



ANTIOCH CONNECTION

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a message for His people

Focus On Family

August was truly a fantastic month at Antioch as we celebrated our Children, Youth, and Young Adults. Through song, liturgical dance, scripture sharing, worship leading, ushering, and visual arts, the future of Antioch stood tall and bright. We were blessed to welcome our new S.A.L.T. and Praising Saints Choir Director, Minister Khanner Hancock, who prepared our youth with excellence for their Sundays of service. Parents, thank you for your sacrifices of time and support—your investment in your children's spiritual growth is evident. I also extend gratitude to Rev. Daniel Simpkins and his team of servant leaders for their dedication in organizing such a meaningful month.

August was filled with memorable moments, including our Family Festival, which reminded the community that Antioch C.A.R.E.S. We also experienced a historic first: an open Baptism in our beautiful Prayer Garden. What a Spirit-filled time it was! Special thanks to Sis. Candace Chambers, Sis. Cathy Dubose, and the remarkable 100+ volunteers who carried out this tremendous task with love and excellence.

Our 5th Sunday Fire Family Revival ignited our spirits with powerful praise and worship and inspiring messages by our two revivalists, Pastor Gary Williams and Pastor Shawn Williams. As we turn the page to September, we will shift our focus to the entire family. Our clergy will preach with an emphasis on family, while Sunday School, C.A.R.E.S. Small Groups, and Bible Study will resume. To stay aligned with our purpose, we must continue to build our faith by hearing, reading, and studying God's Word.

August also extended beyond Fairfax Station. Antioch's C.A.R.E.S. values were demonstrated in Kingston, Jamaica, through Vacation Bible School and Revival. We thank Rev. Michael Coppedge and the missionaries who carried God's Word abroad. Shout out to the Antioch men who showed up at Freedom H.S. on the first day of school to welcome back the students. It was a noteworthy event! Lastly, please keep in prayer the group preparing to travel to Greece to "Walk in the Footsteps of Paul."

Remember, I love you, and there is absolutely nothing you can do about it!

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

Sunday School and C.A.R.E.S. Small Groups | 9:30am—10:15am Resume Sept 14th

Wednesday 12Noon and Family Bible Study | 7:00pm Resume Sept 24th

Thursday SonRise Bible Study | 6am Resumes Sept 18th and Friday Morning Bible Study | 9:30am Resumes Sept 5th



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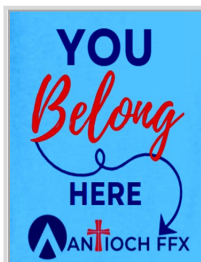
SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES from 9:30 AM–10:15 AM

Sunday School and C.A.R.E.S. Groups – Fall 2025

Welcome back! We hope your summer break was relaxing and rejuvenating! Pastor Taylor, Rev. Melvin Jones and our other leaders are pleased to offer a line up of Christian education classes that will surely uplift your spirit and enhance your walk with the Lord.

Adult Sunday School Classes: Study the book of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude. Participants will learn how to live in the difficult circumstances of a sinful world. Facilitators: Min. Kevin Tann & Sis. Cecilia Jones

Biblical Foundations: A study of 20 basics of the Christian faith. This class is ideal for every Christian who wants a solid foundation for understanding the most basic and essential teachings of the Bible. Facilitators: Rev. Keith Phillips & Bro. Dimitri Perkins



7 Basics of Belonging

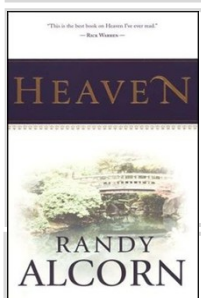
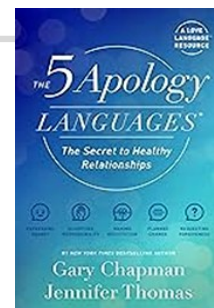
Embrace the seven basics of belonging and serving God more through the church. You need your church, and your church needs you. The church is not a destination point for crowds. The church is a vehicle designed by God to reach the neighborhoods and the nations. Welcome to your church. God is here. You belong here.

Facilitators: Pastor Kevin Taylor and Min. Dee Jones

The Five Languages of Apology: The Secret to Healthy Relationships

by Gary Chapman and Jennifer Thomas

Even in the best of relationships, we mess up. We say and do things we deeply regret later on. So we need to make things right. But just saying you're sorry isn't enough. That's only the first step on the road to restoration. Don't let hurts linger or wounds fester. Start on the path to healing today and discover how meaningful apologies can make your friendships, family, and marriage stronger than ever before. Facilitators: Deacons Capers and Beverly Brown

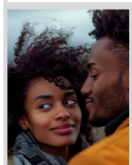


Book Study on Heaven by Randy Alcorn

In the most comprehensive and definitive book on Heaven to date, Randy invites you to picture Heaven the way scripture describes it—a bright, vibrant, and physical New Earth, free from sin, suffering, and death, and brimming with Christ's presence, wondrous natural beauty, and the richness of human culture as God intended it. Facilitator: Bro. Lawrence Lee

Financial Management: Crown Ministries Study

Learn practical financial principles and what scripture teaches about managing all of our possessions—not just money. Key scripture verses will be memorized each week, and participants will learn a biblical approach to creating a spending plan, establishing a debt reduction plan, and managing their resources through practical exercises and accountability. And more! Facilitator: Sis. Valerie Purvis



Engaged/Pre-engaged: Are you engaged, pre-engaged, or thinking about marriage? This topical-based small group will discuss various topics related to marriage.

Facilitators: Deacons Anthony Reid and Kim Fuller-Reid

Holy Spirit Part 3

Deepen your knowledge of the Holy Spirit and His role in your life.

Facilitator: Rev. Jim Harden



Singles: Join fellow singles in a study germane to singles. Facilitator: Sis. Kiah Spinks



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SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES from 9:30 AM–10:15 AM

Sunday School and Children's Church – Fall 2025



Explore the Bible book-by-book. Children's Sunday School and Youth Encounter, starting September 14th at 9:30AM–10:15 AM. Facilitator: Tiffany Horne



Kingdom Kidz reaches kids for Christ through fun, scripture-rich experiences that lead them to know, love, and serve Him. Kingdom Kids and Encounter Experience start September 11th. Dinner and homework start at 5:30PM and classes begin at 7:00PM. Facilitator: Tiffany Horne



Children's Church We're excited for the return of Children's Church, which will be held every 1st and 3rd Sunday starting September 7th. Facilitator: Rev. Daniel Simpkins

Family Bible Study resumes, Wednesday September 24th

Journey with Pastor Taylor as we study verse by verse through a book of the Bible. Deepen your knowledge of the scriptures and engage in discussion. This is a churchwide family Bible Study which starts at 7:00pm. There is a nutritious dinner for all from 5:30 pm–6:30 pm with a study hall for children and youth to complete their homework prior to Bible Study. Children and Youth have unique Bible Study lessons for their age groups while adults partake in Bible Study to feed and encourage their souls. This Bible Study is streamed via the Antioch website, YouTube, and Facebook.



There is also an In-person Bible Study for adults at 12 Noon on Wednesdays for those who enjoy the in-person experience but can't make the evening gathering.

**Join Pastor Taylor as he brings the Word on Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 7:00PM
at the Star of Bethlehem Revival, Rev. Dr. Henry P. During, Jr.
19068 Bethlehem Church Rd. Triangle, VA 22172**



LIFE AT THIS STAGE by Negleatha Johnson We Are Family!



MOST of us remember the family reunion anthem from the late 70's entitled "We are Family" by Sister Sledge. It was the kind of song that made you want to get together with loved ones for good food, fellowship, and even spilling a few drops of "tea." (*Peppermint tea that is!!*) The rhythm of this song was just right for testing some of the latest moves after the meal.

You don't have to know the song to understand the true meaning of family. The beauty of family is that it can extend *beyond* our blood relatives. With three older sisters, I am also blessed to be loved by those whose DNA I *don't* share, yet WE ARE (STILL) FAMILY! The value that our Antioch church family has added to my life cannot be measured.

The Bible speaks to the importance of family. God mandates in I Timothy 5:8 that we look after our family and calls those who don't an infidel. That's serious! Let's use this month to make an even greater effort to check on, pray for, and be a blessing to our immediate and extended family—blood relatives and those friends who became family over the years.

Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above
(Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* by John Fawcett)



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ANTIOCH: FOCUS ON FAMILY!

September is Family Month at Antioch, which makes it an ideal time to reflect on the life-giving ways that families and churches are alike. No family or church is perfect, but both are meant to be communities where people support each other, share values, and feel like they belong.

Typically, each person in the family has a role to play. Parents or guardians offer guidance and structure. Children bring boundless energy and wide-eyed curiosity as they grow and discover the world. Grandparents, the keepers of family traditions, supply a steady presence and quiet wisdom. Siblings assist and challenge each other. All help create a dynamic that makes a strong family.

People in churches have similar roles. Pastors, like parents, provide spiritual direction, encouragement, and comfort. Ministry leaders and church members serve and support each other, much like children and siblings might in a family. Meanwhile, deacons carry the practical insights and calming influence of grandparents as they create spaces of trust and care that minister to us all.

As we lift up families this month, let's keep in mind that families thrive when they have open communication, mutual respect, and the freedom to grow. In healthy families, parents listen as much as they teach, children feel safe to express themselves, and conflicts are handled with love.

These same dynamics are also at work at Antioch. We hold space for honest conversations, like the ones that occur during our Quarterly Tailored Talks. We celebrate gifts from all generations, and we uplift each other in times of joy and struggle. Antioch also respects each person's Christian walk as God continues to grow our six-generation church.

When we see our congregation as family, it's easier to extend patience and forgiveness to each other. It's also easier to stand together. Think of siblings who tease one another but quickly unite if someone from outside tries to do the same. That kind of protective loyalty is just how family works, including a church family.

Ultimately, families and churches are built on love, fueled by trust, and strengthened by a willingness to grow together. Let's be intentional about nurturing the spirit of family in all we do.

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. Hebrews 9:4 states, "There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God". This passages speaks directly to our need to rest and rejuvenate our spirits.



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 "Ella The Spella The Story Teller" Wilson
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

Registration is closed.
We are looking forward to seeing our registered participants in October.
Sister Kenya Savage
at KSavage@antioch-church.org



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Chase Beasley

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Brother Chase S. Beasley on a successful 2024-2025 school year as a School Counselor at Colgan High School in Prince William County Public Schools. Chase transferred to Colgan last year, and has made a significant impact in the school community.

Chase was selected by his peers/school staff as the 2024-2025 New Staff Member of the Year. Chase was also voted 2nd place by the senior class amongst 200+ staff members for the Class of 2025 Commencement Graduation Speaker. Although it was a close race, Chase was both honored and humbled by this nomination from his students in his first year at Colgan.

Chase is guided by 1 Peter 5:7 and Matthew 19:26 in his daily walk. He credits the childhood lessons at Antioch for his steady prayer life. He consistently prays for the school community in his quiet time before and after school hours. With these honors and incredible accolades, Chase continues to give God the praise and glory for his professional journey. Chase asks that we keep the Colgan HS students in our prayers for the upcoming year.



Toni Townes-Whitley



We celebrate Sis. Toni Townes-Whitley, daughter of Deacon James McCall and the late Deacon Yvonne McCall, on her induction as an honorary member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. during its 57th Convention in Washington, DC. A legacy of her mother's lifetime membership, Sis. Townes-Whitley is lauded as one of the top women in technology and serves as CEO of SAIC in Virginia.

In prior years, Toni actively served in various Antioch ministries including the Children and Youth Ministries, Women's Ministry, and Bible Studies.

Toni honors God first in all that she does and believes that with Christ all things are possible.

This year's honorary members include: [L to R] Sis. Toni Townes-Whitley, Donna Brazile, Fawn Weaver, Janice Bryant Howroyd, Danielle Broks, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, and Swintayla "Swin" Cash.



Wait, What about Weights?... by Deloris Witcher

"Physical exercise profits little." 1 Timothy 4:8a

Some of us, if truth be told, are overdue for a little "profit" in the physical exercise realm. A little exercise, especially with weights, can be profitable. Weight training, especially with light weights, offers numerous health benefits, including improved muscle strength, balance, coordination, stronger bones, joint flexibility, injury prevention, and better sleep quality. Weightlifting also offers significant benefits for people with Type 2 diabetes by improving insulin sensitivity, increasing glucose uptake into muscles, and reducing overall fat mass. It can lead to better blood sugar control, improved metabolism, and a decreased risk of heart disease. Beginners should start slowly with proper technique, aiming for 8-15 repetitions of 1-3 sets, and gradually increase intensity. The American College of Sports Medicine recommends two 15-30-minute strength training sessions per week, combined with 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic exercise, with medical consultation advised before starting.

Don't wait to lift weights. **Register for 10 professional group personal training sessions starting Monday, October 27, 2025**, with the QR code. Sessions are \$10 each and space is limited.





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AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

BRING IT ON! Each Sunday in August, our Children, Youth, and Young Adults blessed us; greeting us with a warm welcome, songs of praise, dance movements, and scriptures. They also listened attentively to testimonies as other generations imparted wisdom during the Back to School Pizza and Prayer event.



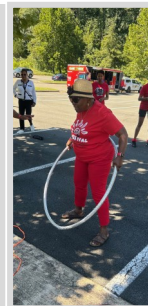
Freedom High School: Antioch men warmly greeted returning Freedom High School students on August 18th. Antioch's own, Sister Angela Jenkins and Sister Rachel Jenkins, were joined by Principal Chevelli Smith to encourage and welcome the students for the new school year.



Family Movie Night: Families gathered around the big screen to watch *The Forge*. A must see, if you haven't.



2025 "All In" Family Festival: In our first-ever Open Baptism, Pastor Taylor was accompanied by Rev. Rochella Marable and Min. Negleatha Johnson in a touching ceremony with two baptism candidates and several witnesses for this special occasion in the Antioch Prayer Garden.





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The 2025 'All In' Family Festival concluded with an Antioch Family photo. More than 450 members, guests, and community partners joined in faith, fun, and fellowship. This annual event is sure to be a family favorite.



Jamaica Vacation Bible School and Revival: Nine Antioch servant leaders journeyed to Kingston, Jamaica, July 25 —August 2nd to spread the Gospel during Vacation Bible School at 3 different churches. The leaders conducted Bible Study for approximately 175 kids over a 5-day period. Under the leadership of Rev. Michael Coppedge, Antioch is continuing to make an impact globally. Mark your calendars for our local SERVE Day—





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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



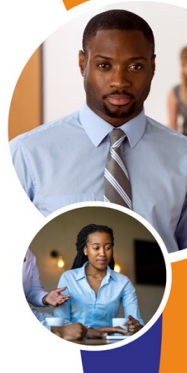
SATURDAY
Sep 6, 2025



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REGISTRATION is open thru September 3rd!

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

Reflecting on the month of August and all the exciting activities that took place during our Children, Youth, and Young Adult Emphasis Month, we are grateful for the immense and incredible talent, energy, and spirit our young people brought forth. We were truly blessed by their gifts, and we thank every child, youth, and young adult who participated, as well as the parents who supported and encouraged them behind the scenes.

A heartfelt and special shout out goes to Sis. Tiffany Horne for her unwavering dedication and service—thank you for all you do. We also appreciate everyone who showed up to support our Back to School Partners & Prayers event and the college students during their lunch fellowship.

We're excited for the return of Children's Church, **which will be held every 1st and 3rd Sundays starting September 7th, and Sunday School, which resumes September 14th.** We can't wait to welcome all the kids back. We pray everyone had a great summer and that the new school year is off to a wonderful start.



Rev. Daniel
Simpkins

GET YOUR ANTIOCH SWAG!



This timeless
selection can be
worn each year for
our Family Festival.

MEMBERS:
Get your Antioch
Swag today!

FAITH. FAMILY. COMMUNITY. FUN!

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ANTIOCH'S KINDNESS KORNER NEEDS YOU!



At Kindness Korner, we believe the command to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6a KJV) is a divine calling. We invite you to prayerfully consider serving in our Nursery Ministry during the 10:30am worship services. We are dedicated to caring for children ages birth to 4 years old, providing a safe and nurturing environment where they can begin to experience the love of Jesus. For more information, contact Ain Johnson, Kindness Korner Servant Leader at littleones@antioch-church.org.

WORTHY REMINDERS

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Overcoming Stress After Trauma

Speaker: Natacha Moten

Sunday, Sept 21st 2:00PM

Virtual <https://antioch-church.org/ministry-events>



All are welcome!

Living from an eternal perspective

- Knowing who you are – You were made in God's image
- Managing your emotions from a spiritual perspective
- Making choices and behaving with consistency



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

Join us for this powerful journey through neuroscience, mindfulness, and the magic of the human heart 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!

**VIRGINIA
2025
ELECTION
INFORMATION**



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



vote.elections.virginia.gov

**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

SAVE THE DATES

Sep 4	Into The Magic Shop Book Discussion 6PM Reception/ 7PM Book Discussion (MPR)	Sep 18	Modern Maturity Ministry
Sep 5	Friday Morning Bible Study Resumes (Virtual)	Sep 18	Thursday Morning Bible Study 6AM
Sep 6	Antioch FFX Career Fair 10AM-2PM MPR	Sep 20 -30	Greece/ Turkey Study Tour: Footsteps of Paul
Sep 7	Children's Church Ministry Center	Sep 21	Children's Church Ministry Center
Sep 14	National Back to Church Sunday	Sep 24	12 Noon Bible Study (In Person Only) Family Bible Study 7PM (5:30PM Dinner)
Sep 14	Sunday School/C.A.R.E.S. Small Groups Resume 9:30AM	Sep 27	Men's Forum 8:00AM
Sep 14	Hymn Sing 3:00PM	Sep 28	Singles Ministry 2PM
Sep 15	Line Dancing MPR 7:00PM	Oct 3-4	Women's Fall Conference Landsdowne Resort