



Worship Services will be in the ABC Ministry Center Multi-Purpose Room Sunday, July 30th and Sunday, August 6th

Antioch Baptist Church (ABC) Congregation

July 27, 2023

Our God is faithful, and His word is true. As a reminder of His promise to never flood the earth again, God gave us the rainbow which is often preceded by storm clouds and rain. But, by God's grace, the dark clouds make way for clear blue skies; the sun beams brilliantly and a rainbow appears. Perhaps you've experienced the blessings of God's miraculous rainbows in your life and can reflect on the brighter days that followed. Or maybe you are in a storm right now, if you are -- be encouraged, brighter days are ahead. This ABC Communication provides an update for the month of July from the various Antioch Committees. Key items from each committee are covered below.

Provisional Leadership Committee (PLC) Report:

PLC Co-Chairs, Trustee Ron Beasley and Deacon Capers Brown provided the following update. The PLC is working effectively and productively with Pastor Gaines, Reverend Jones and the ABC Committees and Subcommittees on all aspects of church operations and ongoing committee endeavors. Antioch is on track to fill all critical positions in 2023 and to deliver on key initiatives.

- Selection panels for the Minister of Music and Arts, the Director of Finance, and the Part-time Facilities Manager have been formed and are moving forward.
- The Director of Youth and Young Adults, Reverend Daniel Simpkins, will be on board as of August 7, 2023. We anticipate that his great work and prior experience will be valuable assets as he helps to address the needs of our Antioch youth and young adults.
- The Finance & Budget Committee is working diligently to develop our 2024 budget.
- The 2024 Church-wide Priorities are developed and have been advanced to the F&B Committee for budgetary support.
- Worship Services in the Ministry Building during the Sanctuary HVAC installation have gone smoothly and joyously. In addition, the HVAC installation is proceeding without incident and is on schedule to be completed by the first week of August.
- Electronic voting is ready. To provide members with an opportunity to gain familiarity with the tool, the Multimedia Team will provide an *overview of Election Buddy on Sunday, July 30th from 9:45am – 10:30am* in the Ministry Center Classroom 205 A&B.

The Bylaws Committee recently announced that they are on track to complete important Bylaws revisions by December 2023. This will be an amazing accomplishment. We are all familiar with the tremendous work that the Pastor Selector Committee has accomplished. To God be the Glory! What a blessing it is to be on this journey with Antioch. The PLC appreciates your patience, support, and prayers as we continue to move forward.

Pastor Selection Committee (PSC) Report: PSC Chair, Deaconess Tujuana Williams provided the following update. Thank you, Antioch Family, for your incredible engagement in the Antioch Baptist Church Pastor Selection Process. Please continue to remain committed as we bring our final candidate to the ABC campus August 2 - 6, 2023. The five-day schedule will be the same as the prior candidate visits. Please go to the Antioch Website on *Monday, July 31st to download the bio and register for the events with Senior Pastor Candidate C*. You are welcome to attend all of the ministry and member events. The events for the week are as follows:



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- **Bible Study: Wednesday, August 2nd** from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in-person in the Antioch MPR and virtual. No registration required. The link to join Bible Study can be found on the Antioch website under the Senior Candidate Bio and Events highlights.
- **Meet With the Ministries: Friday, August 4th** from 6:00pm – 8:00pm in the Ministry Center MPR (registration requested).
- **For our GEN-C and Youth there will be a Breakfast Meeting: Saturday, August 5th** from 10:00am – 12:00noon. All youth and young adults are encouraged to attend.
- **Congregational Meet & Greet Social: Saturday, August 5th** from 12:30pm - 2:30 pm (registration requested).
- **Worship Services at 8:00am and 10:00am (note new start time for the 2nd service)** in the Ministry Center MPR and **Congregational Meet & Greet on Sunday, August 6th** from 11:30am- 1:00pm.

Effective August 7 - 18, 2023: All ABC members will be able to access each of the Senior Pastor Candidates' Bios, Bible Studies, and Sunday sermons through the Antioch website. This information may assist you in evaluating and ranking the candidates. The ranking form will be on the ABC website. All Pastoral Candidate ranking forms must be submitted electronically via the ABC website by Friday, August 18, 2023. If you wish to submit a hard copy of your ranking form, it can be placed in the brown tithe box on Sunday, August 13, 2023 only.

August 21 - 31, 2023 is the Senior Pastor Selection Voting Window. All voting will be conducted through Election Buddy. Please ensure your email address and contact information is correct in the ABC database prior to the voting window. There will be two in-person voting days: Sunday, August 27, 2023 between the 8:00am and 10:00am worship services and for 30 minutes after the 10:00am worship service and on Thursday, August 24, 2023 for 30 minutes before the Quarterly Business Meeting. Antioch Baptist Church will follow the voting process as outlined in Antioch Baptist Church By-laws Article 1 Section 4. Rights of Members (1) Every member of the church is entitled to vote at all elections and on all questions submitted to the church in conference, provided the member is present or provision has been made for absentee balloting. If you have questions, contact the PSC via email at abc.psc@antioch-church.org.

Bylaws Committee Report: Bylaws Committee Chair, Deacon Desi Crouther, provided the following update. The Bylaws Committee continues to make excellent progress in its effort to revise Antioch's Constitution and Bylaws – our governing documents. The committee hosted a town hall on Wednesday, June 26th focused on the key changes to Bylaws Article I: Church Membership. "Town Halls are a great forum to inform fellow members of our progress and discuss the specific Constitution or Bylaws changes our committee is considering," said Bylaws Committee Chair, Deacon Desi Crouther. "These town halls generate conversations, improve our decision making and will enable the Bylaws Committee to present a better set of revised documents to the congregation. During the month of August, the Bylaws Committee will host three additional town halls; each focusing on specific revisions to the Bylaws Articles."

The dates for *the August series of Virtual Only Town Halls are Monday, August 7th, and Thursday August 17th and 31st at 7:00pm each evening*. The Bylaws Committee invites you to join them for these informative discussions. Online registration is required, please visit Antioch's website.