



Antioch Connection

TAYLORED TALK a message for His people

CATCHERS OF PEOPLE

First century Palestine was known for agriculture, farming, and fishing. Hence, Jesus used the metaphorical images (fig tree, lost sheep, and fishing) when speaking and sharing parables. According to Matthew, Jesus meets and calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John while they are fishing. There are no formal introductions. Matthew 4:19 states, **And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."** Christ issues this invitation to be His disciples with three explicit expectations:

- Follow Christ
- Be formed by Christ
- Fishers for Christ

The Gospel of Luke provides some additional details about the disciples' call. The disciples were frustrated because they had fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus shows up in the early morning after their "shift" is over and as they are washing their nets. Jesus steps into Simon's boat and asks him to move the boat from the shore into the Sea of Galilee. After teaching the Word, Christ tells Simon to **"Launch out into the deep and cast your nets for a catch."** (Luke 5:4). Surprisingly to Simon, James, John, and others, they catch an abundance of fish after a long night of frustration and hard work that yielded no fish.

Next, Jesus explains their job description as His disciples. **"And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him"**. (Luke 5:10 – 11[a]). Christ explicitly states that His disciples are to be **CATCHERS OF PEOPLE**. After Jesus' resurrection, He reminds His disciples of our marching orders:

- **"Be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"** - Acts 1:8
- **"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in [b] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"** - Matthew 28:19

Jesus is consistently clear to His followers and His church, we are called to be catchers of people. Daily, we should put on the armor of God and fish for people. Let's win souls for the Christ who died for our souls to be saved!

Shifting Gears,

Pastor T



2024

"Shift...Greater Is Coming!"

²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- Matthew 28:20



**Are we casting our nets wide enough?
Are we reaching God's people?**

Let's make it personal. As God's disciple, are you casting your net wide enough? Are you using all available resources to reach God's people in person -- at the mall, in the grocery line, at the salon or barber shop? On digital platforms -- sharing on social media; sending a personal invitation to friends and family to join our Bible studies and worship services with a link to our website and social media channels; or including your favorite scripture or quote in your signature line? There are many ways to share the Gospel and be fishers for Christ -- choose at least one every day!

Join Us For



Tuesday Morning Prayer 7:00-7:30am.
Dial (945) 218-0090, access code 1846260.
Churchwide Virtual Prayer Third
Wednesday each month at 6:00pm
Pastor's Bible Study, Wednesdays 7:00pm
SonRise Bible Study, Thursdays 6:00am
Friday Morning Bible Study, 9:30- 11:00am

Catchers of People



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PASTORAL INSTALLATION NEWS

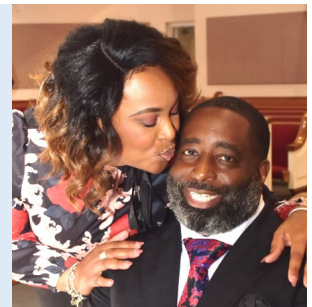
Antioch’s Pastoral Installation Weekend Promises Worship, Fellowship, and Inspiration

Can you feel the shift and the excitement building? It’s a “New Beginning” at Antioch. We will formally welcome our Senior Pastor, Reverend Dr. Kevin B. Taylor and Lady Leona during Antioch’s Pastoral Installation Weekend, April 18-20. From an Evening with Lady Leona to Antioch’s first Gala, and then the Pastoral Installation, all of the events signal to our members, friends, and neighbors that Antioch is **SHIFTING** to make an even greater impact on our community, lead more souls to Christ and deepen our individual relationships with God. Yes indeed, **“GREATER IS COMING!”**

We praise God for what He is doing and has already done! The Installation Gala is sold out! Ladies, please be sure to register on the church website by April 11th for the Evening with Lady Leona. All members are invited to attend the Pastoral Installation Service on Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to arrive early. We are expecting guests from the DMV area and across the country. Join us for this historical milestone. See page 5 for more details .

Getting to know Pastor Taylor and Lady Leona

Pastor Taylor and Lady Leona invite you to participate in their Trivia Pursuit game as a fun and interactive way to get to know them better. Over the next several months, each edition of the Antioch Connection will include facts, clues, and/or questions that you can go to the Antioch website to answer. Whoever submits the most correct answers will be treated to dinner with the Pastor. We asked Pastor Taylor and Lady Leona the following questions for Round 5.



Pastor Taylor and Lady Leona Trivia Pursuit
Clues for Round 5 are in this edition. Can you find them?

Trivia Questions Round 5:



- R4 Q1&2: What was the last book you read?
- R4 Q3&4: What are you most excited about for the future?
- R4 Q5&6: What is your all-time favorite food?

Trivia Answers for Round 4:

R4 Q1&2 Who inspired your journey (spiritually or professionally)? Q1: Pastor Taylor: A. Pastor Arthur Jackson, III both spiritually and professionally; Q2: Lady Leona B. My husband, Kevin B. Taylor inspires me spiritually & professionally; **R4 Q3&4** Which phone app do you use the most? Q3: Pastor Taylor: B. ESPN; Q4. Lady Leona B. Camera; **R4 Q5&6:** What are you most grateful for in life? Q5 Pastor Taylor B. Grace and Mercy; Q6 Lady Leona D. Good health; family

Go to www.antioch-church.org to answer questions for Round 5

Less is Best

by Deloris Witcher

“He must increase but I must decrease.” — John 3:30

This article celebrates the Antioch Baptist Church 2024 Pound-A-Thon participants and winners. Seventy-two congregants participated in the Pound-A-Thon weight loss competition. The average weight loss for the two months was 5 pounds per person. Our biggest losers were Gwendolyn Turner who lost 20.4 pounds and Reverend Keith Phillips who lost 16.8 pounds. They will claim prize money and bragging rights as winners. However, all who endeavored to change their eating and activity habits are winners. Even a modest weight loss of 5 – 10 pounds is a blessing to your heart, blood pressure, and overall health. Due to our participant feedback, weight checks will continue on the Second Sunday along with blood pressure checks. Everyone is welcome and will be encouraged. Many thanks to all who helped with the weigh-ins and computer tracking. God supplied my needs.

Legacy

2024 Pound-A-Thon



WINNERS



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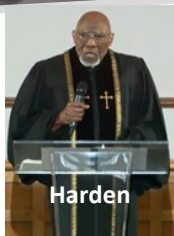
MARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Maundy Thursday: Rev. Dr. Kevin E. Donalson, Sr. of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Herndon delivered a powerful transparent message. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the apostles. After Jesus washed their feet, they broke bread together.



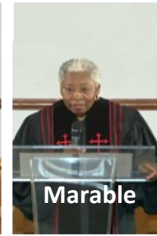
Good Friday: In commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary, Antioch Ministers shared the Seven Last Sayings of Jesus Christ. Dr. Taylor and Dr. Jones narrated, sharing the events that led to Jesus' death.



Harden
"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
Luke 23:34



McAllister
"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
Luke 23:43



Marable
"Woman, behold, your son! ... Behold your mother!"
John 19:26,27



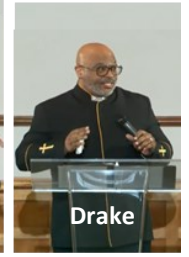
Phillips
Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?... My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Matt 27:46



Coppedge
"I am thirsty."
John 19:28



Simpkins
"It is finished."
John 19:30



Drake
"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."
Luke 23:46



Silent Saturday: Members experienced the passion of Christ. The journey included prayer, a foot washing station, journaling the Promises of God, and Bible reading.



Resurrection Sunday: "An Open Tomb" served as the sermonic title and the theme for the music and arts ministry. We were blessed with a dramatization of what the open tomb means for humanity and the importance of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Dr. Taylor delivered a powerful message. We were fortunate to have Antioch's most senior member Sister Vera Gant and her family in attendance.





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MEMBER RECOGNITION

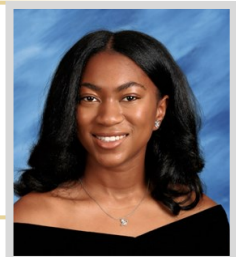
Congratulations! **Sister Lauryn Mann** on her new position as a Supervisee in Social Work and a Therapist at Fairfax Place Therapy. Lauryn has worked in a variety of settings with children adolescents, and adults. She has worked with clients who have experienced trauma, anxiety, depression, adjustment challenges, and loss. Her aim is to provide a warm and safe environment for individuals to explore, process, and navigate their lived experiences. She considers it a privilege to be a part of her clients’ journey by helping them develop the necessary skills and strategies to experience self-discovery and peace in their daily lives.



Lauryn grew up in Fairfax and at Antioch. After high school, she went on to achieve her Bachelors and Masters in Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University. Join us in congratulating Lauryn on her new role.

Congratulations! **Laila Simpson** has committed to the University of Virginia and has received a partial scholarship in track and field. She is a Senior at Fairfax High School who has been running track for nine years. Laila is the daughter of Brother Kevin Simpson and Sister Renee Hamilton. In addition, she also serves as a Youth Usher at Antioch. Please join us in congratulating Laila on this outstanding achievement!

Astonished



APPLY for John Q. Gibbs Scholarship

ANTIOCH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS APPLY BY APRIL 21, 2024!

For the **John Q. Gibbs Service Scholarship**. All graduating seniors who are members of Antioch and submit a scholarship application, will receive a graduation gift amount. Since 1990, the John Q. Gibbs Scholarship Fund has been a beacon of opportunity, granting over \$350,000 in scholarships to our graduating high school seniors. An awards and recognition ceremony is held in June each year as a testament to our commitment to nurturing and supporting the youth within our congregation. Also, through the benevolence of members and other organizations, Antioch is able to extend additional awards and scholarships to deserving ABC graduates. These scholarships acknowledge academic excellence, perseverance, commitment to service, and active participation in both church and community activities. The sponsoring organizations also use the John Q. Gibbs scholarship application as the basis for their awards so please be sure to fill in all information completely. **Download the application at www.antioch-church.org**. Below are the additional possible awards for 2024:

• Alpha Kappa Alpha	• Alpha Phi Alpha	• Margaret Boone*	• Desi/Marilyn Crouther	• Delta Sigma Theta	• James/Joyce Green
• Lawrence D. Hester	• Kappa Alpha Psi	• Deborah Kenny	• Omega Psi Phi	• Phi Beta Sigma	• Curtis B. Taylor

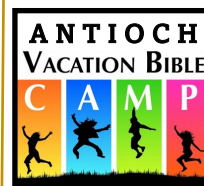
* One time \$5,000 scholarship for an Antioch graduating high school female student-athlete.

grandchildren



April is Autism Awareness Month

For 2024, the theme for Autism Awareness is Act Fearlessly For Change to create a world where autistic people are recognized and have the opportunities they deserve. Autism is a developmental disability that affects the way people experience the world. This may include differences in physically moving, processing senses, thinking, communicating, socializing and going about daily living. About one in 36 children have autism spectrum disorder according to the Center of Disease and Prevention. This number is on the rise, especially as children of color are receiving more diagnoses after being largely overlooked historically. For more information see the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee at iacc.hhs.gov.



Join us for Vacation Bible Camp Monday, June 17-21, 2024 from 8:00am—4:00pm.

Daily happenings include fun learning and activities in arts and crafts, science, Bible teachings, and a Juneteenth celebration. To ensure the camp is successful, we are looking for a few more helping hands. We are also asking that parents register your children early so that we can adequately prepare. Watch for more details in the weekly announcements. For more information contact Reverend Daniel Simpkins at dsimpkins@antioch-church.org.



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COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

ANTIOCH PASTORAL INSTALLATION WEEKEND

To God be all the Glory!
 Pastor and I are so grateful for "New Beginnings". We are excited about the upcoming Pastoral Installation Weekend. I'm even more excited that we (the ladies) get to kick off the celebration. Join me for fun and laughter at:

Ladies Night Out with Lady Leona
 Thursday, April 18, 2024, 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Bring your sisters, girlfriends, daughters, and grand-daughters of all ages. This will be a night to remember!



Installation Gala
 Friday, April 19, 2024, 7:00PM - 10:00PM
 Hilton McLean, Tysons Corner McLean VA
 Featuring Antioch's Celebration Ensemble

Keynote Speaker and Special Guest:




Dr. William Curtis,
 Mount Ararat Baptist Church
 Pittsburgh, PA

Recording Artist:
 Dr. Negleatha Johnson
 Accompanied by
 Marcus R. Johnson

Installation Service
 Saturday, April 20, 2024, 10:00AM
 Antioch Baptist Church Fairfax Station
 Featuring Antioch's Celebration Ensemble

Keynote Speaker and Special Guest:




Pastor Arthur Jackson, III
 Antioch Baptist Church, Miami Gardens, FL

Performer and Radio Host:
 Ronnette Rollins-Harrison

Antioch Worship Services
 Sunday, April 21, 2024



8:00 AM
 Guest Preacher:
 Pastor William Watson
 Historic First Baptist Church, Jackson, TN

Antioch Worship Services
 Sunday, April 21, 2024



10:00 AM
 Guest Preacher:
 Dr. Torin T. Dailey
 Friendship Community Church, College Park, GA

Save the Dates:

- Apr 23: ABC Feed the Homeless Ministry
 Ministry Center 205A/B
 4:30PM Phase 1: Meal Prep
 6:00PM Phase 2: Meal Delivery
 Volunteer for either or both
- Apr 25: Caring for the Caregivers
 6:00—7:30PM Virtual

- May 5: Life Waters Ministries
 Muzik on a Mission—Italy Team
 Benefit Concert at ABC 5:00PM
- May 23: Quarterly Business Meeting 7PM
- Jun 17-21: Vacation Bible Camp 8AM — 4PM