

Pastor's Note



Mother's Day is recognized on the 2nd Sunday in May. It is a time to celebrate motherhood and it is a time to show appreciation to mothers and mother figures. Many people show appreciation by giving gifts, cards, flowers, candy, a meal in a restaurant or other treats to their mother and mother figures, including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers. In God's order the institution of motherhood is to be honored and cherished. Motherhood is the means that God brings his image bearers into the world. God chose motherhood to bring the Christchild into the world. Christ, while hanging on the cross, acknowledges His mother, ensuring her care. Many of our mothers are no longer with us, but we can reflect on the good things mother taught us as they watched over us.

On this Mother's Day let us thank God for motherhood, and let us not take mothers for granted.

Isaiah 66:13: "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you."

Mothers have a great opportunity to be a reflection of God's love to their children. God loves us and motherhood is a wonderful example of God's love.

Mission Focus: Reaching The Lost

Matthew 28:19 (ESV) "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

********REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL********

Virtual
Vacation
Bible School





June 21-24 @ 6:30-7:30pm Children Pre-School Thru 8th Grade Registration is Now Open Please Register!

Vacation Bible School for Children thru 8th grade will be a virtual experience the week of June 21-24 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Please register ASAP, so we can have adequate supplies and resources available. Registration is online at www.antioch-church.org. The theme is Concrete & Cranes. The children will enjoy arts and crafts, Bible lessons, a game night and other fun activities. Please share with your friends and neighbors and invite them join in with the virtual Vacation Bible School. If you have questions, please contact Patrica Mackey at pmackey@antioch-church.org.

DISCOVERING SOUTHERN BAPTIST:

Beginning Tuesday, May 11, 2021, Pastor Ausberry will host a Zoom class discussion entitled, "Discovering Southern Baptists Past and Present." This class will be held on consecutive Tuesdays through June 8. The class time will be from 6pm to 7pm. The Zoom link is https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89471427726. (May 7th session was postponed due to power outage during the storm.)

REGISTER FOR THE WALK FOR CLEAN WATER:



Live & Online Worship at 8am.
10am & 2 pm online only.
8am Registration at
www.antioch-church.org

The <u>Grief Share</u> session will be held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. through May 25th via Zoom.
Please Register at

www.antioch-church.org.

- *Please pray for the
- -<u>family of Akishi McDowell</u>, niece of Rhonda Luss;
- -<u>family of Deacon Edward Porter,</u> Brother-in-Law of Rev. Leonard Morton;
- -<u>family of Don Payne</u>; wife Janine, and their children Keenan and Briana. We pray for God's comfort and peace;
- -<u>family of Wanda Adkins</u>, sister of Ron Adkins;
- -<u>family of Rev. Randolph</u> Thompson, Brother-in-Law of Deacon Capers Brown.

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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.

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER every third Wednesday at 6pm, as we take everything to the Lord in prayer!



GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION

Monthly Church-Wide Prayer:

Please join together as we gather in church-wide prayer every **third Wednesday at 6pm**. To join the prayer <u>click here</u> or go to <u>www.antioch-church.org</u>.

Philippians 4:6,7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."

1 John 5:14 "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

Pray for opportunities to reach younger people and families. A pastor shared his church's initial success at reaching younger people and families. They simply prayed for opportunities to connect with younger people. As they prayed, the opportunities came. As they prayed their eyes opened to those opportunities.



Linda White Hall, Trailblaizer

"Before I can talk about applying to McIntire, I must go back to my decision to attend the University of Virginia," Linda White Hall says.

One of the first Black women to graduate

from the Commerce School, Hall explains that four years earlier, in 1974, when she received her diploma from West Point High School in Virginia, she found that many post-secondary schools were actively recruiting African American students, "particularly females." As she was judging schools' academics, reputation, and several other factors, including what she considered a reasonable 2.5-hour bus ride back home, the University of Virginia emerged at the top of her list.

"But whenever I mentioned my plan to apply to UVA, almost everyone, including my guidance counselor and several of my teachers, told me, 'You'll never get into that school." (Read More: Linda White Hall)

SBC DIGEST: Black church conference onsite and online

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) - A hybrid platform has been announced for the 2021 Lifeway Black Church Leadership and Family Conference July 19-23 at Ridgecrest Conference Center. "This past year has drastically impacted our lives and the life of the church," said conference host Mark Croston, national director of Black Church Ministries for Lifeway Christian Resources. Given the widespread availability of the COVID-19 vaccine for adults, Croston said, "we feel we can move forward with both the onsite and online events. The onsite conference location allows us to spend a lot of time outdoors and to maintain social distancing indoors." For more information:

Other Articles of Interest:

WASHINGTON (BP) - Church members are in the minority for the first time in at least eight decades, with just 47 percent identifying with a congregation, Gallup said in a <u>poll released today</u> (March 29). The number was 70 percent in 1999. A growth in adults with no religious preference and lower rates of church membership among people who do have a religion are major trends driving the decline, Gallup said. Younger generations hold the highest rates of those with no religious preference, including 31 percent of millennials and 33 percent of adult Generation Z (those born in the mid-1990s to the early 2010s). Concurrently, among those who do affiliate with a religion, declines since the turn of the century were highest among younger generations, with the share of millennials declining from 63 percent in 2000 to 50 percent in 2020. Read more click: **Church Membership**

Benjamin Watson calls on Planned Parenthood to end Sanger legacy of abortion (April 20, 2021, Baptist Press, Diana Chandler) To read complete article click: Benjamin Watson

- ---Southern Baptist Leaders Respond to Chauvin Verdict
- ---Southern Baptist Leaders Condemn Storming of U.S. Capitol
- -42% of young people say no one outside their home has reached out to them during pandemic (Baptist News Global)
- -TN church sees over 1,000 baptistms in Four Months (during pandemic) "Prayer Births Revival" (ChurchLeaders)
- tulsa2021.org
- 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Commission Receives \$1 Million Grant From Bank of America for Greenwood Rising (click to read story)
- Caribbean Baptist Church assists victims of volcano eruptions: <u>Baptist Church Assists Volcano Victims</u> As volcano erupts on St. Vincent