



Antioch Connection

Words of Encouragement from Reverend G



Again I Say Rejoice

Can I have a few minutes of your time? Like many of you, Lady G and I love the song "Again I Say Rejoice". In a world filled with trials and uncertainties, this song lifts us up and encourages us in our walk with the Lord. Rejoicing is not a temporary emotion; it's a profound expression of our faith and a reflection of our trust in God's promises.

In times of struggle or success, in abundance or need; let our hearts and souls be tuned into praise and thanksgiving; let us find our strength in rejoicing in the Lord, for He is good, and His love endures forever.

The Apostle Paul's words to the Philippians resonate deeply with us: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4). These words are not just a gentle reminder; they are an imperative call to align our hearts with the joy of the Lord, our Savior, and King.

God's love is the ultimate reason for our rejoicing. It's an unending love, a love that never fails, and it's available to each one of us. Let's embrace it with open arms and rejoicing hearts, knowing that in His presence, there is fullness of joy.

No matter what you are going through, remember to focus on the Lord, trust in His promises, and let your heart rejoice in His love. Our Heavenly Father is with us, guiding, protecting, and providing for us every step of the way. Somebody ought to say AMEN.

DAY OF REJOICING!

Antioch's Day of Rejoicing: Be Full of Joy in the Lord!

Antioch, we have been prayerful, faithful and diligent as our beloved church journeyed on a path that has brought us together in worship, love and fellowship, culminating in the church-wide Pastor Selection Process.

Let's take a moment to relax, reflect and rejoice! **Join us on Saturday, September 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a Day of Rejoicing!** Enjoy BBQ, music, a moon bounce and turbo obstacle course for our children, a video game party bus for our youth and young adults, basketball, and a variety of games and activities for our seasoned but young at heart adults.

Come and be full of joy in the Lord!



Rejoice

1 Thessalonians 5:16 -18

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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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AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS



Thank you! Antioch for supporting our Back To School Backpack and School Supply Drive for Woodley Hills Math and Science Focus Elementary School. Your outpouring of generosity provided 170 backpacks and additional school supplies. With heartfelt gratitude, we thank you for sharing your abundant blessings in supporting the students and families of Woodley.



Congratulations! Lear and Carrie Anderson on the dedication of baby Ava Janée. It was a joyous occasion with grandparents, Deacon and Deaconess Capers and Beverly Brown and Desmond and Margaret Anderson beaming with glee as Reverend G reminded all the participants that children are a blessing from God.

Thank you! Deacon and Deaconess James and Valerie Malloy, for all that you have done to faithfully serve Antioch. We pray God’s love continues to surround you on your new journey.

Back to School Keep Your Cool! *By Deloris Witcher*



I observed a young mother yelling at her child, “Didn’t I tell you to shut up.” The tired mom was impatient and annoyed. She did not get the desired response. Instead, the child screamed and cried louder. Yelling can have negative, lasting psychological effects on children. Research shows that children who are constantly yelled at are more likely to have behavioral problems, such as anxiety, depression, and bullying behaviors. Conversely, praise and kind words offered frequently have proven to build confidence, self-esteem, and compliance in kids. As young children return to school and readjust to routines, remember to speak kindly to them even when they get on your last nerve. Try whispering instead of yelling to calm them down and get their attention. Keeping your cool keeps kids cool.

“A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” Proverbs 15:1b



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Antioch's Sunday School and Youth Encounter Welcome Back To Sunday School

Growing up, Sunday School was something we all looked forward to, especially after summer break. We couldn't wait to see our teachers, connect with friends, and learn more about the Lord.

It's that time of year again as Children's Sunday School restarts September 10th after the summer break. Children's Sunday School is one of Antioch's oldest ministries, launching when the church was founded in 1989. Led today by Sister Tiffany Horne and several other faithful servants, Sunday School is thriving as more children return in person to the Ministry Center after three years of online church.

"This ministry is important because you have the opportunity to serve as a role model in the children's and youth's lives," Sister Horne said. "As you get to know and understand the students, you have an opportunity to come alongside their parents in fostering their growth in and toward Christ as you help to set the foundation of their Christian walk."



Sister Tiffany Horne, Reverend Daniel Simpkins, Deacon Gene McCall, and Brother Thad Coleman

The goal of Children's Sunday School is to equip our children and youth—toddlers through 12th grade—to model Christ no matter where they are, Sister Horne added. "We also engage in hands-on evangelism and prayer that encourages them to share their faith as well as continue to grow in their own faith."

Sister Horne welcomes anyone who's interested in joining the ministry as a teacher, assistant, or helper. Parents of Sunday School children are especially welcomed. "A member should join the Children's Sunday School ministry if they have a love for children and one of the following Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism, Shepherding, Leadership, Teaching, Administration, Hospitality.

"You may join us in any of our studies," she said. Sister Horne was led to join the ministry because she enjoys supporting children. "I enjoy serving with the youngest amongst us. I remember the teachers who taught me Sunday School and the impact that they made in my life even until this day. I get great joy when I see the kids around church, they always say "Hi Ms. Tiffany" or when they are baptized. I know that I am helping to set a foundation for them."

The ministry is led by Deuteronomy 6:4-9, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (ESV)



Sister Horne is looking forward to working with Brother Thad Coleman, Leader for Antioch's Youth Encounter, and with Reverend Daniel Simpkins, Antioch's new Director of Youth and Young Adults to deliver new and creative programs for our children. "This is going to be a great year and I am enthusiastic about meeting our students and parents", said Reverend Simpkins. Brother Thad Coleman added, "We are gearing up for a great time with our Youth Encounter students as well." **On Sunday, September 10th, all Christian Education Programs will restart— won't you join us!**



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Antioch's Usher Ministry: A Servant's Heart

The Antioch Baptist Church Usher Ministry is one of Antioch's longest standing ministries. Established in the fall of 1989, under the coordination of Sister Audrey Wheeler, it began with several youth serving the congregation on Sundays and the adults later joined the ministry. Currently, there are 29 adults and 9 youth that serve in the ministry.

Supporting Antioch's Mission of "Loving God and Loving Others", the Usher Ministry provides the initial introduction to the Antioch Baptist Church worship experience by greeting and seating our members, visitors, and friends. The Usher Ministry also supports churchwide special events and funerals. Leaning on Psalm 84:10, "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked".



The Antioch Baptist Church Usher Ministry is an important ministry as they are the gatekeepers and assist with the orderly conduct of our worship services. The Usher Ministry is always open to those interested in joining if they have a servant's heart, a willingness to serve and encourage others, and a pleasant attitude. If you believe you have a heart for serving and that this is your spiritual gift then you are highly encouraged to join this ministry. This is one ministry where just about all ages are welcome. Our ushers have been as young as 6 years old. Ushers under the age of 10 are assigned to an adult team for guidance and support.

If you are interested in joining the Usher Ministry and would like to learn more about it, please don't hesitate to reach out to the ministry leaders, Brother Willie Horne at 703-609-6508 and Sister Lolita Clawson at 703-624-3124.



ANTIOCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Thursday 10:00am—4:00pm

Off on Friday

Main Office: 703-425-0710

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Monday: Remote; Tuesday—Thursday: In Person

OFFICE
HOURS



Save the Dates:

- Sept 2 : Women's Ministry Prayer Fellowship
10:00am—12:00pm Sanctuary & Virtual
- Sept 10: Sunday School/Christian Education
Programs Restart 10:00am
- Sept 12: GenC College Care Package Assembly
7:00pm Ministry Center
- Sept 24: Singles Ministry Courageous Conversation
& Games in MPR after 10:00am Service
- Sept 26: Caring for the Caregivers Zoom Meeting
- Sept 30: Antioch Day of Rejoicing 11:00am—4:00pm
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