



# ANTIOCH CONNECTION

## Words of Encouragement from Reverend G



It's been nearly two months and I am tickled by the warmth and the openness of our engagement. I invited you to reach out to me directly and so many of you have taken me up on the offer -- thank you. It is important to me to be able to engage with you directly in prayer and to listen attentively as you share. I hear you! I also hear common themes and clear priorities among you. As I have stated in the past, our

goal is to ensure your needs and concerns are addressed in a timely manner. There are three things, among a handful of others, which are at the top of my list – taking a look at our service times; finding creative ways to engage our Gen C and Singles; and continuing to gain on the momentum we are building. I love where we are going. The caring is there, the energy is there, the love for others is there! We just have to enlist more servants to help us on this gospel journey.

Our prayer theme for the month of March is steadfastness. As I reflected on the prayer themes of last year – from *Unity in the Body of Christ* and *Trusting God* to *Being Grateful* and filled with *Hope* – to this year – *Pressing Onward* and *Persevering...* one thing is certain, we must hold fast and keep going. We must be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord knowing that our labor is not in vain. We can't rest until everyone feels they can serve and feels valued. I invite you to reach out to me directly via email at [jgaines@antioch-church.org](mailto:jgaines@antioch-church.org), or by cell at **571-365-8109** so that we can chat or coordinate a time to meet in person or virtually.

## Antioch Ministry Fair Sunday March 19, 2023

### Mark Your Calendar for the Antioch Ministry Fair

AWANA, Military Care and Share, Modern Maturity, Dance, Children's Sunday School, Ushers, Library ... Peak your interest yet? Check out the Antioch Classifieds on pages 5-7 and stop by the Ministry Fair in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Ministry Center on Sunday March 19th after the 8:00am or 11:00am Services.

Spreading the Gospel, providing opportunities for spiritual growth and delivering excellent member care are top priorities for Antioch ministries. Over the years, we have hosted a wide variety of Christian education classes, outreach initiatives, and member engagement events at our church, within our community and across the globe. As we adjust to our new normal and welcome members back for full participation online and virtually, we need your help. Today, many of our ministries are operating with as little as two, an average of 4 to 5, and a few with a dozen or so volunteers and servant leaders. In order to provide excellent care and meaningful engagement, we need more hands and hearts. A few hours a month could make a tremendous difference in the quality of our care, in our services and our fellowships. *(continued on page 2)*



## Steadfastness

### 1 Corinthians 15:58

<sup>58</sup>Therefore my beloved brothers be steadfast immovable always abounding in the work of the Lord knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

— Psalm 100:1-2

### Pray with Us

Tuesday Morning Prayer from

7:00—7:30am. Dial (945) 218-0090, the access code is 1846260



Churchwide Virtual Prayer Third Wednesday each month at 6:00pm via the ABC website.



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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Antioch commemorated Black History Month during the last two Sundays of February worship services. On February 19th, we honored "Past & Present Role Models". The service began with the congregation and choir joining together to sing the Negro National Anthem "Lift Every Voice". Paying tribute to four prominent figures in the black community, Antioch recognized their achievements, contributions, and sacrifices through song and dance. These figures were poet and activist Amanda Gorman, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, American abolitionist and activist Harriet Tubman, and politician and civil rights activist John Lewis.



In addition, Antioch's own Jim and Jean Jones were recognized and applauded for their strong activism and participation in marches during the civil rights era. Jim and Jean were both arrested for 4 days in Baltimore, MD while students at Morgan State University. They could not go across the street to the Northwood Shopping Center to shop or sit down and eat so they started demonstrations. Today, Morgan State University owns the Northwood Shopping Center which now houses academic classrooms, administrative offices, and commercial establishments. 2015, Jim and Jean were awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Morgan State University.

The February 26th service celebrated the importance of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and the Divine Nine Fraternities and Sororities. Members were encouraged to represent their HBCUs and organizations by wearing their respective paraphernalia or school colors. A short video presentation narrated by professor and historian Henry Louis Gates, Jr. gave a quick yet detailed explanation of the history of HBCUs and why their legacy is so imperative in the black community. As service concluded, many members gathered and reunited with other former alumni and students to share stories and reminisce of their HCBU experiences.

### Mark Your Calendar: Antioch Ministry Fair *con't* from pg. 1

Did you know that many of our ministries have such a strong bond that they are like family? - brothers and sisters in Christ. The fellowship and the relationships created are like treasures too valuable not to take advantage of.

Did you know that all of our children and youth activities require at least two adult servants who have completed the Youth and Child Protection training? Consider this, if we have only two adult tutors and one of the two volunteers is unable to make it, the session will have to be canceled. With the number of gifted and skilled individuals in our congregation, this should never be the case.

Stop by to meet our ministry leaders and learn more about where you can help. Light refreshments served. God has given each of us a gift to be used to His Glory. Where has He called you to serve? Click here to take the [Spiritual Gifts Survey](#) and assess your gifts. You can also find the survey on the Antioch Website under the Other tab.



*Save the Date*

**Mar 19: Antioch Ministry Fair**

**Apr 23: Deadline to submit John Q. Gibbs Scholarship Application**



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## MEMBER RECOGNITION



**Thank You!** Brother Reuben Johnson has announced that he will leave his role as the Director of Finance on May 31, 2023. Reuben has served in various leadership positions over the past thirty years — as one of the original trustees and as treasurer. For the last twenty-two years, he has served as the Director of Finance. Reuben implemented Antioch’s first financial system and has led several key initiatives. Please join us in thanking Brother Johnson for his faithful service to the Antioch Baptist Church Leadership team. Brother Roy Adams will join the staff as the interim Director of Finance until a replacement is hired.

**Congratulations** H-O-W Family! Howard, Owens and Williams (H-O-W) Family as they are affectionately known was recently recognized by South County (SoCo) Magazine. Antioch’s very own, Dr. Beverly J. Howard and Major Stanley C. Owen are being honored and celebrated for their tremendous charitable efforts. The



H-O-W Family believes that love is an action word. During the first two years of COVID, the grandchildren made snack bags every other month for children participating in virtual school. The family also made and distributed over 1,000 masks to groups around the country. They have been recognized by a number of organizations for their outstanding community service.



**Congratulations** Antioch’s very own, Rachel Jenkins on being recognized as New Teacher of the Year at Freedom Woodbridge High School. Rachel is a World Language Teacher (Spanish) providing instruction to ninth and tenth grade students as well as a few upperclassmen. Rachel earned a Bachelor of Arts from Mary Washington University and is currently working on her masters at Old Dominion University. This prestigious award is for new teachers with three years or less experience who are making a significant impact on their students. Rachel was one of eighteen new teachers that met the criteria for nomination. Thank you for pouring into our youth.

### Health is Wealth \$\$ by Deloris Witcher



Exercise is money in your health bank. You make deposits and the return on investment is an increase in your health -- you just have to move. God designed our bodies to function best when active. Did you know that sitting for many hours can be dangerous? There should be a warning from the surgeon general that says, "Sitting all day is bad for your health!". Before starting any exercise regime, please check with your doctor. Start slowly if you have not been exercising regularly.

What is the best exercise? The best exercise is the one you commit to doing consistently with some level of intensity. So, get moving -- walk, run, swim, do aerobics, Pilates, yoga, chair exercises, weight training, or HIIT exercises. Find a YouTube video and grab a friend. Don't forget to drink plenty of water. Keep your body moving.

*<sup>20</sup>for you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies. — 1 Corinthians 6:20*



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## Women's Ministry Offers a Joyful Place to Learn, Grow, and Share in Sisterly Fellowship

Antioch's Women's Ministry is one of the Church's most vibrant and welcoming ministries. Established in 1990 under the direction of Rev. John Q. Gibbs, the ministry is currently led by Sister Sandra Streeter, who applauded the previous leaders—Sister Renee Chambers, Deaconess Margo Adams, Dr. Janice McLaughlin-George, and Sister Marable, all of whom "set a standard of excellence in serving the Lord and the Sisters who faithfully attend Women's Ministry events."



Sister Streeter said the ministry supports Antioch's mission of "'Loving God and Loving Others' and is committed to providing guidance and instruction in biblical principles that promote spiritual growth and intimacy with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

While the ministry is grounded in Proverbs 27:17—"As iron sharpens iron, so one person (sister) sharpens another"—a foundational Scripture that aligns with an annual theme is selected each year. The theme for 2023 is Women of the Bible—God's Purpose, Plan, and Promises; the foundational Scripture is Ephesians 2:10—"We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

This year a special emphasis has been placed on identifying ways to increase participation by youth and young adults. Dawn Thompson co-facilitates a small group discussion for younger participants. We are also extending a personal invitation to all Sisters joining us to bring your daughters, mothers, granddaughters, and friends—all Sisters are welcome!

"Any Sister who desires to be in fellowship with others with the goal of growing in the wisdom and knowledge of God's word and life applications to support you in your daily walk, should join Women's Ministry," says Sister Streeter. "Our Bible Study and Fellowships are integral in the spiritual growth and development of our Sisters. The benefits are godly wisdom, biblical instruction, equipping Sisters for good works, and encouraging them in their faith walk."

The ministry has identified areas of service for Sisters in need, including opportunities to provide donations for domestic violence shelters and food for local food banks. Spring Luncheon at the Country Club of Fairfax will be held on April 22, 2023. The theme is "A Time of Renewal."

Sister Streeter encourages women to take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory to help identify their God-given gifts/talents/abilities and provide direction to the areas where they can serve and give back to the Body of Christ.

"Antioch Women's Ministry brings women together from all walks of life and from across the United States. When we are in each other's presence, we are just Sisters," she said. "The love, joy, and excitement overflows from the moment an event begins to the moment we say goodbye. It is refreshing to be part of and witness how the Sisters come together to worship the Lord through studying, praying, singing, and beautiful acts of kindness towards each other. The Sisters are eager to support others who are in need, help carry their burdens, and rejoice in their joys and victories. I am also deeply grateful for the Women's Ministry Team members who are prayer warriors and willing servants. Women's Ministry is truly a God-inspired Sisterhood!"

Antioch Women's Ministry meets on the first Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm, February through June; and September through December for Bible Study or Fellowships.

For more information, Email Sister Sandra Streeter at 703-209-2966 or [skstreeter23@gmail.com](mailto:skstreeter23@gmail.com).

# ANTIOCH CLASSIFIEDS

## Adult Sunday School

Uses the Explore the Bible curriculum for a deeper biblical and contextual look into scripture for continued spiritual growth. Sunday Morning 9:20-10:30am.

Email: [Cecelia Jones](#),  
[Robbie Mosley](#)

## Sonrise Bible Study

For early risers or for those who desire a weekly Bible Study before work. Explore and experience God's Word. Now Studying the Book of Galatians. Thursday Morning 6:00am online.

Email: [Eric High](#)

## Men's Ministry

Come and learn the true nature of biblical manhood; be made into disciples for Jesus Christ, fostering a community among men; sharing struggles, triumphs and be encouraged. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 8:00-9:30am

Email: [Cedric Mann](#)

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### AWANA

Reaching kids for Christ through fun, scripture-rich experiences that lead them to know, love and serve God. We look forward to working with you to partner with parents and children to discover God's purpose for our lives and to share hope for the future.

Email: [Joy Fulton](#)

## DISCIPLESHIP & TEACHING

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

A churchwide study. Deepen your knowledge of scriptures and engage in discussion. Now studying the Book of Genesis. Wednesday Nights 7:00-8:15pm online. Email [Rev. Bernard Snowden](#)

### Friday Morning Bible Study

Journey with us for an in-depth study of the Book of Isaiah. This extended family of believers welcomes you. Every Friday 9:30-11:00am online. Email [Rochella Marable](#)

### Commitment Counseling

If you are an active member of Antioch, a born-again Christian growing in your walk with Christ and enjoy sharing the gospel one-on-one with individuals seeking to join Antioch or to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior, we would love for you to be a commitment counselor. Training required.

Email: [Rev. Bernard Snowden](#)

### Every Believer Can

A 6-Part video training course to empower Christians to become effective witnesses for Christ among family, friends, neighbors and colleagues. Can be a self study with the student guide and video; or an instructor led class on Sunday's from 9:20-10:20 via zoom. Email [Rev. Michael Coppedge](#)

### Biblical Foundations

An 8-week course on the basics of the faith that every Christian should know. Great for new believers. Spring and fall sessions. Sundays 9:20-10:30am Email: [Rev. Bernard Snowden](#)

### Antioch Bible Institute (ABI)

A three-year (six-semester) program of study comprised of 16-week semesters. Each week students have classes to study the Old Testament, New Testament and Systematic Theology. Graduates receive a Certificate of Biblical Studies. Email:

[Rev. Jim Harden](#)

### Women's Ministry

Join us for a Monthly Bible Study and Fellowships. Currently studying the "Twelve Women Of the Bible--Life-Changing Stories For Women Today" with a focus on God's Purpose, Plan, and Promises. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month 10:00am-12:00pm, Email: [Sandra Streeter](#)

### Children's Sunday School

Our goal is to equip learners to model Christ. We engage in hands on practical forms of study -- evangelism and prayer.. Members can contribute to the fulfillment of the ministry goals by becoming a Teacher, Assistant, Greeter, or Zoom Assistant.. *Sunday, 9:20-10:30 a.m.* Email: [Tiffany Horne](#)

### Library Ministry

We provide positive and uplifting books and materials for Antioch members and families. We support the Summer Reading Program in partnership with VBS and also partner with adult ministries' book clubs and special projects. Email: [Kimber Garland-Holmes](#)

### OASIS Youth Ministry and Encounter (Sunday School)

A place for our youth and teenagers to pray, work together, and journey alongside each other as we experience God's saving grace. A safe place to question and seek knowledge about living as a Christian in today's world in a loving and non-judgmental forum. Build friendships; connect with other youth and live out your faith by serving others and by using our God-given spiritual gifts. All Youth and Teens Welcome. Adult volunteers needed. Sunday 9:20-10:30am Email: [Thad Coleman](#)

### Tutoring

Academic tutoring in Math, English, Science, etc. Adult volunteers provide an immediate impact on students' academic performance, attitude towards learning/ school, self-esteem, confidence, study habits; and college preparation. Student volunteers with mastery in specific subjects can gain volunteer credits. Tuesday 7:00-9:00pm Email: [Ron Middlebrook](#)

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## Feed the Homeless

Join us as we show God's love while serving and delivering meals, clothing, blessing bags and sharing the Gospel to the homeless. 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Email: [Gil McManus g19s65m@gmail.com](mailto:GilMcManusg19s65m@gmail.com)

## Jail & Prison

Minister to those who are incarcerated by providing Bible study and Worship Services at the Fairfax County Adult & Juvenile Detention Centers Compassionate agents of God's love. Email: [Sandra Nelson sannel13@aol.com](mailto:SandraNelsonsannel13@aol.com)

## Ushers

The initial introduction to the worship experience greeting and seating our members and guests. Dedicated to assisting with the orderly conduct of services. All ages welcome. Email: [Willie Horne wmtkjfive@aol.com](mailto:WillieHornewmtkjfive@aol.com)  
[Lolita Clawson lshclawson8@gmail.com](mailto:LolitaClawsonlshclawson8@gmail.com)

## ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*

\*Youth & Child Protection Training Required

### Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday April 8, 2023 children 3 and under (with a parent/guardian) through grade 6 are invited to participate in an egg hunt. We will have fun activities and hear a story about the Resurrection. Email: [candacejhome@gmail.com](mailto:candacejhome@gmail.com)

### Vacation Bible School (VBS)

will be held June 19-23, 2023. Planning for Bible lessons, recreation, arts and crafts. Email [Rev. Bernard Snowden](mailto:Rev.BernardSnowden)

### Hallelujah Harvest/ Trunk or Treat

will be held Fall 2023. Planning underway. Email: [Rev. Bernard Snowden](mailto:Rev.BernardSnowden)

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH

### Elderly Care

Join us to minister to the spiritual and emotional needs of senior citizens and their caregivers in our community and our congregation through a variety of programs, fellowship activities, and visitation. Email: [Cary Threat](mailto:CaryThreat)

### Justice & Empowerment

While remaining prayerful & non-partisan, we inform and connect members with salient community activities and events which include voter registration/ participation in local, state and US. elections. Email: [Kevin Tann](mailto:KevinTann)

### World Vision Global 6K Walk for Water May 20, 2023

When you walk, run, or roll 6K, you will change lives by bringing clean water to those who need it most. Email: [Rochella Marable](mailto:RochellaMarable)

### Christmas Giving Tree

Each year your generous donations provide gifts to individuals and families in our local community. We pray members will be able to choose stars in 2023. To help w/ this effort, Email: [Tiffany Horne](mailto:TiffanyHorne)

### Thanksgiving Basket Project

Sharing God's blessings' providing Thanksgiving baskets to local families. To help with this effort. Email: [pmackey@antioch-church.org](mailto:pmackey@antioch-church.org)

### Missions

Share the gospel through mission trips locally and globally. Email: [Rev. Michael Coppedge](mailto:Rev.MichaelCoppedge)

★ ALL ABC MINISTRIES CAN USE SERVANTS/VOLUNTEERS ★

## MUSIC & ARTS

### Praising Saints

Children's Choir, a dynamic group that loves to praise and worship God through music and fellowship. Our primary purpose is singing to assist our children with learning the Bible and to share the Gospel. For ages 3-9 years. Email: [Tiffany Horne](mailto:TiffanyHorne); [gwendolynking1913@gmail.com](mailto:gwendolynking1913@gmail.com)

### Youth Choir

Presenting music that bridges traditional to contemporary, our goal is to leave you inspired and touched by the evidence of Christ's saving grace. An energetic and fun family. Join us as we fellowship as we honor our Father. For youth ages 10 to 18 years old. Email: [Victoria Parker drfulymade8@gmail.com](mailto:VictoriaParkerdrfulymade8@gmail.com)

### Sanctuary Choir

As participants in the Great Commission, we want to intentionally spread the gospel through music and the arts to reach others for Christ. Join us in presenting the gospel to the congregation and the larger community. Email: [TEasley@antioch-church.org](mailto:TEasley@antioch-church.org)

### Dance

Dedicated to worshipping the Lord through the art of dance and seeking to glorify God in all aspects of our lives. Emphasis is placed on the purpose for dance in the church and its design to minister a message of worship. All ages welcome. Email: [elainebchandler@gmail.com](mailto:elainebchandler@gmail.com)

### Band

Do you play an instrument and want to share your gifts to glorify God. Join us in presenting the gospel to the congregation and the larger community. Email: [TEasley@antioch-church.org](mailto:TEasley@antioch-church.org)

### Men's Chorus

Come sing with us. The Men's Chorus is looking for vocalists to help minister through song.

Email: Lou Neeley  
[lneeley33@gmail.com](mailto:lneeley33@gmail.com)

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## DOVE Ministry

"Determined to Overcome Valley Experiences," is a Bible-based, group-oriented ministry specifically for those who are mourning the loss of their spouse. Virtually 4th Sunday 2:00 pm  
Email: [Deborah Gibbs](mailto:DeborahGibbs@antioch-church.org) or [Carrie Hester](mailto:CarrieHester@antioch-church.org)

## Helps Ministry

Brothers and Sisters in Christ committed to compassionately listen, pray, and refer to appropriate resources for those in need, in a confidential, Godly manner. Email: [Debra Beasley](mailto:DebraBeasley@antioch-church.org)

## Marriage Enrichment

This ministry is designed to strengthen couples' relationships and allow couples to gather for mutual support. 3rd Friday 7:00-9:00pm  
Email: [Rev Melvin Jones](mailto:RevMelvinJones@antioch-church.org) [mjones@antioch-church.org](mailto:mjones@antioch-church.org)

## ESSENTIAL

### Hospitality

With a caring heart and a fruitful spirit, we share the goodness of God by serving others at many of Antioch's events and activities. If you have a warm smile and a steady hand, the Hospitality Ministry can use your help.  
Email:

[Rev Melvin Jones](mailto:RevMelvinJones@antioch-church.org)  
[mjones@antioch-church.org](mailto:mjones@antioch-church.org)

### Parking

If you have the patience of Job, a kind heart, and a willing spirit, the Parking Ministry needs and wants you! Join us as we provide invaluable services for our members - judicious parking, deliberate traffic flow and safely directing member movement across ABC's campus. Email: [Clarence Taylor Jr.](mailto:ClarenceTaylorJr.757hokiect@gmail.com)  
[757hokiect@gmail.com](mailto:757hokiect@gmail.com)

## FAMILY LIFE

### Military Care & Share

Encourage and compassionately serves families through warrior transition assistance combined with Spiritual Care. We help families in their Christian journey by meeting their counseling / transition needs. 2nd Saturday 10:00am Email: [Xavier Streeter](mailto:XavierStreeter@antioch-church.org)

### Generation for Christ (Gen C)

Dedicated to engaging the 18-35 year old young adults at Antioch through service and fellowship. If you are 18-35 looking for a ministry to serve in and fellowship with, please join us. Send email inquiries: [genC@antioch-church.org](mailto:genC@antioch-church.org)

### Modern Maturity Ministry

This ministry promotes good Christian values throughout our Twilight years. We also promote good health, good conversation, joyous moments; a good support system and the ability to be heard in difficult times. 4th Wednesday 12noon  
Email: [James & Jean Jones](mailto:James&JeanJones@antioch-church.org)

### Personal Financial Stewardship

Set Your House In Order. We use the Crown Biblical Financial Study to focus on teaching principles that lead to financial freedom; combining God's wisdom and with practical principals of finance. Visit website regularly for dates & times. Email: [Valerie Purvis](mailto:ValeriePurvis@antioch-church.org)

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY

Adults [click HERE](#)  
Children [click HERE](#)

### John Q. Gibbs Scholarship

To all ABC high school seniors, Antioch would like to recognize your achievements and support your endeavors. Apply for the John Q. Gibbs scholarship, **Deadline is April 23, 2023.** To individuals and organizations who wish to recognize Antioch graduating seniors, please Email [Thad Coleman](mailto:ThadColeman@antioch-church.org) or [pmackey@antioch-church.org](mailto:pmackey@antioch-church.org)

### Security

Dedicated and experienced leaders with a background in security, criminal or civil justice or law enforcement; working knowledge of security systems and industry best practices; skills; loves the Lord and desires to serve His people. Email:

[Rev Melvin Jones](mailto:RevMelvinJones@antioch-church.org)  
[mjones@antioch-church.org](mailto:mjones@antioch-church.org)

## ABC MINISTRIES NEED YOU!

Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Are you using them to help grow God's kingdom and to serve others. Are you willing to serve a few hours a month to help Antioch meet the needs of our congregation and our community? Join us on March 19<sup>th</sup> to see where your skills can be used. Take the spiritual gifts survey to see what your gifts are (click the link above) and pray about where God is leading you to serve at Antioch.

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