



ANTIOCH CONNECTION

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TAYLORED TALK

a message for His people

Children, Youth, and Young Adults Month

What an amazing July we had at Antioch! I'm still rejoicing over our sermon series on *Focused Praise and Worship*. You showed up with your hearts open and your spirits ready. Let's remember, our worship should never be based on feelings, but on the person of God. Even in the "pit," we were created to worship Him!

Now, we turn our hearts and attention to the month of August—Children, Youth, and Young Adult (CYA) Month here at Antioch! God is doing great and mighty things through the young people of our church, and it's a joy to witness. I'm asking each of you to get involved! Rev. Simpkins and his incredible team have crafted meaningful and engaging experiences for our CYA all month long.

Each Sunday, Minister Khanner will lead our young people in worship, and their gifts will be on full display—bringing glory to God while building bonds of fun and fellowship. Our CYA includes *three generations* in this church, and it's up to us to ensure they feel **seen, known, and loved** here at Antioch Fairfax.

We'll end the month with joy and power: Our Family Festival, on August 30th, will be packed with fun and include an open baptism—a first for us! Then, we'll close August *on fire* with our Family Revival on Sunday, August 31st.

Throughout the month, we will demonstrate that **Antioch C.A.R.E.S.** for our community. Brothers, I'm calling on *every man* to meet me at Freedom High School on August 18—19, as we serve at local schools and welcome students back. Let's make a spiritual impact—together. Our CYA need us. Let's show up strong.

Remember, I love you and there's nothing you can do about it!

In Calvary's bond,

Pastor T



2025 FOCUS: FULFILLING OUR PURPOSE!

Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Mark 8:25 ESV

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Join Us For Prayer

Tuesday Morning Prayer: 7:00AM—7:30AM

Dial (945) 218-0090, access code 1846260

ALL Bible Studies, Sunday School, and
C.A.R.E.S. Small Groups will resume in September



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THE POWER OF OUR YOUTH!

At Antioch, our children, youth, and young adults are our superpower!

In a time when the world is in search of hope and healing, our youth are not just our future — they are our present. From the Praising Saints to the S.A.L.T. Choir and our youth ushers to our youngest in the Kindness Korner, all of our children are being equipped, empowered, and encouraged to lead with love and walk boldly in their faith.



Whether it's a kind word spoken in the foyer or a text message to sit together at worship service, even the smallest gesture shows a welcoming spirit to all ages. For youth who may feel overlooked or out of place, that one act of kindness could be the reminder that they are seen, valued, and deeply loved — by God and by their church family. It's the little things that build belonging.

Antioch's youth are involved in dynamic ministries designed not only to engage them but to give them purpose. They're participating in the dance ministry, multimedia ministry, volunteering for our annual Thanksgiving Basket project and the Christmas Giving tree. They are also assisting with Children's Church and Vacation Bible School. Check them out in August as they lead on Collegiate Sunday, Youth Sunday, Children's Sunday, and the combined services at the end of the month. Through their service, they're learning that ministry isn't limited to the pulpit — they can serve wherever they are.

As our young people discover their gifts, grow in faith, and learn to serve as Christ served, they are putting Antioch's mission of "Loving God, Loving Others" into action.

Breathe In and Exhale with Gratitude and Praise!

Antioch's Women's Fall 2025 Retreat will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 3—4, 2025, at Lansdowne Resort in Leesburg, VA. This year's theme is inspired by references from the Gospels where Jesus "set aside" time away to pray and hear from God. Registration is still open for a limited time.

- Standard rate is \$375.00 per person. Registration includes: Three (3) Meals, Snacks, Resort Fee, Gratuity, and one-night stay. Deluxe Double Occupancy and Single Rooms available.



Women's Fall Retreat

Breathe in and Exhale with Gratitude and Praise!

At Lansdowne Resort in Lansdowne, VA



Rev. Dr. Jacquie Hood Martin
Weekend Keynote

Scan the QR Code to Register

www.antioch-church.org

6531 Little Ox Road,
Fairfax Station, VA



Christina "Tella" The Spella
Comedian Friday night



Carla Wiley
Testimony on Saturday PM



The Honorable Phyllis Randall
Greetings on Saturday AM
Chairwoman of the Loudoun County
Board of Supervisors

If you have any questions, please contact Sister Kenya Savage at KSavage@antioch-church.org



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FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE: FAITH AND WORK



Emmanuel Baskerville

Junior, Electrical Engineering major, Hampton University
Antioch member for 10 years

Hello Antioch Family. This summer, I've been blessed with the opportunity to serve as an Electric Distribution Design intern with Dominion Energy in Richmond, VA. As an Electrical Engineering major, this experience has been invaluable. I've been learning the ins and outs of the power utility industry—from both an engineering and business perspective—while expanding my network, developing professionally, and seeing firsthand how God continues to open doors.

While at Antioch, I have been involved in the Gen C Ministry, attended monthly Bible studies, and benefited from spiritual check-ins. This has deepened my love for the Word, encouraged consistent journaling and Bible study plans, and contributed to my spiritual growth. The unwavering support, prayers, and encouragement from our Antioch family has strengthened my faith and kept me grounded in Christ. I've grown closer to God, developed greater discipline in my spiritual walk, and found a true sense of purpose and peace. The College and Gen C Ministries have been such a blessing to my life, and I'm sincerely grateful. I am grateful for the check-ins, mentorship, and Christ-like example of Rev. Simpkins and Sister Trinity Story. They have inspired me to grow as a man of God and pour into others through mentorship and service. That inspiration has led me to take on leadership roles in the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), and the Hampton University Chess Club. As I continue to grow spiritually, I am reminded daily of the importance of staying rooted in Christ.

To my fellow youth and young adults: Pursue your passions boldly, trust in God's timing, and never underestimate the power of faith and hard work. Know that our church is here for you, and so am I. I'm always willing to lend a helping hand, whether you have questions about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), college life, or just need someone to talk to, email me at elbaskerville01@gmail.com. Let's continue to grow together, stay rooted in faith, and press forward. If you are not involved in a ministry at Antioch, I encourage you to consider getting engaged in one of these ministries today.

- ♦ Children, Youth, and Young Adults Ministry: Rev. Daniel Simpkins at DSimpkins@antioch-church.org
- ♦ College Ministry: Sister Debra Beasley at debrabeasley22@gmail.com
- ♦ GenC Ministry: Sister Trinity Story at tlspiano@aol.com

MEMBER RECOGNITION




Congratulations! Sherelle Carper on being elected as the new Director of Voter Registration for the League of Women Voters in the Fairfax Area. Sister Sherelle is a long time member of Antioch, serves in Antioch's Gospel Choir, the Justice Empowerment Ministry, the Assimilation and Connection Team, and the Communications Ministry.

VOTE! On November 4th in the Virginia General Elections. Register or request an absentee ballot by October 24th. Early voting is September 19th—November 1st.

**VIRGINIA
2025
ELECTION
INFORMATION**



**REGISTER TO VOTE
OR CHECK YOUR
REGISTRATION
HERE!**



**LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE FAIRFAX AREA**

**Special
11th Congressional
District
September 9**

EARLY VOTING: JULY 25 - SEPT 6
 Register by **Sept 2**
 Request absentee ballot by **Aug 29**
 More info: fairfaxcounty.gov/elections

**VIRGINIA GENERAL
ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4**

GOVERNOR
 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
 ATTORNEY GENERAL
 ALL DELEGATES TO VA HOUSE
 VIENNA MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL
 CLIFTON MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

EARLY VOTING: SEPT 19-NOV 1
 Register by **Oct 24**
 Request absentee ballot by **Oct 24**
 More info: VOTE411.org



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JULY HIGHLIGHTS



Antioch's 2025 Vacation Bible School was a meaningful and joy-filled week for all ages. This year's theme was "Magnified!", focusing on Psalm 34:3 ESV, "Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Each of the evenings began with dinner, creating a space for families to fellowship together before transitioning into Praise & Worship and powerful preaching sessions for the adults. Meanwhile, children engaged in music, arts & crafts, and age-appropriate classes that nurtured their faith, creativity, and exemplified how God can "magnify" the smallest of things and use them for His glory. A special highlight was the children and youth service project, where they prepared t-shirts and socks to be donated to The Lamb Center—demonstrating the love of Christ in action. We asked one of our students, MacKenzie B., what she learned at VBS and her response was, "I learned that I must have "faith over fear." The week wrapped up with a fun and memorable trip to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA.



A heartfelt THANK YOU to all the dedicated teachers, volunteers, hospitality team, security, and chaperones who made VBS 2025 a tremendous success.



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Antioch On Campus at George Mason University's Summer Orientation. Pastor Taylor and the Antioch On Campus (AOC) Ministry had a wonderful opportunity to engage with students and parents during the GMU Summer Orientation on July 17th. The team is working to strengthen our relationship with the Campus Ministry Association (CMA) and to build relationships with students, parents, and advisors.



Now more than ever, churches across the globe must focus on young adults. At Antioch, we are being intentional about providing our children, youth, and young adults with a safe environment to develop meaningful connections, fellowship, ask questions, and hear biblical truth. Therefore, on behalf of our church family, we have extended a warm invitation to the GMU students to attend our weekly worship services, Christian Education classes, and our "All In" Family Festival on August 30th. Let's show these young adults that Antioch C.A.R.E.S.

We are excited to share that Antioch On Campus Ministry will also host a "Welcome Back Social" for the students on September 2nd on the GMU Campus. This event will be an excellent opportunity for the GMU students to come together, make connections, and kick off the new academic year. In addition, AOC will host a Worship Service on Campus in mid-October for the students.



The Parts of Medicare



Care and Medicare... by Deloris Witcher

"My people perish for lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6a

Medicare is health insurance for individuals aged 65 and older, as well as some with disabilities. There are critical deadlines for applying for Medicare to avoid being responsible for your healthcare bills. Sign up during the 7-month enrollment period that starts 3 months before your 65th birthday and ends 3 months after. Medicare Part A covers hospital and rehabilitation services. If you or your spouse are still working and have employer-provided health insurance, you can delay enrolling in Medicare Part B, which covers doctors, visits, tests, and outpatient services, and Part D, which covers medication. Educate yourself before signing up for Medicare Advantage Plans, which usually include Parts A, B, and D, versus traditional Medicare. Advantage Plans can seem attractive, but they do not give you control of your healthcare. Finally, explore supplement or Medigap plans that cover costs Medicare doesn't pay for, such as Part A hospital deductibles and Part B's 20 percent coinsurance.



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2025 "ALL IN" FAMILY FESTIVAL

We can't wait until Saturday, August 30th when we hold our 2025 "All In" Family Festival from 11a.m. to 4p.m. on the Ministry Center grounds. There will be family-friendly activities, games, and entertainment, including karaoke, chess, Connect 4, bingo, dominos, basketball, a DJ, line dancing, great food, and so much more. We will hold our first ever Greek Step Competition for GMU Greek Letter Organizations. We will also have a special open baptism ceremony in our prayer garden, opportunities for prayer, and delicious food and treats.

This year, we have invited our community and business partners, government officials, fellow church leaders, and their youth. This event will help us to strengthen relationships and share more about Antioch's mission of "Loving God, Loving Others" and our C.A.R.E.S. values. We are fervently working to spread the Word of God, transform lives, and demonstrate God's love through acts of service locally, nationally, and globally. Go to the Antioch website or scan the QR code today to register and order your Antioch Swag. Registration is \$10.00 per person up to a max of \$40.00 for family of 4+. Registration deadline is August 15th.



Register for the Family Festival and Order Your Antioch Swag Today!



MEMBERS!!!
Order your Antioch Swag **by August 8th** to receive it in time for the Family Festival — especially youth selections.

FAITH. FAMILY. COMMUNITY. FUN!

LIFE AT THIS STAGE *by Negleatha Johnson* *The Challenge of Change*

Many of us plan that final trip in August just before locking our eyes with the fall season. Parents of that rising college freshman are grappling with what it will mean to have one less child in the house—or maybe there will be no more children in the house at all this time, causing the departure of your new college freshman to leave an echo in your heart and home.

Some call it the empty nest. When our only child left for college, it felt like a four-year funeral. I missed her terribly and wasn't prepared for this new chapter. I didn't realize until years later that what I was feeling was grief. The only chapter of parenting that I'd known came to an end when we said our goodbyes on the steps of her dorm at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Now with the advantage of hindsight, I realize that a therapist, a planned getaway, and a look toward a hopeful future were all needful. I didn't know all of this then, but what I did know was that God had promised to see us and our daughter through—and He kept His Word.

Ask the Savior to help you; comfort, strengthen and keep you. He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through.
(Chorus: Yield Not to Temptation)





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ANTIOCH FFX CAREER FAIR

Join us at the Antioch FFX Career Fair, where top employers are looking for talented candidates to fill exciting opportunities. There will be career workshops, resume reviews, and mock interview sessions with professional recruiters.

TIME 10 AM – 2 PM **SATURDAY** Sep 6, 2025

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Top employers and respected industry leaders will be looking for talented candidates to fill exciting roles. Come take advantage of career workshops, resume reviews, and mock interview sessions with professional recruiters. We're inviting high-potential candidates — former career federal employees, recent college graduates, early-career professionals, and experienced individuals actively seeking new opportunities to connect with forward-thinking companies.

Job Seekers: Exploring new career opportunities? We invite you to register and upload your resume [HERE](#).

Hiring Companies: If your organization is currently recruiting, we'd love to showcase your job openings at our upcoming Career Fair. Please share the following link with your hiring manager or recruitment team **Company/Employer Submission Link:** [HERE](#)

Or contact us directly at abc-hr@antioch-church.org or 703.594.9169. We'll reach out to provide more details and coordinate participation.

Children, Youth, and Young Adults: News You Can Use

This month is Children, Youth, and Collegiate Emphasis Month here at Antioch! We are excited and thrilled to celebrate the unique gifts, talents, and voices of every child, youth, and college student in our church family.

Our young people are working incredibly hard as they prepare to lead and participate in all aspects of our worship services. Each Sunday will highlight a different group — and everyone is invited to join in the celebration by dressing for the theme of the day! Mark your calendars:

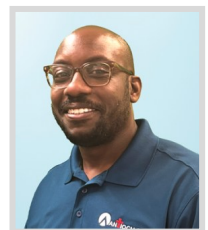


August 3rd - Collegiate Sunday: Rep your favorite college or university shirt

August 10th - Youth Sunday: Rep your school spirit and wear your school shirt

August 17th - Children's Sunday: Rep your favorite superhero, princess, Disney, animated, or Christian theme shirt

August 24th - Children & Youth Sunday: Rep your favorite sports team



Rev. Daniel Simpkins

Also, be sure to join us for our **Family Movie Night on Friday, August 22nd from 7PM - 11PM**. Bring a chair, pillow, and blanket as we cozy up under the stars and enjoy a night of fun, fellowship and a faith based film.



Hosted by
Dr. Christie Murray
National Speaker, Author



Virtual Youth and Career Excellence Summit

August 16th 10AM —3PM & Aug 17th 3PM—6PM

High School Scholars, College Scholars, and Parents Welcome!

Educational Excellence, Inc. (EEI) in partnership with Antioch Children, Youth, and Young Adult Ministry

Register at:

<https://bit.ly/2025ycces>



Scholarships
AWARDED!!!

Career & workforce readiness
College administration process
Financial aid & scholarships
Essays & letters of recommendation
Advocacy & civic responsibility
Self-care & wellness

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2025 Summer Reading Program: #PUSH [Pray Until Something Happens]



"And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart." *Luke 18:1 ESV*
Commit to reading this year as a part of Antioch's 2025 Summer Reading Program. The Library Ministry encourages children to read these and other enriching Christian books.

Grade/Group	Title
PreK - 2nd	<i>How can I pray?</i> by Steph Williams or <i>Millie and the Praying Bear</i> by Lydia Asri-Brech
3rd —5th	<i>What Happens when I talk to God</i> by Stormie Omartian or <i>Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer</i> by Laura Wifler
6th – 8th	<i>How to Pray: A Guide for Young Explorers</i> by Gemma Hunt and Pete Greig
9th – 12th	<i>The Power of a Praying Teen</i> by Stormie Omartian

Please contact Deacon Kimber Garland-Holmes, Antioch Library Ministry Team Lead, at kimberg703@yahoo.com or 937-672-9477 with questions.

Unlock the door to possibility with *Into the Magic Shop* by Dr. James R. Doty

Antioch's adult community book selection for the summer isn't just another memoir—it's a powerful journey through neuroscience, mindfulness, and the magic of the human heart. Join us on Thursday, September 4, for a reception at 6:00 p.m. and a book discussion from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center Multi-Purpose Room. See you there!



5TH SUNDAY FIRE FAMILY REVIVAL



Pastor Shawn Williams
Mt. Caramel Missionary
Baptist Church, Miami, FL

You don't want to miss our 5th Sunday Fire Family Revival featuring two dynamic Pastors. Join us on August 31st at 8:00AM with Pastor Shawn Williams and 10:30AM with Pastor Gary Williams as we close out our Youth Emphasis Month on fire for the Lord!

Kim Gordon, Guest Psalmist



Pastor Gary L. Williams, Sr.
Hopewell Church
Jacksonville, FL

SAVE THE DATES

Aug 3	Collegiate Sunday (Wear favorite College Merch)	Aug 26	Feed the Homeless 4:30 Prep/Delivery and Distributions
Aug 10	Youth Sunday (Wear favorite School Shirt)	Aug 28	Quarterly Business Meeting (QBM)
Aug 10	Back To School Pizza & Prayer 12PM MPR	Aug 30	Family Festival 11AM—4PM REGISTER NOW — 8/15; Order your Family Festival T-Shirt ASAP!
Aug 16	Youth Career & College Excellence Summit	Aug 31	5th Sunday Revival 8AM & 10:30AM Worship Services
Aug 17	8/16 10AM—3PM; 8/17 3PM—6PM Register ABC Website	Sep 4	Into The Magic Shop Book Discussion 6PM Reception/ 7PM Book Discussion (MPR)
Aug 17	Children's Sunday (Wear favorite character)	Sep 6	Antioch FFX Career Fair 10AM-2PM MPR
Aug 22	Movie Night Under The Stars (Outside Ministry Center—Bring chairs & blankets)	Oct 3-4	Women's Fall Conference Landsdowne Resort (Registration is Open now)
Aug 23	Iron Sharpeners Leaders Summit		
Aug 24	Children & Youth (Wear favorite sports team)		
Aug 24	Taylor'd Talk 12:30 MPR		