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TAYLORED TALK a message for His people

MORE THAN CONQUERORS!

June is a very exciting month! It's known for graduations, weddings, cookouts, NBA Finals, Vacation Bible Camps, beach trips, family vacations and family reunions. To add to June's already extensive list, we, at Antioch Baptist Church Fairfax Station, will be encouraging and investing in the men. We plan to have a fantastic Father's Day celebration, coupled with our annual men's retreat to White Stone, Virginia. Moreover, we will be studying one of my favorite persons in the Bible, Abraham.

Our series for the month of June is "Managing Shifts: The Life of Abraham". Abraham's life, much like many of our very own, was a life of many shifts - personally, emotionally, financially, and spiritually. Yet, Abraham continued to walk by faith and express his faith through his walk. Faith, in and of itself, was Abraham's core value.

Albert Einstein, a great philosopher once said, "Try not to become a man of success, but become a man of value." My hope and prayer for every man is that we will become or continue to be, men of value.

My goal is to examine the faith life of Abraham and to encourage the men of Antioch to implement these faith principles in our lives. As men, we strive to be leaders in our homes, churches, communities, fraternities, organizations, and careers, therefore, we must learn how to manage shifts by leading with value. The life of Abraham will reveal that mistakes are probable and that leading with value isn't always easy. However, it will also reveal that we can learn from and most definitely grow because of them.

You are more than CONQUERORS!

Pastor T

P.S. Ladies, just as I challenged the men to ensure yes, dear was the correct answer to all requests for Mother's Day, it's also a great response to the men on Father's Day.

Yes, Dear!



2024

"Shift...Greater Is Coming!"

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

- Romans 8:35, 37



Join Us For

Tuesday Morning Prayer 7:00-7:30AM

Dial (945) 218-0090, access code 1846260

Bible Studies end the second of June and resume the second week in September:

Family Bible Study: Wednesdays 12 Noon

In Person Only; 7:00PM Dinner, Homework Stations and Bible Study (In-Person & Virtual)

SonRise Bible Study: Thursdays 6:00PM

Friday Morning Bible Study: 9:30- 11:00AM

More Than Conquerors



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Dear Dad,

A LETTER FOR FATHERS

I wanted to write you a special note for Father's Day, so I did what most red blooded Americans do these days, I asked Google for help. I said, "Hey Google, describe a great Dad". Google said, Here's what I found. He should have two eyes, one nose, and one mouth. How he looks doesn't matter. How he treats you and other people matters. DUH! So I decided to take a stab at it myself. Here goes.

Dad, You are my ROCK, Thank you for walking the walk and showing me what **Faith** looks like. You don't always have all the answers but I see that you trust God and His timing. You are a man of few words (except for when it comes to those corny Dad jokes – you seem to have lots to say!) and deliberate **Action**. Thank you for being an extraordinary **Teacher**—teaching me how to tie a tie or a bow :), to drive a car, and so much more. Thank you for showing me what **Humility** looks like. Thank you for being a role model and leading by **Example**. Thank you for providing for me (and our family) and for being **Reliable**. Most of all, thank you for being YOU! **Love you Dad, Happy Father's Day!**

Pastor Taylor and Lady Leona Trivia

In December 2023, the Pastor Taylor and Lady Leona Trivia Pursuit game was introduced as a fun and interactive way to get to know our lead shepherd and first lady. There have been six rounds with the final round in the May Newsletter. The answers to Round 6 are listed below. The winners will join Pastor Taylor and Lady Leona for dinner.

Trivia Questions and Answers for Round 6:

R6 Q1&2 What is your favorite paste time? Q1: Pastor Taylor: C. Golf; Q2: Lady Leona B. Wordsearches **R6 Q3&4** Where is one place you've always dreamed of going? Q3: Pastor Taylor: D. Paris; Q4. Lady Leona C. Maldives ; **R6 Q5&6:** What is your favorite form of exercise? Q5 Pastor Taylor B. Cycling Q6 Lady Leona D. Dancing

WINNERS: Round 1: Jamie Carroll
Round 4: Denyse Gordon-Watts

Round 2: Tanya Easley
Round 5: Langston Scott

Round 6: Daniel Simpkins



Pastor Taylor and Lady Leona Trivia Pursuit WINNERS!



2024 Summer Reading Program: "Jesus – The Carpenter's Son"

"Is not this the Carpenter's Son?" -- Matthew 3:10



Commit to reading this year as a part of Antioch's 2024 Summer Reading Program. We are so happy to be able to supply starter books that fit our theme this year. The Library Ministry will be in the Antioch foyer Sunday, June 23rd and 30th. We also encourage children to read other enriching Christian books on their own using the local library, Antioch Library, bookstores, etc. Below is the list of the books by group.

Grade/Group	Title
PreK – 1 st	<i>Hanging out with Jesus-The Impatient Carpenter</i> by Salem and Agnes de Bezenac
1 st – 2 nd	<i>A Carpenter's Trade</i> by Lauren Riggs and Dave Yauk
3 rd – 5 th	<i>A Carpenter's Son</i> by Baby Professor Books
6 th – 8 th	<i>The Welcoming Door-Parables of the Carpenter</i> by Kenny Kemp
9 th – 12 th & College	<i>More than a Carpenter</i> by Josh and Sean McDowell
Adults	<i>Walk Through Fire</i> by Shelia Johnson- Adult Book Discussion: September 12th 7PM

The Children and Youth Book Club will be held during a session at Vacation Bible Camp this year! Adults may order *Walk Through Fire* on Amazon, Kindle, or Audible. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Kimber Garland-Holmes, Antioch Library Ministry Team Lead at kimberg703@yahoo.com or 937-672-9477.

"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it...which is Jesus Christ." -- 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

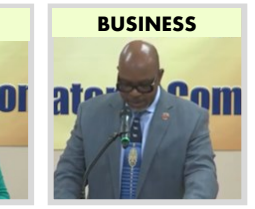


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MAY HIGHLIGHTS



Antioch's National Day of Prayer Breakfast proved to be a morning of prayer and praise with seven pillars of fervent prayer. Rev. Dennis Drake introduced seven powerful servant leaders from across the National Capital Area. Our Senior Pastor, Dr. Kevin B. Taylor closed underscoring the POWER OF PRAYER! View this program on the Antioch YouTube channel.



Dr. T. Quincy Heatley
Shiloh Baptist
Alexandria, VA

Rev. J. Wilkins, Sr.
Mt. Olive Baptist
Centreville, VA

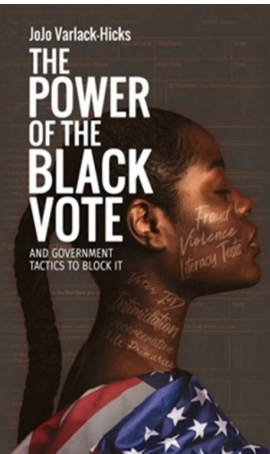
Dr. J. Johnson Sr.
Mt. Calvary Baptist
Fairfax, VA

Dr. J. Dangerfield
Heritage Fellowship
Reston, VA

Dr. K. E. Donalson
Mt. Pleasant Baptist
Herndon, VA

Rev. R. Marable
Antioch Baptist
Fairfax Station, VA

Dr. H. During Jr.
Star Bethlehem MB
Triangle, VA



Author Jo Jo Varlack-Hicks shared her inspiration for writing *The Power of the Black Vote*. She believes there are too many African Americans (especially young people) not participating in the voting process. **Tuesday, June 18th is Elections Day for the Democratic and Republican Primaries** — many believe America is fighting for its democracy! **EXERCISE YOUR POWER on JUNE 18TH!**



"If we want to see change, we have to get involved".
Senior High School panelist, Serena Edwards

Panelists: Jim Jones, Cody Taylor, Jo Jo Varlack-Hicks, Jernay A. Wallace, Serena Edwards, and Curtis Wilson shared their perspectives.



God smiled and held off the rain as more than 100 walkers, runners, and volunteers participated in the Antioch World Vision Global 6K Walk for Clean Water at Burke Lake Park on Saturday, May 18th. There were 550 global 6K walks across America, Antioch finished #6, raising \$19,662 with over 200 people registered.



In May, The Women of Antioch were honored. On Mother's Day, Pastor Taylor inspired us with his gift of preaching and influence to ensure women were celebrated and encouraged. On May 19th, the Day of Pentecost, Rev. Rochella Marable brought Pentecost to life with a sermon from Acts 2:1-12. On May 26th, Rev. Courtney Golden of Reid Temple AME Church in Glenn Dale, MD preached "The Other Side of the Storm" from Job 42:10-12.





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ABC Vacation Bible Camp: June 17-21



Vacation Bible Camp will be held on Monday, June 17th—Friday, June 21st from 8:00am—4:00pm. **Registration closes June 12th.** The cost is \$100 for K-6; Free for Grades 7-12.

Daily activities include fun learning, arts and crafts, science, and Bible teachings. Registration includes a T-Shirt, a Juneteenth celebration on Wednesday and a Water Day Celebration on Friday. The closing ceremony will be at 3:00pm on Friday, June 21st and parents are welcome to attend.

It's not too late to volunteer to serve. For more information, contact Reverend Daniel Simpkins at dsimpkins@antioch-church.org.

PROSTATE CANCER AFFECTS 1 IN 8



MEN IN THE US

Man Up! *By Delores Witcher*

One of the greatest demonstrations of love a man can have for his family is taking care of himself. Statistics indicate that Black men often have the worst outcomes for treatable medical conditions like prostate cancer because they do not get screened early enough or refuse treatment because of side effects. At-risk men, with a family history of prostate cancer, should begin screening between ages 40-45, and men with average risk around age 50 unless otherwise

recommended by the doctor. Prostate cancer is slow-growing and treatable when caught early. Screening involves a blood test, Prostate Specific Antigen test (PSA), and a Digital Rectal Exam (DRE). Prostate cancer risks can be reduced by eating healthy, exercising, maintaining a healthy weight, and not smoking. Man Up! Talk to your doctor about getting screened for prostate cancer.

On January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation, which promised freedom to the over 3.5 million African Americans enslaved in Confederate states went into effect but was not enforceable until June 18, 1865, when General Gordon Granger along with nearly 2,000 Union troops took control of the Confederate states. On June 19, 1865, Granger read "General Order #3" which ended slavery in the area, but it would be another six months before the Thirteenth Amendment would be ratified on December 6, 1865 and end slavery throughout the entire country. On the anniversary of Granger's announcement, formerly enslaved African Americans in Texas celebrated "Jubilee Day" on June 19, 1866, to mark their free status. The day was also called "Freedom Day" and "Liberation Day" at times before "Juneteenth". In 2021, President Biden, signed legislation that made Juneteenth, June 19th, a federal holiday.



Save the Dates:

- June 17-21: Vacation Bible Camp 8AM — 4PM
- June 18: ELECTION DAY
- June 20: Random Drawing for Property at Olm Drive (see website)
- June 27-29: Men's Retreat Whitestone, VA "The Joy of Fearing God"
- June 23: HS & College Students Chat & Chew 205A&B 12—2PM
- June 25: ABC Feed the Homeless 205A/B 4:30 & 6PM
- June 25: Greece and Turkey Study Tour Information Session 7PM Zoom
- June 27: Caring for the Caregivers 7:00—8:30PM
- June 29: Trail Talk College Students & Parents 2PM Great Falls National Park 9200 Old Dominion Dr. McLean VA



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