

The Only Provision for Salvation

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Scavenger and Easter Egg Hunt

Scavenger Hunt

Children 8 years old to 12 years old participated in a scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt objective was to search for a list of items in the house to solve a puzzle.

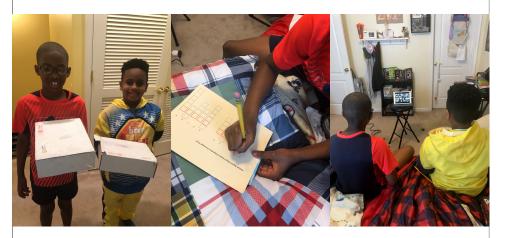
After working to solve the puzzle, the children discovered that the message was "He is risen!" Next, the participants listened to a story called GOODBYE TO GOODBYES. The gospel was presented to the children.

Over 20 students participated. Each participant received a box with items used during the activity.

Egg Hunt

Children 7 and under also received supplies that they used during the egg hunt. They heard a gospel presentation using yummy snack food. The younger children listened to a story called HAPPY EASTER, and the older kids listened to a story called A FRIEND WHO FORGIVES. Before the session ended, the children introduced themselves to each other. Sixteen children participated.

Also a big thanks to the wonderful adults who facilitated the Scavenger and Egg Hunts, without them it would not have been possible.



(Two of our young students participating in the virtual Easter Egg and Scavenger Hunts–Great Job!)

If you would like to learn more about the Children's Ministry please contact Sis. Robyn Ausberry at <u>rausberry@antioch-church.org</u> or Patrice Mackey <u>pmackey@antioch-church.org</u>; or check out the <u>www.Antioch-Church.org</u> website. The Children's Ministry desires to help children grow spiritually through practical examples and fun activities.



I hope and pray that you had a very happy Easter. Truly Easter is one of the most sacred and central moments in all of Christianity. Easter weekend is all about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the essential moment that confirms that Jesus is the acceptable sacrifice who atones for our sins. He is our Savior and Lord! Don't miss the significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The reality is without Christ we are still under the penalty and power of sin. But, the resurrection of Christ is the proof that He is the acceptable atoning sacrifice for our sins. The ONE and ONLY acceptable sacrifice. We cannot save ourselves (Ephesians 2:8-10) no matter how hard we try and no matter how good our intentions.

Don't keep this to yourself. Please share the saving gospel that all who trust in Jesus will be saved from the power and penalty of sin! That's too good not to share!

As we shared on Sunday, develop a salvation prayer list and pray every day for those who are on your prayer list who do not now Jesus as Saviour.

Antioch Baptist Church

Easter in-Person & Online Worship at 8am & 10am; (2 pm online only); Register online at www.antioch-church.org

<u>Recent Bereavements, please</u> <u>pray for the families of</u>:

<u>-Dorothy Shields</u>, the sister-in-law of Sis. Catherine Dailey, and the aunt of Betty Mial and Madeline Arter.

The **Grief Share** session will be held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. through May 25th via Zoom. Please Register at <u>www.antioch-</u> <u>church.org</u>. Please share with a friend; open to everyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one.

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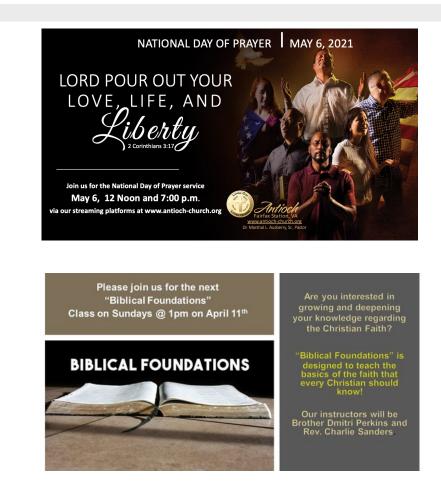
VIRGINIA DEP. OF HEALTH

Click here for access to Virginia's COVID-19 statewide preregistration system:

VA COVID-19

TUESDAY AM PRAYER CALL: 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 am, call (701) 802-5047, access code is 1846260.

CrisisLink: 703-527-4077 Suicide Prevention: 800-273-8255 Crisis Text: "855-11"



A new **Biblical Foundations** class begins Sunday, April 11. Please register on line for this virtual class: <u>www.antioch-church.org</u>.

*May 22, World Vision Virtual 6K for Clean Water

*June 21 - 24, Virtual Children's Vacation Bible School (3 yrs-8thgrade).

*COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program: Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. FRAUD ALERT: FEMA has not sent any such notifications and we do not contact people prior to them registering for assistance. For Assistance go to the FEMA Website: https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/ economic/funeral-assistance.

*HELPS MINISTRY:

As we are concerned about your mental health, if you need someone to talk to about life issues, the Helps ministry will connect you with a "compassionate listener." The compassionate listener will be a brother or sister in Christ who is committed to lending an ear, praying and referring appropriate resources for your particular need, in a confidential, Godly manner. For more information, please contact <u>Sis. Joy Harris</u>

Please join <u>Antioch in Church-wide prayer</u> every third Wednesday at 6p.m. via ZOOM. We are seeking God's will as we pray together and evaluate our affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition, we will pray for our work in the great commission reaching the lost. Above all, we desire to be in God's will and to do God's will. We want to pray together as a Church family. We also ask that you continue your prayer efforts in the times we are not gathered in corporate prayer. Our first church-wide prayer meeting will be <u>April 14, 2021 at 6 p.m</u>. The sign on information is noted here: Join Zoom Prayer Meeting: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84803910110</u>

In addition, over the next several weeks we will be sharing with you Frequently-Asked-Questions (FAQ's). The purpose of the FAQ's is to share facts and insights concerning the Southern Baptist Convention. This is our reasonable due diligence as we seek God's will for Antioch. As we pray and study God will reveal His will to us in His time.

Antioch has been affiliated with Southern Baptists for over 30 years. Overall it has been a good relationship. The Southern Baptists do a tremendous work in the area of world missions, church planting, and disaster relief.

Pastor Ausberry serves as the President of the National African American Fellowship, which is a fellowship of some 4,000 predominately African American churches affiliated with the SBC. Pastor Ausberry also serves as the First Vice President of the SBC. These positions have allowed him to be a voice for positive racial relations and addressing issues that arise. Pastor Ausberry often says, "To be a force for positive change, we are not mesmerized just to be at the table, we are a voice at the table. We are striving to be a picture of heaven, where all God's children of every hue are at the table."

Please pray for Pastor Anthony Dockery. He is a pastor from California and a retired Air Force pilot. He is a candidate for the 1st Vice Present position with the SBC at the next Convention in June. His story is noted below.

Anthony Dockery to be nominated for SBC 1st VP

By George Schroeder

NASHVILLE (BP) — South Carolina pastor Marshall Blalock will nominate California pastor Anthony Dockery for first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the 2021 SBC Annual Meeting in Nashville in June, Blalock announced today (April 6) Blalock said Dockery, who has served since 2008 as pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church in La Puente, Calif., has "a heart to serve Christ and a proven track record of reaching people with the Gospel." A native of Florida who was raised in Detroit, Dockery served 21 years in the United States Air Force and the California Air National Guard. A pilot, he flew missions over three war theaters. He has been in various ministry roles at St. Stephen Baptist since 1990, including youth pastor and executive



pastor. The church is involved with missions and outreach efforts both globally and in its community, which is located about 20 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

"Folks may wonder why a guy on the Atlantic Ocean is nominating a pastor on the Pacific Ocean," said Blalock, pastor of First Baptist Church of Charleston, S.C. "We are separated by a continent, but we share one great Savior with a common passion to see Christ exalted and lives changed by the power of the Gospel. We are Great Commission partners, which is the genius of our Convention." Blalock noted Dockery's "strong ties" to the California Southern Baptist Convention. He currently serves as chairman of the board of trustees of California Baptist University.

St. Stephen Baptist gave \$6,000, or less than 1 percent, of \$1,587,845 in undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program and had \$32,613 in total mission expenditures in 2020, according to the SBC Annual Church Profile and figures the church submitted to Baptist Press. The church is involved with a West Africa partnership through the International Mission Board. Additionally, the church is involved in <u>ongoing missions work in El Salvador</u> and in outreach locally to the Hispanic community through its Spanish language ministry (SLaM).

"Tony Dockery is an outstanding pastor with a heart to serve Christ and a proven track record of reaching people with the Gospel and cooperating in our Baptist family to fulfill the Great Commission," Blalock said. "His witness, his faithfulness, and his heart for the nations all speak to his qualifications to serve as a support and encouragement for our next president. He has led with excellence as pastor at St. Stephens and served his country with distinction. I believe he will serve our larger Baptist family with Christ-honoring leadership as first vice president."

Dockery earned a bachelor's degree from the University of La Verne and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary (now Gateway Seminary). He has been married to Yvonnie for 31 years.