



# Antioch Connection



## Words of Encouragement from Reverend G



### Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know

Greetings Antioch family, I am reminded of that old song that says, "it is the sweetest name I know, oh how I love the name Jesus". Somebody ought to say amen.

**Isaiah 9:6 states "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."** For the month of April our churchwide theme is "The Name of Jesus". Consequently, as we prepare to celebrate Easter it is important for each of us to remember the most important name of all times and forever and that name is Jesus Christ. Let's think about the importance of His name for just a few minutes.

You and I know there are some very important names in sports, politics, and even entertainment. However, none of those names come close to the splendor, majesty, and power of the name of Jesus Christ. Allow me to say it in this manner, when we find ourselves in trouble or in a tough spot in life, we do not call on the name of our favorite athlete nor our local politician because we know where our true help comes from; our true help comes from knowing Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior. For we recognize that there is power in His name. For at the name of Jesus, demons tremble, mountains move, the dead come to life; sickness is cured, the blind regain their sight, I could go on, but you get the point — Jesus is the sweetest name I know. Can I get one Amen? If you know that Jesus is the sweetest name you know please copy and paste "Jesus is the Sweetest name I know" in the subject and email it to me at [jgaines@antioch-church.org](mailto:jgaines@antioch-church.org).



## The Names of Jesus



**Jehovah: "I AM that I AM"**

*Exodus 3:13-14*

**Jehovah - Jireh - Provider** *Genesis 22:13-14*

**Jehovah - Nissi - Banner** *Exodus 17:15*

**Jehovah - Shalom - Peace** *Judges 6:24*

**Jehovah - Sabaoth - Angelic Hosts** *Isaiah 6:1-3*

**Jehovah - Maccaddeschem—Sanctifier**

*Exodus 31:13*

**Jehovah - Rohi—Shepherd** *Psalms 23:1*

**Jehovah - Tsidkenu—Righteousness** *Jeremiah 23:6*

**Jehovah - Shammah—Present** *Exodus 48:35*

**Jehovah - Rapha—Healer** *Exodus 15:26*



*Happy  
Resurrection Sunday*

## The Name of Jesus

**Isaiah 9:6**

*Some ask the importance of a name.  
You need only look to the Old  
Testament Names of God for the  
answer. Take a moment to thank  
God for being ...*

### 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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## MINISTRY FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

The 2023 Antioch Ministry Fair buzzed with excitement as over 200 family members passed through the Ministry Center Multi-Purpose Room on Sunday, March 19th after the 8:00am and 11:00am worship services. Forty-seven ABC ministries were represented and ~173 members signed up to participate in Christian education or join a ministry. If you were not able to attend the Ministry Fair but would like more information about a specific ministry, please go to the Antioch website under Ministries and click on Find Out More...



## *Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough*

We often hear the word “fasting” and associate it with a New Year’s resolution or Lent. But what does it really mean and what does it entail? Christians around the world will partake in fasting to obtain spiritual guidance and clarity from God. Many Christians struggle with the need to fast and to understand its importance.

In the introduction to *Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough*, we will learn why the spiritual discipline of fasting is needed today. Below are four of the nine reasons why fasting is important. We hope that when we begin our church fast in the month of June, you will prayerfully consider participating as we ask God to continue to bless Antioch and guide us in the right direction.

- ◆ Believers throughout the world need solutions to many complex problems and threatening situations they are facing.
- ◆ The world in general and the Church in particular are crying out for people of character and integrity—people who have found in Christ the emotional healing and strength to overcome sinful and destructive habits.
- ◆ The media has so captured the national attention that even believers are operating according to principles completely alien to God’s will for their lives.
- ◆ A great many believers have become so entangled in economic and social pursuits that they need to be set free to establish their testimonies and to influence others for Christ.

***Join us on Sunday, April 16, 2023 from 9:20am—10:30am in the Ministry Center for the first of a seven week Christian education series.***





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## MEMBER RECOGNITION

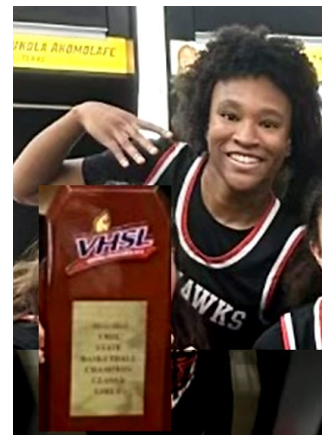


**Thank you!** Virginia Gibbs Carter grew up as a 'PK' in Hume, Va. She is the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Gibbs, Sr. and Edrena Nelson Gibbs. At the age of five, Virginia caught rheumatic fever and the doctor told her parents that she would not live more than two years. However, at the age of nine, she accepted Christ and was baptized at the Providence Baptist Church in Orlean, Virginia. Virginia graduated from William C. Taylor High School in Warrenton, Virginia in 1959. She entered the U.S. Federal Government in September of 1959 working as a Clerk Typist for the US Dept. of Agriculture. After 35 years and 4 months In public service, she retired on January 20, 1995 as a Budget Analyst for the Dept. of Health & Human Services.

Antioch's Founding Pastor, the late Rev. Dr. John Q. Gibbs, asked her to serve as Antioch's Treasurer because he knew her skills as a 'bean counter'. She accepted the call and Virginia Gibbs Carter served faithfully as the first treasurer of the Antioch Baptist Church from January 8, 1989 until June 1996. With a servant's heart, she also hosted Antioch's in-home Sunday School and throughout her membership she serves and participates in Feed the Homeless Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Modern Maturity Ministry, Bible Study, Women's Ministry, and much more! A side note: It was Pastor Gibbs who affectionately nick-named her Vee-ay. Sister Carter is a founding member of Antioch. Thank you for your faithful service.



**Congratulations!** Lillian Perkins and David King. Lillian is a member of the Madison High School varsity basketball team that won the Virginia Girls Class 6 State Championship. Lillian is in the 11th grade and plays guard and forward. This is her first year playing varsity. David is a member of the Hayfield Secondary School basketball team that won the Virginia Boys Class 6 State Championship. They are back to back champions. David is a four year varsity player. In the last three years Hayfield has a record of 75-3. Congratulations again to both State Champions....



## Don't Judge a Book by its Cover... But What About our Food? by Brenda Moore

The Nutrition Facts Label required by the FDA and USDA on most packaged food informs us of nutrients and other ingredients. The calorie count, amount of fat, saturated fat, carbohydrates, sugars, proteins, and salt volume must be displayed; vitamin content, serving size, and daily percentage value are now usually included. You should always consult with your health care provider regarding your intake needs. Each day the average adult requires about 2,000 calories, less than 20 grams of saturated fat, 0 grams of trans-fat, 1,500 milligrams of sodium (2/3 teaspoon of salt), 25 - 36 grams of added sugar (6 to 9 teaspoons), and 28 grams of fiber. It is important to notice the first few ingredients on the label's list because they are present in the largest amount. Try to avoid: trans-fat, partially hydrogenated oils, high fructose corn syrup, artificial sweeteners, nitrate/nitrites, ambiguous terminology...and stuff you cannot pronounce!



*"... Wisdom preserves those who have it." ~ Ecclesiastes 7:12*



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## The Roman's Road to Salvation Leads Antioch's Commitment Counseling Ministry

“When Antioch was started, our founding pastor, Reverend John Gibbs, realized the need for the Commitment Counseling Ministry because we were growing at a very rapid rate”, said Brother James Griffin, co-leader of Antioch’s Commitment Counseling Ministry with Reverend Bernard Snowden. “Pastor Gibbs did not want people confusing membership with salvation and from that premise, the Commitment Counseling Ministry was formed”, said Brother Griffin.



Today, the ministry is more important than ever as Antioch continues rebuilding, sharing the word of God, and ministering to the congregation. With the focus on revitalizing our ministries and membership, more commitment counselors are needed to fulfill our purpose of “Loving God, Loving Others”. Our goal is to help those who respond to the Invitation to Discipleship to confirm their desire to become a follower of Christ or to join Antioch based on Christian experience.

The ministry is led by teachings from **The Roman’s Road**, with verses that explain God’s plan for salvation, why we need salvation, how God provides salvation, how we can receive salvation, and the results of salvation. The Apostle Paul says, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God...whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Anyone who is a born-again Christian and willing to share their testimony on how they came to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior can join the ministry. Ministry servants must be active members of Antioch who attend services regularly, are growing in their walk with Christ and enjoy sharing the Gospel one-on-one with individuals to see others come to a saving knowledge of Christ. Prospective commitment counselors must also attend and complete an evangelism class.

“The Commitment Counseling Ministry is vital to the life of the church because it helps to grow the Kingdom and the local church,” Reverend Snowden said. To learn more about becoming a commitment counselor, contact Brother Griffin at [heygriff@hotmail.com](mailto:heygriff@hotmail.com) or Reverend Snowden at [bsnowden@antioch-church.org](mailto:bsnowden@antioch-church.org).

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<p><b>Everyone Needs Salvation</b> For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. —Romans 3:23</p>	<p><b>Jesus Died for Our Salvation</b> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. —Romans 5:8</p>	<p><b>Salvation is a Gift</b> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Romans 6:23</p>	<p><b>We are Saved By Grace</b> And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.. —Romans 11:6</p>	<p><b>Salvation comes through Faith</b> The one who...trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. —Romans 4:5</p>	<p><b>God Saves All Who Call Upon Him</b> Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. —Romans 10:13</p>



- April 7: Good Friday Service 12:00 Noon
- April 8: Easter Egg Hunt (Toddlers to age 12:00 Noon
- April 9: Easter Service & Communion 8:00am & 11:00am
- April 15: Resume & Essay Writing Workshop 10:00am—12:00 Noon
- April 16: Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough 9:20am—10:30am
- April 22: Women’s Ministry Spring Luncheon 11:00am—1:00pm
- April 23: Deadline to submit John Q. Gibbs Scholarship Application



**Watch for your Circle Fellowship in late April or May 2023**