



ANTIOCH CONNECTION



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a message for His people

Focused: Missions, Service, and Outreach

Beloved Antioch Family,

The month of October is always special as we turn our focus toward Missions, Service, and Community Outreach. It is a time when we put into action, our belief that Antioch C.A.R.E.S. — Charitable, Adapts, Relational, Evangelizes, and Serves. Together, we live out our call to be the hands and feet of Christ in a world that deeply needs His light.

This month, I am asking each member and ministry to take a moment to reflect on our C.A.R.E.S. values and our 2025 goals. Let's ask ourselves, Are we reaching out/serving others in our family, in our church, and in our community? Make it personal — Ask yourself, "Am I putting God's words into action?" I invite every member—young and old—to serve. It is through shared acts of love that we make Christ known.

Our youth will take center stage during our Trunk or Treat on October 31st. This event not only provides a safe and fun evening for our children but also reflects the warmth, joy, and fellowship that are the heartbeat of Antioch. Thank you, in advance, to those who will join me on our church outing to Matthews Memorial Baptist Church in Washington, DC, for their revival on October 25th. Your presence makes a difference, and I am grateful for our shared witness in the body of Christ. Likewise, we praise God for traveling mercies as nearly 50 brothers and sisters in Christ journeyed to Greece to "Walk in the Footsteps of Paul." What a blessing to deepen our understanding of the gospel's roots while strengthening the bonds of our Antioch family.

Finally, please keep our staff in prayer as they continue community outreach efforts under the guidance of Rev. Coppedge. We look forward to serving together on a regular basis.

Remember always, Antioch family: *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

Wednesday 12Noon and Family Bible Study | 7:00pm

Thursday SonRise Bible Study | 6am and Friday Morning Bible Study | 9:30am



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THE IMPACT OF OUTREACH! by Emmanuel Baskerville

When we think about outreach, it doesn't always have to mean traveling across the world. Outreach begins right where we are — in our homes, schools, and communities. Children, youth, and young adults all have the ability to make a difference, no matter how small the action may seem.



For children, it could be something as simple as sharing with a classmate, helping a friend, or praying for someone in need. Our youth can get involved by volunteering at food drives, mentoring younger kids, or serving in ministries at church. Young adults have opportunities to step into leadership — organizing service projects, giving their time to community programs, or using their skills and resources to bless others.

This October, I have the opportunity to experience outreach firsthand through the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) at Hampton University, where I serve as Mr. SWE. We've partnered with the Mary Jackson Community Center in downtown Hampton, VA, assisting with their afterschool program on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Whether it's helping kids with arts and crafts or joining in outdoor activities, it's been a reminder that small acts of service leave a lasting impact.

Every act of outreach is a reflection of Christ's love — showing compassion and hope wherever we go.

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

In 2025, an estimated 316,950 (one in eight) women and 2,800 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, and an additional 59,080 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed according to the National Cancer Foundation. Black women are particularly at risk. Our cancer death rates are 40% higher than white women. But there is hope. According to the Foundation, there are over four million breast cancer survivors in the United States. Advancements in early detection methods and support continue to increase the chances of survival. When the disease is caught in its earliest, localized stages, the five-year relative survival rate of breast cancer is 99%. For believers, there is hope in Jesus Christ. (3 John 1:2 ESV)

Knowing the facts around breast cancer can help you prioritize your breast health or support a loved one on their breast health journey. Here are some tips that may help reduce the risk of breast cancer:

- **Maintain a healthy weight.** Weight gain as an adult is linked to an increased risk of breast cancer after menopause.
- **Be physically active.** Moderate to vigorous physical activity is linked to a lower risk of breast cancer.
- **Eat healthy.** Eat brightly colored/strongly flavored fruits and vegetables. Limit red and processed meats, sugary drinks, and processed foods.
- **Limit alcohol and avoid smoking.**
- **Get regular mammograms.** Women with average risk of breast cancer should have annual mammograms at age 40.
- **Breastfeed.** Breastfeeding for at least one year is associated with a decreased risk of breast cancer.
- **Know your body.** Check yourself regularly for changes in your breasts including lumps, nipple pain, discharge, or changes in size or shape.
- **Manage stress.** Reduce stress levels; practicing deep breathing and meditation can help.

For more information, visit the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. at www.nationalbreastcancer.org

At Antioch we encourage members to pursue early prevention and screening measures for all types of cancer. According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, second to heart disease. Your healthcare provider can schedule you for screenings and counsel you on prevention strategies. For more information on screening guidelines For cancer screening guidelines click [HERE](https://www.cancer.org/cancer/screening/screening-recommendations-by-age.html) or go to: <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/screening/screening-recommendations-by-age.html>





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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Minister Khanner Hancock: A Voice for Faith and the Next Generation

For Antioch's Children and Youth Choir Director, Minister Khanner Hancock, music has always been more than notes and lyrics. It has been a safe place, helping her understand and recognize the truth and presence of God in her life. In fact, she was singing long before she realized it was a calling. As a child, Minister Khanner spoke very little but would always sing during car rides. "One day, during worship at my private day school, a familiar song began to play and I began to sing out as if it was just me and my mom in the car," she said. "The worship leader put the mic in my hand, and I have been singing ever since."

Minister Khanner's love for the arts was encouraged by her grandmother, her greatest role model, who saw a remarkable future for her even when others did not. Though she initially limited her service to song, Minister Khanner began to recognize that her gift was part of a greater purpose. She knew that God had called her "to sing, teach, advocate, and stand in the gap for the next generation."

Minister Khanner said the most rewarding part of leading Antioch's youth music ministry "has been the joy of seeing our children and youth grow in their understanding of the Word through music." In this season, she's focused on "making the most of the time and blessings God has entrusted to me. My hope is to continue supporting the mission of this six-generation church that truly cares—by serving the children, youth, and young adult ministries through the gift of song."

Minister In Training, Dr. Michelle Edwards: Returned to Serve

When Dr. Michelle Edwards returned to Antioch Baptist Church, she knew it wasn't by chance. "My return to Antioch has been divine. After 17 years away, God sent me back and has positioned me to serve the senior pastor, our staff, and our church. It is not something I could have ever orchestrated on my own. Our church is not perfect, but God is. He is evolving us as we study His word, build our faith, and trust the vision of our shepherd, Pastor Taylor."

Dr. Edwards first heard God's voice clearly during a class she teaches for Black women called Selfology. As she invited the women to consider what God was birthing in their lives, God spoke to her about what He was birthing in hers. "God is stretching me to think more biblically and spiritually about people", she said. In 2021, Dr. Edwards lost her husband suddenly and her faith has been deepened through grief.

"On this journey, I have not walked alone. Pastor Taylor has modeled biblical leadership and patience. My mentor, Rev. Dennis Drake, pushes, supports, and encourages me. My grandmother remains my personal role model for how to live faithfully as a Christian", said Dr. Michelle.

Dr. Edwards knows her heart lies in encouraging women and those often forgotten by society but she is committed to doing God's will for her in ministry. Her advice to anyone considering ministry is: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5-6) and "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). These verses guide her as she listens, learns, and waits on God's timing.



"Where God is Praised, Christ is Obeyed, and People are Loved"

2616 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20020

Join Pastor Taylor on
Saturday, October 25th at 10AM
as he delivers the Word for the
Matthews Memorial Baptist Church Revival
Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Turner, Senior Pastor





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Congratulations! Team Moss! Brother Fred Moss was recently promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Army during a ceremony in the Pentagon. Brother Moss shared, "The blessing of being selected to Full Bird Colonel and then promoted by my wife, Colonel Cherie Moss, is truly an example of God's favor." As you may know, it takes a whole lot of praying to be promoted to Colonel. Only about 5% of the Commissioned Officers

who serve in the Army achieve this senior rank. It's even harder to achieve while married. "The icing on the cake is having my wife administer my oath of office during the promotion ceremony held in the Pentagon's Joint Staff Flag Room," said Brother Moss. The Moss family visited and joined Antioch upon their reassignment and relocation to the Pentagon and to the Northern Virginia area early this year.



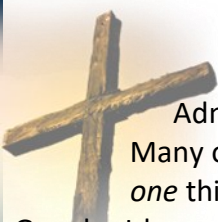
Congratulations! Daniel Purvis! Daniel received a Leadership Award during the President's Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony, held at Howard University on Saturday, August 9, 2025. Dr. Beverly Kee, sister of gospel singer John P. Kee, presented him with the award. At the ceremony, 13 former NFL players were honored, including Doug Williams, the first Black quarterback to be drafted in the first round and to start and win a Super Bowl with the Washington Commanders (then known as the Redskins).

Daniel said, "It was an unforgettable moment I'll carry forward with purpose. I am grateful to Dr. Beverly Kee for her outstanding leadership, Claude Harriott for hosting such an extraordinary event, and Jean C. Accius, PhD, NACD.DC for his unwavering support and belief in me."

"This milestone is not only a recognition, but also a call to action. I am committed to upholding the standard this honor represents and using my skills, voice, and platform to create lasting impact," stated Daniel.



LIFE AT THIS STAGE *by Negleatha Johnson* **ONE Thing!**



Admittedly, I can be easily distracted. As a result, it may take me longer to get some things done. Many of us start out looking for *one* thing on our smartphone, only to wonder minutes later what that *one* thing was. Then we ask ourselves, who were we planning to call or what were we planning to ask Google. I know that I'm not the only one. Psalm 27:4 helps me to readjust my focus in times of distraction; times when multiple things, ideas, and people are vying for my attention and time. This Psalm says, "*One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. . .*" Note: One. Thing. The desire and mission of the Psalmist were singular. He was not out to win friends and influence people. He did not wake up, smart phone in hand, checking interest rates and financial fluctuations. He was focused on his mission, and his service conveyed it.

How much better would we be as individuals and as a church if our mission and service had a singular focus that pointed back to Jesus? No personal agendas. Just Jesus. No hidden motives. Just Jesus. No vying for position or notoriety. Just Jesus. May our mission and our service focus on Jesus. Just. Jesus.



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SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Antioch Community Book Discussion: On September 4, an amazing book discussion was held to discuss the New York Times best seller, *Into the Magic Shop*, by Dr. James Doty. The book explores the power of the mind and how it can be harnessed to create positive changes in our lives. Antioch facilitators were joined by guest facilitators: Sis. Johnnie Mikel (First Baptist of Vienna), Sis. Dorothy



Clark, (Alfred Street Baptist Church), Sis. Deborah Spitzer (Beth El Hebrew Congregation) and Sis. Brenda Richards (Springfield Christian Women's Connection). A shout out to Sis.



Helen Latten and the Antioch Facilitators for hosting a phenomenal event with more than 100 participants.



Antioch Career Fair: More than 100 attendees discussed job opportunities with employers from eight companies which included: Fairfax County Government, Shirley Contracting, Global Resource Solutions, CACI, Andrews Federal Credit Union, PCAOB, and Prince William County Schools to discuss job opportunities. NOVA Community College Workforce Programs also provided information on continuing education, professional development, and certification opportunities.



Three career coaches, Michaela Calhoun, Casandra Chambliss of Chambliss Consulting LLC, and Yolanda Owens of Career Sensei, met with 50+ attendees to review resumes and conduct mock interviews.



A special shout out to our Workshop facilitators: Dr. Jarvis and Sonja Sulcer, Brother Maurice Williams of Filament Legal PLLC, Dr. Janice McLaughlin George of Leadership Passport LLC, Kia Silver-Hodge of Master Mine Consulting, and Yolanda Owens of Career Sensei Consulting. Brother Jimmy Johnson of Jimmy

Johnson Photography provided free professional headshots for 38 attendees. Our ministers provided a safe place for participants to cast their cares to our Heavenly Father. One person accepted Christ and joined Antioch in our Prayer Room. A special thank you to our 60+ volunteers and the HR Committee for their unwavering support.





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Hymn Sing: Antioch's Music & Arts Ministry hosted its first-ever Hymn Sing on Sunday, September 14th, led by Rev. Bernard Corbett and a praise ensemble with guest hymnologists Rev. Yolanda Darden and Min. Timothy Anderson. Together, the congregation joyfully sang 23 hymns while learning the history and meaning behind each song; creating a powerful time of praise and worship.



Pastor During and Pastor Taylor, a friendship forged by faith.

Pastor Taylor Served as Revivalist for Star Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church: Pastor Taylor, Antioch's Gospel Choir, leadership team, and ushers journeyed to Triangle, VA on



Wednesday, Sept 17th to support Pastor Henry P. During, Jr. and the Star Bethlehem family for their revival. Pastor Taylor delivered a powerful message from Luke 22:31-32 titled "Surviving the Sifting."

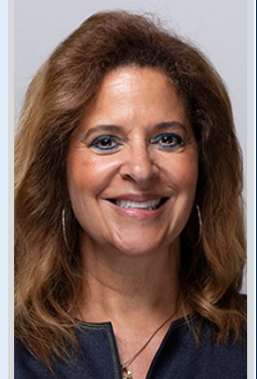
The Growth
& Healing
HUB

Congratulations! Sister Felicea Myer-DeLoatch, MSW, LCSW, on your second year of serving the Mount Vernon, Richmond Highway, and Alexandria regions of Fairfax County. Felicea is President and CEO of the Growth and Healing HUB. The HUB is a behavioral health and wellness clinic of excellence. Its mission is to serve children, youth, and families with direct care and therapy; to train clinicians; to educate and equip community ambassadors; to provide wellness strategies for generational growth, and to help reduce stigma and trust issues related to mental health.

The HUB provides care, advocacy, and solutions that are client-centered, culturally sensitive, community-based, inclusive, and affordable. It welcomes all, regardless of the ability to pay.

"Our team of professionals is helping employees deal with job-related stressors, parents and children cope with today's challenging environment, young adults navigate adulthood, and so much more," sister Meyer-DeLoatch said. You don't have to do this alone. The HUB is dedicated to advancing mental wellness in our community while developing the next generation of highly trained practitioners."

For more information on the services provided, go to The Growth and Healing HUB at www.gandhi.org. The HUB is located at 7686 Richmond Hwy, Suite 201C, Alexandria, VA 22306. To make an appointment, call 703-901-4015. If you are interested in making a donation to promote healthy living one client at a time, scan the QR code.





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

September was an exciting month as we resumed Sunday School and Children's Church after summer break! We are grateful for all the children, families, and teachers who have joined us so far. We invite those who have not resumed Sunday School or Children's Church to join us.

Children ages 5–12 are invited to join us for Children's Church on the 1st and 3rd Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Ministry Center Multi-Purpose Room. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to engage in praise and worship, interact with one another, and hear a message tailored just for them. Teens ages 13 and up are also welcome to serve as volunteers during Children's Church.

Our goal is to ensure that our children, youth, and young adults have meaningful opportunities to participate each Sunday:

- 2nd Sundays: Children remain with their families for communion.
- 4th Sundays: We celebrate our youth in worship.

We also remember our youngest members through Kindness Korner, available during the 10:30 a.m. worship service in Rooms 1 & 2 of Gibbs Hall. Designed for children ages 6 months–5 years, Kindness Korner provides a safe, welcoming space with age-appropriate Bible experiences. Volunteers (ages 16 and up) are still needed! All volunteers must have completed the Youth/Child Protection training. If you're interested in serving, please contact Sister Ain Johnson at littleones@antioch-church.org.

The Children, Youth, and Young Adult Ministry has partnered with Rose Hill Elementary School to provide coats for children in need. From now through Sunday, October 19th, donations of new or gently used coats and jackets (sizes 2T–Adult Medium) may be placed in the collection boxes located in the foyers of the Worship and Ministry buildings. For more information, please contact Sisters Tiffany and Jessica Horne at thorne@antioch-church.org.

In addition, please save the date for Friday, October 31 from 5:30pm–7:30pm as the CYA Ministry hosts "Trunk or Treat". If any members would like to decorate their cars and participate, please contact Rev. Daniel Simpkins via email at dsimpkins@antioch-church.org.



Rev. Daniel
Simpkins



When Home is Not Safe... by Deloris Witcher

The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, he hates with a passion. Psalm 11:5 NIV

October is breast cancer awareness month — and also Domestic Violence Awareness Month which shines a light on an urgent crisis which is often overlooked. Domestic violence is a widespread issue that affects men, women, and teens. One in 4 women and nearly 1 in 10 men will experience sexual violence, physical violence such as slapping, hitting and pushing, or stalking by an intimate partner. Approximately 1 in 3 adolescents experience some form of dating violence, which can include physical, emotional, or sexual abuse.

Millions experience psychological aggression by an intimate partner, such as threatening, controlling, and isolation. The impacts of domestic violence are far-reaching, causing severe emotional, mental, and physical problems. Many victims suffer in silence because of fear for their children, fear of losing housing and financial support, isolation, cultural stigma, religious beliefs, and shame. If you are a victim or suspect someone is being victimized, call the 24-hour Fairfax County Family Services Domestic Violence Hotline at (703) 360-7273. For more information, click [HERE](#) or go to <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/domestic-sexual-violence>.

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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 6 months to 5 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.

Rose Hill Elementary
COAT Drive

Sunday, September 21
thru Sunday, October 19

Antioch Baptist Church
6531 Little Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

We ask for coats from size 2T to Adult Medium

Drop coats in the boxes in the Worship and Ministry Center foyers

For More Information
Contact Sis. Tiffany and Sis. Jessica Horne at thorne@antioch-church.org

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CLIFTON MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

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

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (DVAM)

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DVAM is a national campaign throughout October where survivors, advocates, loved ones, and communities come together to elevate awareness, honor survivors, and promote prevention. Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. It can include physical, sexual, emotional, economic, psychological, or technological abuse and coercion.

SAVE THE DATES

- Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** 12Noon Bible Study (In-Person)
Family Bible Study 5:30PM Dinner/Ministry Center
7PM Bible Study Sanctuary (In-Person & Virtual)
- Oct 2** SonRise Bible Study (Virtual) 6AM
- Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Friday Morning Bible Study (Virtual) 9:30AM
- Oct 3-4** Women's Fall Retreat: Breathe In and Exhale with Gratitude and Praise Landsdowne Resort
- Oct 5** Sunday School/C.A.R.E.S. Small Groups
Ministry Center 9:30AM
- Oct 5, 19** Children's Church- Ministry Center 10:30AM
- Oct 5** Biker's Sunday Worship Services 10:30AM
- Oct 10** Golf Outing Prince William County Golf Course 12Noon

- Oct 13, 27** Line Dancing For Fitness (MPR) 7PM
- Oct 16** Modern Maturity Ministry Center MPR 12Noon
- Oct 19** Antioch On Campus GMU 2PM
- Oct 19** RAM/Cancer Exchange Ministry (Virtual) 2PM
- Oct 19** Rose Hill Elementary COAT DRIVE (9/21-10/19)
- Oct 25** Men's Forum: Trusting God 8AM Ministry Center
- Oct 25** Mathews Memorial Church Revival 10AM
- Oct 27** Fitness Training Resumes 7PM (Register Online)
- Oct 28** Feed the Homeless 4:30PM Prep/ 6PM Delivery
- Oct 31** Harvest Festival/Trunk or Treat Ministry Center 5:30PM—7:30PM



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