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TAYLORED TALK *a message for His people*

JULY IS PSALMS SIZZLE MONTH!

Summer is here. Schools and colleges are on summer break. Temperatures are heating up and even breaking records. With the More Than Conquerors sermon series in May and June, hopefully our women and men feel empowered and charged to SHIFT for Greater.

July is known for fireworks, vacations, theme parks, and cook-outs. This year, July also marks the Summer Olympics in Paris. For Antioch, things are heating up with our summer reading program for all ages, fine tuning our ministry plans for the remainder of 2024 and 2025, and staff restructuring.

We are moving full speed ahead with upgrading our Worship Center video cameras and network capabilities for the entire Antioch campus. These upgrades are a part of our SHIFT for Greater. The 4k cameras upgrade will dramatically enhance streaming, add additional viewing angles, provide sharper images and camera shots, and improve our overall video quality. Upgrading our network will strengthen our Wi-Fi performance and improve our network infrastructure, which will provide better bandwidth and stable connections. This will allow us to create a public AntiochFFX Wi-Fi, providing free, reliable internet access to members and guests throughout our campus (PTL).

Get ready! We will be in Psalms sizzle mode as we journey through Psalms and Songs. Our services will be "lit"! Our music ministry will honor gospel legends and feature some of their famous songs. As a reminder, July also kicks off our relaxed dress mode. Please feel free to dress comfortably while maintaining reverence for God's house.

On August 3rd, our staff, church leadership, and ministry leaders will participate in an Iron Sharpeners Leaders' Summit so we are also equipped and charged to SHIFT for Greater. Leaders, please mark your calendars and look for more details to come as the sizzle continues.

Next up are our children, youth, and collegiates. We are excited about how the Lord will use our youth during our August worship services. We are looking forward to experiencing our Youth Ministry's energy and vitality as they help us bring summer to a close. Hang on! Greater is coming!!!

Love,
Pastor T



2024

"Shift...Greater Is Coming!"

²But whose delight is in the law of the Lord; and who meditates on his law day and night. ³That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

- Psalm 1:2-3 NIV



Join Us For



Tuesday Morning Prayer

7:00-7:30AM Dial (945) 218-0090,
access code 1846260

**Bible Studies will resume the
second week in September.**

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INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Please join us in thanking all the men and women who have served and are serving to protect and maintain the freedom and liberty we enjoy in these United States of America. On July 4, 1776, the United States received approval for its independence from Great Britain in the Declaration of Independence. Enslaved Black Americans, our ancestors, did not enjoy this freedom. On January 1, 1863, during the American Civil War, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln issued an executive order, the Emancipation Proclamation (officially Proclamation 95). The Proclamation had the effect of changing the legal status of more than 3.5 million enslaved African Americans in the secessionist Confederate states from enslaved to free. Still, enslaved Blacks in the state of Texas were not freed until June 19, 1865 (Freedom Day, Jubilee Day), hence our celebration of Juneteenth. July 4th is a time for family and friends to come together to celebrate and remember all the sacrifices made for our freedom. It is filled with barbeques, parades, concerts and last but not least fireworks. It is a time to Praise God and to celebrate the Red, White and Blue!



VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT
of ELECTIONS

Why Elections Are Important!

One of the most important decisions you can make as a citizen of the United States is whether you should exercise your right to vote in the upcoming elections. The unequivocal answer is "YES"! Your vote matters. Voting is a key element of civic engagement and a critical part of the democratic process. As the late civil rights icon and U.S. Rep. John Lewis said, "The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in a democracy." Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life. The Voting Rights Act of 1965, signed into law by U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, aimed to overcome legal barriers that prevented African Americans from exercising their right to vote as guaranteed under the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to have "a say" (vote) on issues impacting citizens such as gun violence, taxes, voter suppression, health acts for women, affordable education, and housing. Do not ignore facts about groups who are non-supportive of human rights, equality, and justice for all people.

Before voting in the General Elections on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**, visit the Virginia (or your state's) Department of Elections, Citizen Portal online. On the Citizen Portal, you will be able to:

- ◆ Register to vote online and check your registration status
- ◆ Update your address if needed
- ◆ Find your polling place
- ◆ Apply to vote absentee by mail **#keepdoorsoffreedomopenin2024**



Assaulted by Salt *By Deloris Witcher*

"You are the salt of the earth." Matthew 5:13[a] NIV

Salt is perhaps the deadliest ingredient in the food supply. A small amount of salt is necessary for health. However, most people consume more salt than needed. Salt is a major cause of high blood pressure, which contributes to heart disease and stroke. Salt is sneaky. Only a small percentage of salt assault comes from the saltshaker. Processed and restaurant foods account for more than three-quarters of salt intake. Foods such as pickles, cereal, canned beans, frozen dinners, and smoked or cured meats can be loaded with salt. You can fight the assault by salt by taking some simple steps. Start today by limiting the amount of canned and processed foods, eat more fresh fruits and vegetables, remove the salt shaker from the dining table, cook with fresh herbs and minuscule amounts of salt, and use salt substitutes. Read the nutrition facts on the labels of food to determine the sodium (salt) level. The American Heart Association recommends no more than 2,300 mg a day and moving toward an ideal limit of no more than 1,500 mg per day for most adults.





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JUNE HIGHLIGHTS



Antioch awarded \$94,000 in Scholarships



Antioch High School Graduates were recognized on Sunday, June 2nd. Through the generosity of Antioch members and various scholarship and award sponsors, **\$94,000** in awards were presented to seventeen graduating seniors during the annual John Q. Gibbs Scholarship Awards Ceremony.



ABI By the Numbers

- 17 Students: Inaugural Class of 1999
- 109 graduates to date
- 96 Old Testament Lessons
- 96 New Testament Lessons
- 96 Theology Lessons
- 6 semesters (3 years)



Antioch Bible Institute (ABI) celebrated 25 years on June 8th. Established in 1999, ABI was envisioned by Rev. Dr. Marshal Ausberry and co-directed by Rev. Jim and Dr. J. Taylor Harden. A vast majority of the ABI graduates were in attendance to help celebrate this momentous occasion and to execute various parts of the program. Guest Proclaimer, Rev. Jonathan Wilkins, Sr. of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Centreville, VA delivered a powerful message.



Camp Firelight: Vacation Bible Camp was an excellent example of Loving God, Loving Others! Forty-one servant leaders and volunteers gave of their time and talents to support this year's camp. Thank you!



Antioch 2024 Men's Retreat in Whitestone, VA proved to be a memorable event. Fifty-four men met to study God's word, fellowship, golf, and fish. The spiritual components of the program focused on "The Joy of Fearing God", with an emphasis on Love and Obedience.



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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT NEWS YOU CAN USE!



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Antioch's 2024 Vacation Bible Camp was a fun, spirit-led week for the more than 40 campers who began the week with lessons on the camp theme, "When I'm afraid, I put my trust in You," Psalm 56:3 NIV.

A heartfelt thank you to Rev. Daniel Simpkins, Sister Debra Beasley and Sister Tiffany Horne for their wonderful leadership. A special shout out to the Hospitality Ministry, teachers, assistants and the many other volunteers who made the camp a great success!

WHITE HOUSE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:



Must be 18 years or older to apply. Closing date is July 26th. See details and apply at

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/get-involved/internships/white-house-internship-program/apply/>



2024 Summer Reading Program: "Jesus - The Carpenter's Son"

"Is not this the Carpenter's Son?" -- Matthew 13:55 ESV



Commit to reading this year as a part of Antioch's 2024 Summer Reading Program. The Library Ministry encourages children to read these and other enriching Christian books on their own using the local library, Antioch Library, bookstores, etc. Below is the list of the books by group.

Grade/Group	Title
PreK – 1 st	<i>Hanging out with Jesus-The Impatient Carpenter</i> by Salem and Agnes de Bezenac
1 st – 2 nd	<i>The Carpenter's Trade</i> by Lauren Riggs and Dave Yauk
3 rd – 5 th	<i>A Carpenter's Son—The Early Life of Jesus</i> by Baby Professor Books
6 th – 8 th	<i>The Welcoming Door-Parables of the Carpenter</i> by Kenny Kemp
9 th – 12 th & College	<i>More than a Carpenter</i> by Josh and Sean McDowell
Adults	<i>Walk Through Fire</i> by Sheila Johnson- Adult Book Discussion: September 12th 7PM <i>Watch Your Mouth: Understanding the Power of the Tongue</i> by Tony Evans

Adults may order *Walk Through Fire* on Amazon, Kindle, or Audible. Please contact Deacon Kimber Garland-Holmes, Antioch Library Ministry Team Lead, at kimberg703@yahoo.com or 937-672-9477 with questions.

"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it... which is Jesus Christ." -- 1 Corinthians 3:10-11 ESV

Information for New Believers and New Members

Starting Point is designed to help you understand what it means to be a new believer in the body of Christ and the difference in being a Christian versus living as a person without hope. It is scheduled for the 1st Saturday of each month.

Baptism is coordinated by age group (children, youth, and adults). Your Deacon will assist in scheduling baptism.

New Member Orientation shares the reasons for discipleship, development, and engaging with our church family. It provides an overview of the church's history, mission, vision and core values, as well as the church covenant and ordinances. It also shares the roles of the church leadership and staff. It is scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Save the Dates:

- July 1: Staff Community Outreach 10:00AM—6:00PM
- July 4: Independence Day (Church office closed)
- July 6: Starting Point 9:00AM—11:00AM
- July 13: New Member Orientation 9:00AM—1:00PM
- Aug 3: Iron Sharpeners Leadership Summit 9:00AM—3:00PM



Watch for the AntiochFFX Video Series coming soon...
"WHO IS ... PASTOR TAYLOR AND LADY LEONA?"
"WHO IS ... ANTIOCH FFX?"



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