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a message for His people

Psalms Sizzle Month: Focus on Praise and Worship

June was truly a month to remember at Antioch Baptist Church, as we celebrated Men's Month with power, purpose, and praise. Our theme focused on the life of Paul and, through the Book of Acts, we were reminded that focused men pray and engage in productive partnerships, just as Paul and Ananias did. We also embraced the challenge to "Keep it Reel," becoming more prepared and proactive in our call to be fishers of people.

We honored our fathers on Father's Day and culminated the month with a powerful Men's Conference, featuring Bishop Derek Grier (Dumfries, VA), who delivered a timely and transformative word. We continued the momentum with our 5th Sunday Fire Series, hosting a Men's Revival where Pastors Dr. Rolous Frazier Jr. (Orlando, FL) and Dr. Carl J. Solomon (Baltimore, MD) stirred our spirits with dynamic preaching.

This month also marked the return of our Golf Ministry, to bring men and women together in fellowship and fun. Although the June event was postponed due to rain, a new date will be set. Watch for details. In keeping with that joyful spirit, we launched our first Nick and Nate Karaoke Night, which was a great time of laughter, music, and community.

We were proud to honor ten high school graduates, 8 of whom were young men. We awarded scholarships to support their college journeys. Our Guest Services team also made history with their first all-male serving team.

Looking ahead, July brings exciting opportunities as our Missions Team travels to Jamaica, and our Vacation Bible School gears up for a great time with youth and families, including a trip to Busch Gardens!

As we enjoy the summer, stay safe, stay connected, and get ready for Children and Youth Month in August. And remember: I love you, and there is absolutely 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

Tuesday Morning Prayer: 7:00am—7:30am
Dial (945) 218-0090, access code 1846260
ALL Bible Studies, Sunday School, and
C.A.R.E.S. Small Groups will resume in September

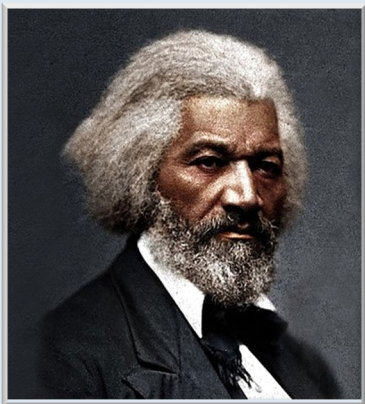


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Faith and Freedom: A Nation Under God

Every year on the Fourth of July, Americans come together to celebrate Independence Day — a time to honor the birth of a nation shaped by dreams of liberty and justice. But beneath the fireworks and festivities is a deeper story of America's journey toward independence.

While the Declaration of Independence proclaimed that "all men are created equal," this promise was not fully realized for everyone. Enslaved Africans, Indigenous peoples, and countless others remained in chains — spiritually, politically, and physically.



Famed orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass asked, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" He raised this question in his keynote address at an Independence Day celebration on July 5, 1852, at Corinthian Hall in Rochester, New York.

"Fellow-citizens, pardon me, allow me to ask, why am I called upon to speak here to-day? What have I, or those I represent, to do with your national independence? Are the great principles of political freedom and of natural justice, embodied in that Declaration of Independence, extended to us? And am I, therefore, called upon to bring our humble offering to the national altar, and to confess the benefits and express devout gratitude for the blessings resulting from your independence to us?" Douglass said. "This Fourth of July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn," he said.

While others celebrated freedom already gained, Black churches often held services to reflect on the freedom yet to come. And in doing so, they nurtured the soul of a freedom struggle that would inspire generations. Antioch and many churches across the country continue to play a vital role in the ongoing fight for justice. We feed the hungry, shelter the weary, and remember that while we celebrate the nation's independence, our work is not yet finished.

Breathe In and Exhale with Gratitude and Praise!

Antioch's Women's Fall 2025 Retreat will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 3—4, 2025, at Lansdowne Resort in Leesburg, VA. This year's theme is inspired by references from the Gospels where Jesus "set aside" time away to pray and hear from God. **Sisters, please go to the Antioch website to register for the conference.**

- Standard rate is \$375.00 per person July 1st through July 25th. Registration includes: Three (3) Meals, Snacks, Resort Fee, Gratuity, and one-night stay. Deluxe Double Occupancy and Single Rooms available.



Women's Fall Retreat

Breathe in and Exhale with Gratitude and Praise!

At Lansdowne Resort in Lansdowne, VA



Rev. Dr. Jacquie Hood Martin
Weekend Keynote

Scan the QR Code to Register

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6531 Little Ox Road,
Fairfax Station, VA



Christina "Tella The Spella The Story Tella" Wilson
Comedian Friday night



Carla Wiley
Testimony on Saturday PM



The Honorable Phyllis Randall
Greetings on Saturday AM
Chairwoman of the Loudoun County
Board of Supervisors

If you have any questions, please contact Sister Kenya Savage at KSavage@antioch-church.org



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MISSION FOCUSED: ANTIOCH MUSIC & ARTS AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

JUNETEENTH OUTREACH AND FISHING EXPEDITION

Antioch's Dance Ministry, Youth Choir, and Children, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries joined forces to perform at the 2025 Juneteenth Celebration in Fairfax City. Their powerful contribution to the community outreach event featured poetry, music, dance, and drama. To open Antioch's performance, Chelsea Campbell read a poem titled, "The Miracle of the Morning," by Amanda Gorman, the first National Youth Poet Laureate. Members of the Dance and Drama ministries enhanced the poem's message with liturgical dance and praise movements.



The youth of the S.A.L.T. Choir connected with the audience through music. Minister Khanner Hancock, our new Children and Youth Choir Director, joined Liana "Lili" Baskerville and Carin Coleman to minister to the audience through the song "My World Needs You."

Daniel Purvis, Xavier Cottom, and Phillip Belcher, a dynamic youth trio, sang "Hold On," accompanied by cellist Dreland Turner. During "I Know Who I Am," flags from many nations were featured on stage and the audience sang along while waving small flags.

Sister Elaine Chandler, Antioch's Liturgical Dance Ministry Leader, coordinated Antioch's participation. The event gave all involved a meaningful opportunity to commemorate Juneteenth



and connect with members of the wider community. We made contact with several participants and with a university dance team and their leader. A

special thank you to the parents whose dedication and support helped make the day a great success!



Good night, Sleep Tight ... by Deloris Witcher

"In peace I will both lie down and sleep." Psalm 4:8a ESV

Sleep is a powerful, often overlooked aspect of a healthy lifestyle. It serves as the foundational pillar for overall health. In terms of importance, it surpasses good nutrition and exercise. Both healthy eating and the quality and duration of exercise decline without sufficient, restful sleep. Sleep deprivation can contribute to a myriad of health problems that impact nearly every bodily system. It can affect attention, concentration, memory, and mood, weaken immunity. It can also increase susceptibility to common colds, increase the risks of high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes; cause weight gain; and impact balance and coordination. To improve sleep, avoid caffeine after noon, limit daytime naps, and maintain a regular sleep schedule. Create a dark, cool, and quiet environment, read your Bible, and pray before going to bed.





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JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

Antioch High School Graduates were recognized on Sunday, June 1st during the annual High School Seniors Recognition Ceremony. Through the generosity of Antioch members and scholarship sponsors, ten Antioch Class of 2025 graduates received awards totaling \$72,000. Several sponsors opted to carry over small balances for 2026 awards. Sister Andrea Gibbs,



daughter of our Founding Pastor, John Q. Gibbs, shared encouraging words with our seniors. She said, "Take this moment to truly celebrate your incredible accomplishment. Finishing high school is no small feat, and it's something not everyone is able to achieve, so pause and be proud. As you step into this next chapter, stay rooted in your faith. Whether you remain at Antioch or connect with a local church near your new home, continue to serve and

grow spiritually. Let your light shine in a way that others see God through you every day. When challenges come, and they will, give yourself grace, just as Christ extends grace to us. This milestone is significant, but trust that what God has ahead is even greater."



Antioch Bible Institute (ABI) BBQ and Fellowship. This year's class included ten students eager to study God's Word and share their faith journey.

Enhance your spiritual growth journey with detailed lessons in Old Testament, New Testament, and Systematic Theology, contact Dean Jim Harden for more information at jharden01@gmail.com.



Antioch's Family Fun Night was a good time for all! The adults had Live Band Karaoke featuring Round of Applause with our very own, Brother Nate Johnson, on base guitar. Minister Khanner Hancock sang, "Killing Me Softly". The youngest among us played games and danced the night away! Special thanks to Sister Jackie Phillips for helping our little ones to burn off some energy while doing the latest line dance, Boots on the Ground, along with other favorites.





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HONORING OUR MEN! June was Men's Month at Antioch and our men showed up and showed out! On Father's Day, Rev. Keith Phillips preached a messaged titled, Act Like a Christian Man: A Father's Role. The powerful words from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." urged our men to be vigilant and to let their actions be filled with love.

On Saturday, June 28th, 114 men filled the Ministry Center for the annual Men's Conference. The day included preaching, teaching, fellowship, and brotherly love. The keynote speaker was Bishop Derek Grier, Founding Pastor of Grace Church in Dumfries, VA. On June 29th, at the 5th Sunday Fire Men's Revival, Dr. Carl J. Solomon shared from Mark 5:6 a sermon titled, "When A Man Worships". He revealed that when good seeds are planted, a great harvest results.



At 10:30AM, Dr. Rolous Frazier, Jr. brought blessings from 2 Samuel 9:1-5. He asked us to tell our neighbors, "It's Time for You to Come Out Of Lo-Debar." You see Lo-Debar is a place of no hope, no growth, and no development. Pastor Frazier reminded us that life is about relationships and we must remember who we are and whose we are.



The debonair men of **Psi Alpha Alpha of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.** worshipped and celebrated with us on June 29th at the 10:30AM Service.



A Faithful Friday Tradition. For the past 15 years, upward of 60 individuals from coast to coast have participated in Antioch's Friday morning Bible Study with Rev. Rochella Marable. "My greatest joy comes from being a Servant Teacher of the Lord and sharing His Word," says Rev Rochella. Friday morning fellowship isn't just a Bible Study—it's a community rooted in curiosity, connection, and a shared desire to grow in faith. The class held it's year-end celebration on June 13th.



MEMBER RECOGNITION



Congratulations! Jatara Mainor on your internship with the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) as a merchandising and marketing intern. Jatara supported the planning and execution of merchandising strategies across key center core departments, including handbags/accessories, jewelry, cosmetics/fragrances, and sunglasses. Jatara assisted the buying teams with product selection, pricing strategies, trend forecasting, and sales analysis to ensure alignment with customer preferences and seasonal demand. Jatara is the daughter of

Robert and Janel Mainor. Join us in congratulating Jatara.

Congratulations! Chantreishia Destiny Turner and Jeffery Lamar Benton (mom and son). Destiny earned a Master of Business Administration in Government Acquisitions on the President's List 5X with High Distinction and an Honors Scholar. Jeffery graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Hospitality Management on the Dean's List and in two Honors Societies. Jeffery is now in his Master's Program at Johnson & Wales.





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Antioch On Campus Ministry Making a Difference

The Antioch on Campus (AOC) Ministry was established in April 2025 to assist with increasing Antioch's connection with students on college campuses. The AOC, co-chaired by Brother Tyrone and Sister Erika Crabb, has already made significant strides in fulfilling this key objective which directly aligns to our vision of being a Christ-centered six-generation church that C.A.R.E.S.



Tyrone and Erika Crabb

On the first Sunday in May, the AOC collaborated with the Divine Nine (D9) Ministry to welcome more than 30 George Mason University students, their advisors, and their parents to our 10:30AM worship service. Among the guests were representatives from GMU's D9 community — the Omicron Rho chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., the Mu Mu chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., and the Omicron Iota chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. This gathering not only marked a turning point in our outreach but also fostered a spirit of community that filled the sanctuary.



After service, the students transitioned to a reception in the Multipurpose Room, decorated by Sister Beverly Wilson and Sister Tiffany Horne. Several Antioch members stopped in to spend time with the students who received gift bags from the D9 Ministry, which is led by Sister Rhonda Luss.

It truly was a day we can be proud of, marked by intentionality and showing students that Antioch C.A.R.E.S. With enthusiasm and dedication, the AOC and the D9 ministries cast their nets wide to engage students. To our joy, their efforts bore fruit, and the nets held! One student said, "I've been here (Fairfax) for three years now and didn't know Antioch was here. Today was my first visit, and I really love your church."



To learn more about the Antioch On Campus Ministry, contact Brother Tyrone or Sister Erika Crabb at antiochoncampus@antioch-church.org.



The AOC, would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the event's success. Without your contributions, this achievement would not have been possible. Thank you!



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ANTIOCH FFX CAREER FAIR

Join us at the Antioch FFX Career Fair, where top employers are looking for talented candidates to fill exciting opportunities. There will be career workshops, resume reviews, and mock interview sessions with professional recruiters.

TIME 10 AM – 2 PM **SATURDAY** Sep 6, 2025

703-425-0710 www.antioch-church.org 6525B Little Ox Road Fairfax Station, VA 22039



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Top employers and respected industry leaders looking for talented candidates to fill exciting opportunities will be present. Career workshops, resume reviews, and mock interview sessions with professional recruiters will be available. High-potential candidates including former career federal employees, recent college graduates, early-career professionals, and experienced individuals actively seeking new opportunities with forward-thinking companies are invited.

Job Seekers: Exploring new career opportunities? We invite you to register and upload your resume [HERE](#).

Hiring Companies: If your organization is currently recruiting, we'd love to showcase your job openings at our upcoming Career Fair. Please share the following link with your hiring manager or recruitment team
Company/Employer Submission Link: [HERE](#)

Or contact us directly at abc-hr@antioch-church.org or 703.594.9169. We'll reach out to provide more details and coordinate participation.

Children, Youth, and Young Adults: News You Can Use

The Children, Youth, and Young Adult Ministry will host this year's **Family Vacation Bible School on Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11 from 5:00pm - 8:30pm**. This year's theme is "Magnified!", focusing on Psalm 34:3 ESV, "Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Dinner will be served from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. Children's classes and adult worship service will begin at 7:00pm. We will also have a Youth Trip to **Busch Gardens on Saturday July 12th**.



Rev. Daniel
Simpkins

August will be our Children, Youth, and Collegiate Emphasis Month here at Antioch! This month is all about celebrating the unique gifts, talents, and voices of every child, youth, and college student in our church family. Throughout August, our young people will take active roles in leading and participating in all aspects of our worship services. Each Sunday will highlight a different group and everyone is invited to join in the celebration by dressing for the theme of the day! Mark your calendars:



Sunday, August 3rd - Collegiate Sunday: Rep your favorite college or university shirt

Sunday, August 10th - Youth Sunday: Rep your school spirit and wear your school shirt

Sunday, August 17th - Children's Sunday: Rep your favorite superhero, princess, Disney/animated character, or Christian theme shirt

Sunday, August 24th - Children & Youth Day: Rep your favorite sports team

We are also inviting our young people to showcase their talents by singing a solo, playing an instrument, or displaying their artwork. Perhaps, your child would like to usher, be a greeter, read scripture, or record announcements - either way, there's a place for everyone to get involved. If your child is interested in participating or you would like more information, please contact Sister Tiffany Horne at thorne@antioch-church.org, Sister Debra Beasley at debrabeasley22@gmail.com, or Brother Thad Coleman at thadcoleman1911@gmail.com by Friday, July 11th.

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ANTIOCH'S KINDNESS KORNER NEEDS YOU!



At Kindness Korner, we believe the command to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6a KJV) is a divine calling. We invite you to prayerfully consider serving in our Nursery Ministry during the 8:00am or 10:30am worship services. We are dedicated to caring for children ages birth to 4 years old, providing a safe and nurturing environment where they can begin to experience the love of Jesus. For more information, contact Ain Johnson, Kindness Korner Servant Leader at littleones@antioch-church.org.



2025 Summer Reading Program: #PUSH [Pray Until Something Happens]



"And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart." *Luke 18:1 ESV*

Commit to reading this year as a part of Antioch's 2025 Summer Reading Program. The Library Ministry encourages children to read these and 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 - 2nd	<i>How can I pray?</i> by Steph Williams or <i>Millie and the Praying Bear</i> by Lydia Asri-Brech
3rd —5th	<i>What Happens when I talk to God</i> by Stormie Omartian or <i>Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer</i> by Laura Wifler
6th – 8th	<i>How to Pray: A Guide for Young Explorers</i> by Gemma Hunt and Pete Greig
9th – 12th	<i>The Power of a Praying Teen</i> by Stormie Omartian
Adults	<i>Into the Magic Shop</i> by James R. Doty, MD— Book Discussion September 4th 6:00PM Reception; 7 –8:00PM Book Discussion. Contact Helen Latten at helenbrk7@aol.com

If you have any questions regarding PreK through 12th grade, please contact Deacon Kimber Garland-Holmes, Antioch Library Ministry Team Lead, at kimberg703@yahoo.com or 937-672-9477 with questions.

SAVE THE DATES

Jul 2	Starting Point (Virtual) 10—11:30AM
Jul 2	Grief Share 7PM (Virtual Mon 6/2—6/16)
Jul 4	Independence Day! Office Closed 7/3-4
Jul 7-11	Family Vacation Bible School
Jul 12	New Member Orientation 9AM
Jul 12	Youth Trip to Busch Gardens
Jul 14-18	Vacation Bible School Kingston, Jamaica
Jul 22	Feed the Homeless 4:30 Prep/Del & Distributions
Oct 3-4	Women's Fall Conference Landsdowne Resort (Registration is Open now)

Join us for the
Family Festival
AUGUST 30TH
11AM—4PM
Registration
opens Jul 14th—
Aug 14th
\$10/person up to
immediate family
of 4; Family of 4 +
max \$40
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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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