



Antioch Connection

TAYLORED TALK a message for His people

The Importance of Charity in our C.A.R.E.S. values

Hello Antioch Family,

The first letter in our C.A.R.E.S. acronym is "C," which represents Charity. At Antioch, we are deeply committed to being charitable in all we do, embodying our core mission of Loving God and Loving Others. Your continued generosity is a true testament to this.

I want to personally thank you for your overwhelming support to help families and communities that experienced catastrophic damages due to Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Because of your generosity, we have been able to send \$20,000 to organizations and missions' partner to meet needs in Florida and North Carolina.

- \$10,000 to Beulah Baptist Institutional Church in Tampa, Florida, where one of our very own, Pastor Alan Harris, serves as Senior Pastor.
- \$5,000 to World Vision (North Carolina relief)
- \$5,000 to Lott Carey (North Carolina relief), our newest mission partner, which focuses on helping people in under-served areas often overlooked after natural disasters.

As we continue in this season of budget planning, we depend on the faithfulness and generosity of Antioch FFX members via God's tithes and our offerings. Your financial gifts and acts of charity allow us to serve and make a difference, both here and around the world. We are grateful for your ongoing dedication, knowing that it enables us to carry out God's work effectively.

In January, I'll be leading a mission trip to Belize. I'm excited to take 5-10 individuals from Antioch with me. We will not only evangelize but serve as the hands and feet of Christ, working directly with the most vulnerable in the community.

"We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part". 2 Corinthians 8:1-2 ESV

I love you, and there is absolutely nothing you can do about it!

Your Gift Matters,

Pastor T



2024

"Shift...Greater Is Coming!"

"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven."

Matthew 6:1 NIV

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Join Us For

Tuesday Morning Prayer

7—7:30 AM Dial (945) 218-0090, access code 1846260

Family Bible Study: Wednesdays

at 12 Noon In-Person Only; 7 PM In-Person and Virtual with dinner and homework stations from 5:30—6:30 PM

SonRise Bible Study, Thursdays 6 AM

Friday Morning Bible Study, 9:30—11 AM

Charity



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A REMINDER THAT OUR SACRIFICES ARE DEEPLY VALUED! *by Keitha V. Johnson*

Veterans Day, observed each year on November 11, honors the bravery and sacrifice of all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. This day is a time for communities across America to recognize veterans' dedication to safeguarding freedom and security. Originally commemorating the end of World War I in 1918, Veterans Day has evolved as a tribute to veterans of all wars and conflicts, from those who served overseas to those who supported missions at home.

Celebrating Veterans Day often includes parades, ceremonies, and moments of silence. Schools and local organizations plan events to teach younger generations about veterans' contributions. Families may gather to honor loved ones who served and share stories of courage and resilience. Our Antioch church family also celebrates Veterans Day on November 11th. We recognize all members and guests who have served honorably in the military services.

Veterans Day serves as an important reminder for all Americans to honor those who have given so much for our country. For veterans, this day is a reminder that our sacrifices are deeply valued and unity of service.

ELECTION DAY PRAYER
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024
 7:00 PM
 SANCTUARY
**JOIN US TO
 PRAY FOR OUR ELECTION**
 ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
 6531 LITTLE OX ROAD
 FAIRFAX STATION, VA 22039
 DR. KEVIN B. TAYLOR, SENIOR PASTOR

**VETERANS DAY
 CELEBRATION**
 Rear Admiral Julius "J.C."
 Caesar, U.S. Navy retired
November 11th 9:30AM

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULT NEWS YOU CAN USE!



Our first Children's Church was held on October 20th and we were blessed to have two youth accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. We are proud of the growth and spiritual maturity our children, youth, and young adults are demonstrating. They are certainly not shy about sharing their love for the Lord and for Antioch.

We are building relationships and while equipping our youth. In October, we journeyed to Cox Farms where we enjoyed hay rides, fast slides, and apple cider. We also fellowshiped at Ultrazone Laser Tag. Our young adults strengthened their bond over lunch at Chloez Café. Pastor Taylor and I (accompanied by Bro. Wayne Jackson and Bro. Tyrone Crabb) ventured out for Tidewater College visits. We broke bread and prayed with Antioch students at Norfolk State, Old Dominion, Christopher Newport, and Hampton Universities. For more information on how you can help minister to our children and youth, contact Rev. Daniel Simpkins at dsimpkins@antioch-church.org or Sister Tiffany Horne at tiffanymhorne@gmail.com.

★ Human Resources and Missions Advisory Committees ★

While a number of Statements of Interest have been received for the HR and the Missions Advisory Committees, **the timeline for SOIs has been extended to November 13th** to ensure maximum diversity. Specifically, the HR Committee is looking for a "Few Good Men" and the Missions Advisory Committee is seeking additional helping hands. If you have HR experience or a heart for missions and a desire to serve Antioch, please submit an SOI to abcnominations@antioch-church.org by Wednesday, 11/13.





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"...The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" Matthew 9:37 NKJV

As a follower of Christ, we must answer the call to evangelize and participate in the harvest. Every believer must remember that Christ has placed us in a field of souls ready for the harvest— a harvest that is both local and global in reach. Pastor Taylor has reminded us: that giving isn't just financial. We should also give our time to our church and our community. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" underscores the urgency of active participation in the work of God and sharing the gospel with the unbelieving world.

Our work is not done. According to author Joel Ryan, to become an effective laborer and actively participate in the Lord's harvest, we must:

- Make ourselves available to the Lord's call and be obedient to go and do the work wherever the Lord leads. ([Isaiah 6:8](#))
- Never be ashamed of the gospel ([Romans 1:16](#)) but always eager to share the saving message of the cross wherever opportunities can be found.
- Be bold and courageous in our work, knowing we are being sent into the world as sheep among wolves. ([Luke 10:3](#))
- Be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks for the reason we have hope in Jesus Christ— treating everyone with gentleness and respect. ([1 Peter 3:15](#))
- Be patient and perseverant in our work— enduring hardship even in the difficult seasons of ministry. ([2 Timothy 4:5](#)).
- Be faithful ambassadors of Jesus Christ— the Lord of the harvest, who called and sent us into the field. ([2 Corinthians 5:20](#))
- Be more concerned with winning the approval of God than man. ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)).



We must be active and faithful in prayer; praying for the harvest to come and for workers who will seek and save the lost. What are your spiritual gifts and how can they be used at Antioch? Which mission best suits you?

MEMBER RECOGNITION

Congratulations Sister Deborah Gibbs, Antioch Founding Member and a member of Howard University's first graduating Physical Therapy class, was recognized for outstanding service. Standing with Sister Gibbs are two Antioch members, Felecia Moore Banks, Associate Professor and Chairperson of Howard's Department of Occupational Therapy, and VeVe Davis, CEO Donovan of the Donovan Angel Foundation, representing her son, Donovan Davis, who has received services from HU's PT program.



The Gratitude Challenge Starts November 3rd *by Deloris Witcher*

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God." 1 Thessalonians 5:18a NKJV

Antioch family, get ready for something special this November! We are kicking off a **Gratitude Challenge** using the Build Your Faith App™. Each day, we will share something to be grateful for through the app. This simple yet powerful practice is good for the soul; it's scientifically proven to reduce stress and anxiety.



Regular reflection on gratitude will also help us recognize and appreciate God's blessings, deepen our faith journey, and trust in His plans for our lives. **At the end of the challenge, the person with the most entries will win a prize!** Interested in joining? Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/fW9yiQDXhkUGagej9>

Note: The deadline has been extended - sign up NOW! The challenge will start on Sunday, November 3rd, and end on Sunday, November 24th.



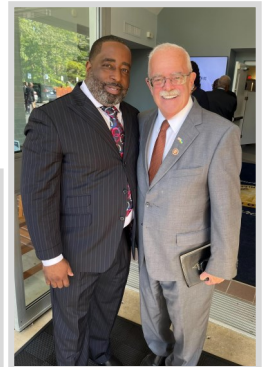
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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

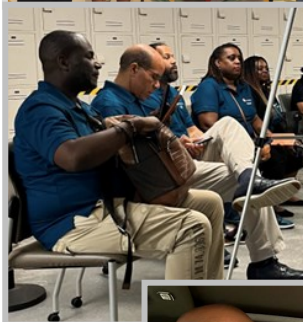
Pastor Taylor challenged the Antioch family to understand our assignment and that God's will requires us to accept the No's, the Go's and the Know's of God. Check out "Mission Assigned: Help Needed".



Check out "You Can't Do It All" Part 1-3" This sermon series was inspiring!



Gerry Connolly, U.S. Congressman for VA 11th District, visited Antioch.



Antioch Staff visited the Lamb Center residents for Bible, fellowship, and connection.



On 10/27 four new members received the Right Hand of Fellowship; and Crystal Castillo, Camryn Ambers and Miles Perkins professed their faith and were baptized.



Antioch CARES: Deacons Margo Adams, Samuel and Joyce Harris visited the Johnsons for prayer and communion. Pastor Taylor stopped in for a visit with Sister Faye Hornsby in Alabama.



Tidewater College road trip was a huge success. Our Antioch college students expressed sincere appreciation for the prayers and encouragement.



Breast Cancer screening was provided on 10/30.



Sherelle Capper for Souls To The Polls.



Trinity Story, Gen-C leader, encouraged Antioch's young adults to participate in the ministry fellowship at Chloe's Café.





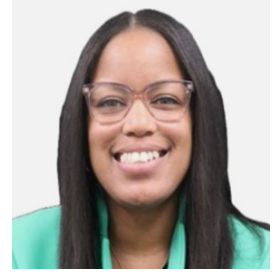
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The Thanksgiving Basket Project

For over 20 years, *The Thanksgiving Basket Project* has been an annual tradition at Antioch. Each year Antioch commits to ensuring its members, and those in need in Fairfax and Prince William counties, and surrounding areas, are able to provide their families with a great Thanksgiving meal.

For the past few years, Antioch has distributed gift cards to dozens of local families so they could prepare a home-cooked meal for Thanksgiving. However, for the 2024 Thanksgiving season, Antioch will resume its original tradition of preparing baskets filled with string beans, yams, corn, carrots, cake mix, cake icing, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, rolls, and a turkey. These delicious baskets will be distributed to families in need at seven local schools. Monetary donations will also be made to Capital Area Food Bank, FACETS, The Lamb Center, a shelter in Fairfax County, and a shelter in Prince William County.

During the holiday season, we are often reminded how blessed we are. The Thanksgiving Basket Project falls under the Missions Ministry and is guided by 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV, "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."



Volunteers are currently needed and welcomed to:

- Help assemble boxes on **Friday, November 22nd at 1:00 p.m.**
- Assist with packing boxes on **Sunday, November 24th following the 10:30 a.m. worship service**
- Distribute boxes on **Monday, November 25th from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in making a monetary donation, you can do so through online giving under "Thanksgiving Baskets Project" on Antioch's website. For more information, please contact Sis. Jessica Horne abcthanksgivingbaskets@antioch-church.org.

SPECIAL BULLETIN: ABC YOUTH MUSIC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The ABC Youth Music Committee will support the Director of Music and Arts and Director of Youth in the search for the new Assistant Minister of Music. The committee will provide insights and recommendations for the duties and responsibilities of the position and represent the needs of ABC Youth. The team will include: Rev. Corbett, Rev. Simpkins, **4 Youth members**: two (2) males and two (2) female's 7th – 12th Grade, **3 Youth Parents/Guardians** (2 S.A.L.T. & 1 Praising Saints), **1 Deacon**, and **1 Trustee**. Interested members, **please submit the ABC Youth Music Committee Statement of Interest by November 13th**. See the Antioch website.

November Save the Dates:

- Nov 2: Starting Point 9—11AM
- Nov 4: Election Fellowship/Prayer 7PM Sanctuary
- Nov 5: Election Day
- Nov 9: New Member Orientation 9AM—1PM
- Nov 11: Antioch Veterans Day Program 9:30AM
- Nov 11: Veterans Day National Holiday
- Nov 15: Married Couples Chopped Fellowship 7PM
- Nov 16: DOVE Planning Meeting 12NOON
- Nov 18: Gen C Topical Biblical Study 7—8PM
- Nov 21: ABC Quarterly Business Meeting 7—9PM
- Nov 22: Thanksgiving Basket Project (11/22—11/25)
- Nov 23: Men's Forum 8—10 AM
- Nov 26: Feed The Homeless 4:30PM/6PM Delivery
- Nov 28: Thanksgiving Day

Walking in
THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL
September 20 - 27, 2025

Join Pastor Taylor on a study tour to Greece and Turkey—September 2025.
Please register by Dec 20th Contact:
Rev. Rochella Marable at rcmarable@cox.net



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ABC Quarterly Business Meeting November 21st 7:00pm