

Pastor's Note



"Are You Ready for Eternity?"

This week we have once again been reminded that we are all one heart beat from eternity. We have the passing of Colin Powell and our own Paul Patton. We thank God for their service to the Nation. Colin Powell made the most of every opportunity afforded him. I can't list all of his achievements in this limited space. We thank God for his service to the Nation. He was truly a great American hero.

My friends, none of us have come to stay. We all have a transition date, a date that we step into eternity. The Bible reminds us that only God knows the number of our days. The psalmist reminds us to number our days in Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

By numbering our days we are to make the most of each day God gives us, keep short accounts of sin, and bring glory to God. None of us knows our last day on earth, but we should live as if the present day is our last. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, your step into eternity is heaven. Please take the time to share with friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors that Jesus loves them and provides heaven to all who believe in Him.



Tribute to Bro. Paul G. Patton

Bro. Paul G. Patton, member of Antioch, transitioned from earth to glory on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Paul served in the United States Air Force for 27 years. He retired as a military officer at the rank of Colonel. Paul grew up in the Pittsburgh inner city area known as the "Hill District." In April 2000 Paul joined Team CACI and served as the Senior Vice President, CACI International Inc.

When asked about people who inspired him, Paul cited that his Mother was the number one person. He wrote that, "My mother convinced me that I could be anything I wanted to be if I was willing to work for it. She would say shoot for the stars and even if you come up short, you can get to the moon. I remember her telling me as a child that I was going to go to college before I really knew what college was. Going to college was quite a stretch for a kid from the "hood" but she insisted that I was going and indeed, I went. She inculcated her strong work ethic in me and it has stayed with me all of my life. Despite the ill treatment she frequently received as a black woman and a single parent, she taught and motivated me to treat all people with respect, regardless of who they actually were or thought they were. I attribute my interpersonal skills in large part to her mentoring in this area."

Paul is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn; son, John; daughter, Kyschia; and four grandchildren. Please pray for the Patton family as we give thanks for the life and legacy of Brother Paul Patton and his service to the Nation.

ONLINE CHAT WITH THE PASTOR 6-7 p.m. Via ZOOM

Thursday, October 21 and Thursday, October 28

To participate, click on the link at <u>www.antioch-church.org</u>

Antioch Baptist Church

Live & <u>Online</u> Worship at 8am and 11am; 2 pm online only.

TUESDAY AM PRAYER CALL:

7:00 am to 7:30 am, call (701) 802-5047, access code is 1846260.

BEREAVEMENTS:

-Rachel Butler, passing of her daughter, Samantha Butler.

-Gwendolyn Patton, passing of her husband Paul G. Patton.

Prayer Request: Sis. Sharon Hymes, pending Kidney transplant.

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VIRGINIA DEP. OF HEALTH

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

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

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

There is power in prayer, because of the One to Whom we pray! Remember the power of a Praying Church.

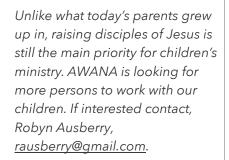




Registration Is Now Open For The September 2021 - May 2022 Season

Hylton Performing Arts Center -George Mason Univ.

Gregory Family Theater - Manassas Va, We're excited to support our acting Director of Music and Worship, **Sis Tanya Easley** as she stars as "Dr. Simone" in **Sistas: The Musical**. Come and experience an uplifting musical journey about a multi-generational African American family! (11/05 thru 11/14) <u>Calendar | Hylton Performing Arts</u> <u>Center (gmu.edu)</u>



VIRGINIA GENERAL ELECTIONS, November 2nd: Offices on ballot: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, House of Delegates, some local offices (varies by locality). (for more information go to: **elections.virginia.gov**)

