by reading General Order No. 3 on June 19, 1865. The name Juneteenth derived from the combination of those historical dates. The initial purpose of recognizing Juneteenth was of course to commemorate the freeing of the last slaves in the United States, but also to gather families to celebrate freedom by offering support and reassurance for each other. Currently, forty-one states recognize Juneteenth as a holiday. On January 1, 1980, Texas was the first state to declare Juneteenth an official holiday. On a side note, the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation has teamed with other vested organizations to start an on-line petition to make Juneteenth a National Holiday.



Wedding Bells



Doronia Beckwith and James Stinnie announced their upcoming nuptials. James surprised Doronia with a proposal surrounded by family and loved ones. She, of course said, "yes!" and with that, the excitement began. They are planning a wedding next year in June.



On January 5, 2013, Leonard Richards proposed to his longtime girlfriend, Deserae Barney and she said, "yes!". LJ and Deserae are high school sweethearts and have been dating for about five years. They both attend James Madison University. LJ will be graduating in May 2013 while Deserae continues to work toward completing her major in Elementary Education and minor in Spanish. The two have not set a date yet.

April 20, 2013—Women's Ministry Tea at 2:00 pm

*April 21—24, 2013—Revival Services at 7:00 pm nightly
Tuesday, April 23, 2013—Noon Day Service*

*May 6, 2013—Offical Board Meeting at 7:00 pm
May 10, 2013—Quarterly church Meeting at 7:00 pm*

*June 7—9, 2013—Women's Ministry Retreat
Sandy Cove Ministries , Maryland*

June 16, 2013—Christian Education Day

June 17—21, 2013—Vacation Bible School 6:00 pm nightly

July 21, 2013—Youth Day

July 28, 2013—Antioch Baptist Church Anniversary



**Church Website:
antiochculpeper.com**

If you would like information or pictures included in the next newsletter, please see Sister McKoy or Trustee McKoy before June 17, 2013.



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