



ANTIOCH CONNECTION

WOMEN'S
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TAYLORED TALK

a message for His people

"Focus on Spiritual Gifts"

Dear Antioch Family,

As we celebrate **Women's History Month** this March, we reflect on the inspiring story of Hannah from 1 Samuel 1-2. Hannah had many external and internal distractions, yet she remained focused. She was focused on God and God's will for her life. We will go through her journey and gleam from this resilient woman of faith how to maintain one's focus when life, relationships, closed doors, mislabeling, and insecurities are attempting to hold you down.

Hannah's story reminds us that God sees our struggles and has a purpose for our lives. Her life of prayer and devotion calls us to trust in God's plans, even in difficult times, and to commit our lives to His service.

March also brings our first-ever **5th Sunday Women's Revival!** On March 30th, two dynamic, nationally renowned female pastors will bring powerful messages at our 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. This revival will close out our women's emphasis month as we celebrate women and encourage them to remain steadfast and focused on God's plans and purposes for their lives.

We're excited to announce a **Partnership with George Mason University's Organizational Development and Knowledge Management** program. On March 3rd, we began Appreciative Inquiry workshops to explore and strengthen Antioch's C.A.R.E.S. values (Charity, Adapt, Relational Warmth, Evangelism, and Service). This collaborative effort will help us highlight our strengths and continue to build upon our history as we charter ahead through our shared vision for the future of our church.

March 29th will be our first church-wide Serve Day and Digital Engagement Session. Together, we will serve our community and embrace new ways of connecting digitally.

Join us this month as we grow in faith, service, and commitment to God's calling. I love you and there is 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 & Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning Prayer: 7-7:30am | 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 & Friday Morning Bible Study | 9:30am



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"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right." – Rosa Parks, civil rights activist

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. The 2025 theme, "Moving Forward

✝ 8:00AM Service



Pastor Danielle Bridgeforth
The Church at Clarendon
Arlington, VA

Together," is a salute to "Women Educating and Inspiring Generations" and recognizes the collective strength, equality, and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership, shaping the minds and futures of all generations. Antioch has been celebrating women all month. On Sunday, March 30th, we will hold a **Women's Revival during our 8:00AM and 10:30AM Worship Services.**

These six-generation churchwide worship services are open to all men, women, boys and girls. Join us in diamonds, denim, and pearls as we joyfully celebrate our women.

✝ 10:30AM Service



Pastor Danielle Brown
Shiloh Baptist Church
Plainfield, NJ



WE NEED YOU! Yes you! The Missions Advisory Committee led by Deacon Jim McCall invites you to participate in our upcoming churchwide **SERVE DAY** which will take place on **Saturday, March 29, 2025**. We will come together to beautify several parks and recreation areas across Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties in addition to a park in the City of Alexandria. Our goal is to have **200 members** helping to ensure these public spaces are ready for use and enjoyment by all. This effort aligns to our C.A.R.E.S. values and will make a positive difference in the

neighborhoods in our area. Please go to the Antioch website to register you and your family for this tremendous outreach effort. Please include an email address and phone number so that we may communicate with you in a timely manner. Please also include your county and zip code so that we can coordinate the group and park assignments. Come and engage with us. A **Digital Engagement Session will also be held on March 29th.**

APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF OUR STRENGTHS!

Antioch Baptist Church is partnering with George Mason University Organizational Development and Knowledge Management graduate program to explore our C.A.R.E.S. values and to ensure our values are understood, experienced, and operationalize in our church. We held our first workshop on March 3rd with 27 church members. Thank you to all who participated and provided wonderful feedback about our C.A.R.E.S. values. We look forward to continuing in this process. The next step will consist of one-on-one interviews with four graduate students. The interviews will take place between March 23rd and March 31st and the interview times are very flexible. We need at least 20 members to participate in the interviews. The final step is a 2nd Workshop which will take place on Monday, April 7, 2025 in the Ministry Center Multi-Purpose Room. Several of you have reached out and shared your interest in participating. To God be the Glory!

Please indicate your interest in participating in the virtual 1:1 interview and/or the April 7th workshop by Thursday, March 20th by emailing Dr. Michelle Edwards at medwards@antioch-church.org who can answer any questions you may have.



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FOR GOD'S GLORY AND OUR GOOD *by Iris Stevenson*

So many people are struggling right now to understand the “how” and “why” of what we see happening in the U.S. political arena. As believers, we know that God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and ever-present. Even in uncertainty, we can trust that God is just and has a greater purpose.

Throughout Scripture, we see examples of people grappling with similar confusion. Mary and Martha could not understand why, when they sent a message to Jesus that Lazarus was sick, he delayed going and allowed Lazarus to die while he had healed countless others. John 11:4 tells us that when Jesus received the message, He said, “This sickness is not to end in death; but [on the contrary] it is to God and to promote His glory, that the Son of God may be glorified through (by) it.”

Moses could not understand why, when he warned Pharaoh as God had instructed, Pharaoh still did not listen to him and did not let the Israelites go. Exodus 11:5-10 records that the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart so that His wonders could be multiplied in Egypt.

Likewise, in Deuteronomy 2:30-31 God hardened Sihon's spirit and made his heart obstinate such that the king of Heshbon would not let the Israelites pass by him. This was so that God might give Sihon into Moses' hand and for Moses to succeed him and occupy his land.

Pilate himself was perplexed when he asked who the people wanted to set free—Barabbas a notorious criminal or Jesus Who Is called Christ—and they said Barabbas! Pilate, utterly baffled by their response, had to ask again. Matthew 27:17, 20-21. Why? John 3:16 reads For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Ephesians 1:7

Though we may not understand everything, we can find peace knowing that God's plan is bigger than our comprehension. He is still in control, never leaving us without support (Hebrews 13:5). Trust in His sovereignty, stay faithful, and remember—God is with us.



CALLING ALL ANTIOCH BUSINESS MEN & WOMEN

Antioch Baptist Church is creating resources for our members who are impacted by the Government firings. This will be a multi-pronged process that will start with creating a business directory.



SCAN TO SIGN UP

INFORMATION REQUESTED



Business
Name



Business
Contact Info



Business
Description



Pro Bono
Services?



Call Us
703-425-0710

Visit Our Website
www.antioch-church.org



BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Antioch is creating resources for members impacted by the mass layoffs of government employees. We want to support each other in these challenging times. This multi-pronged process will start with creating an Antioch business directory. If you are a business owner and you would like to participate, please scan the QR code and provide the following information: Business Name, Business email and phone number, Business description/services, as well as pro bono services you are willing to provide.



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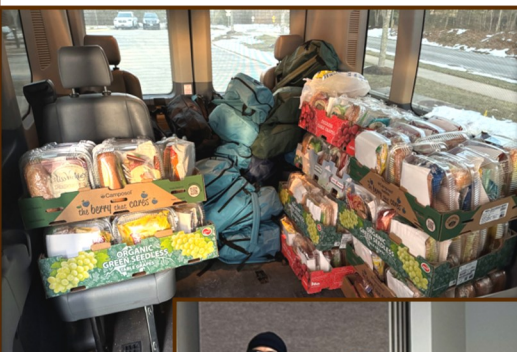
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MISSION FOCUSED

Antioch knows that the demand for assistance—food, personal hygiene items, winter supplies, etc. — does not end with the holidays. The Antioch Board of Deacons provided 75 Blessing Bags filled with toiletries, hats, gloves, and other items in support of our Antioch Feed The Homeless Ministry. The go bags were distributed in January and February along with the nutritious meals provided to our underserved community. Pastor Taylor has challenged each of us to serve in at least one ministry and to participate in at least one Bible

Study. We encourage you to take the spiritual gifts survey and to explore the ministries at Antioch. If you are not



currently serving in a ministry, we invite you to prayerfully consider one of our 40+ ministries. Please go to the Antioch website for more information.



Save the Dates

Check out the 40 Days of FOCUS

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- Mar 19 & 26 Noon and 7PM Family Bible Study
- Mar 22 Men's Forum 8AM
- Mar 25 Feed The Homeless 4:30PM Prep
6:00 Delivery/Distributions
- Mar 29 **SERVE DAY! 9AM—1PM**
- Mar 30 Women's Revival 8AM & 10:30AM
Diamonds, Denim, and Pearls

- Apr 5 Noah - Sight and Sound Trip/Women's Ministry
- Apr 20 John Q. Gibbs Scholarship Deadline
- May 22 Quarterly Business Meeting (Members Only)
- Jul 7-11 Vacation Bible School

"All In"

"PASTOR AND PEOPLE"
1ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
April 6th 8:00AM & 10:30AM Worship Services
12:30PM Reception/ Celebration—Register by 3/24



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