

Thank You!

By Rev. Dr. Marshal L. Ausberry, Sr.

I want to thank my Antioch family and friends who have extended your kindness through prayers, gifts, food, calls, cards, presence and/or well wishes toward my family and me as we cope with the death of my mother, Mary M. Ausberry. My mother was 81 years old, had been married for 58 years, and birthed and raised six children. I don't know how she did it!

Fortunately, my mother had professed Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9 ESV because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.) Her saving faith was demonstrated in the way she lived her life. We have peace to know that she has transitioned from earth to Glory. (2Cor 5:8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.)

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If yes, when is the last time you shared with someone about accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior?

The Bible informs us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." Rom 3:23. Sin separates us from God. Jesus Christ reconciles us with God through His sacrificial atoning death on the cross. Jesus made the provision for us to be saved.

Our job is to share with everyone we meet, the predicament they are in without Christ! The results are up to God. Be willing to share your faith this summer. Someone's eternal destiny is at stake.

God bless,

Pastor Marshal L. Ausberry, Sr.

The Children's Ministry Mother/Daughter Spring Tea

by Nicole Kegler



Antioch's held its third Mother/Daughter Spring Tea, on May 8. The tea drew almost 70 mothers or guardians and daughters, ages 5-12, to Gibbs Hall. Classical music, tables draped with lavender hydrangea hortensia tablecloths, and beautiful pink and purple tulips which were placed

in teapots and served as table centerpieces greeted guests to this extraordinary Children's Ministry event.

"This was a great way for daughters to honor their mothers, and learn social graces. It was also informative and hands on," said event coordinator Patsey Evans. "It was well attended and enjoyed by all."

In addition to learning about the history of the tea, guests experienced it by sitting at assigned tables named after types of teas like Ceylon and Chamomile, and eating traditional fare such as petit fours, scones, finger sandwiches, chocolates, and cookies. Each guest also brought their own tea pot and tea cup for a personal and unique tea experience.

Entertainment was provided by Antioch's own David

Harris and Joshua Mann. David, a classical pianist, played "Für Elise" by Beethoven and "Invention #8" by Bach. Joshua played a rendition of Donnie McClurkin's "Speak to My Heart" on his saxophone.

Guests were also treated to a complimentary photo session and, for the younger set, a whimsical arts and crafts event, where young ladies made handmade gifts for their moms or guardians.

Robert Mainor, a member of Antioch, provided the food and beverages.

The Children's Ministry is looking forward to making this event annual.

For information about the Children's Ministry and volunteer opportunities, please contact Sis. Robyn Ausberry at rausberry@antioch-church.org.





Congratulations, High School Graduates

By Angela Jenkins

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.” Colossians 1: 9-12 (NIV)

For a small group of our members, June could not get here fast enough! Not only does this month’s agenda include the opening of community pools, lots of BBQ events, but also the annual “Pomp and Circumstance” ~aka~ “The Graduation March”! This year, Antioch was pleased to honor its 2010 high school graduates in a splendid way.

Rev. Alan Harris, Director of Youth and Children, planned a festive weekend to salute the success of our grads! On Saturday, June 5th, Deacon Ken and Deaconess Deloris Witcher hosted a fun-filled barbeque at their home in Burke. Additionally, the Witcher’s are also proud parents of a 2010 high school graduate, Kristina. At the 11:30 worship service the following day, 21 graduating seniors were formally recognized and families of the graduates were invited to a delectable repast in Gibbs Hall.

Graduating members wrote a Essay as part of the scholarship process.

Here is an essay written by Brittany Rhodes.



I was in third grade and I never would have thought my body would be the home to such an awful sickness. It invaded like a thousand cockroaches, nesting and producing in a filthy basement. The sickness multiplied and destroyed with equal speed. I was diagnosed with Meningitis when I was eight. I spent

three weeks in the hospital fighting off the nasty disease. For weeks I suffered and my parents worried. I felt as though someone was tearing down a house in my head, banging and sawing, destruction. When I first went to the doctors, I was misdiagnosed with the flu by a doctor who diagnosed me hastily and did not take the time to truly understand the seriousness of my illness. I went home for another week in so much pain. I constantly found myself asking “why me God?” and “What did I do to deserve such pain?” But I soon realized that instead of questioning God I should have been putting my trust in him to heal me. After my epiphany I prayed and talked to God every day, not only about getting better but what exactly I needed to learn from my sickness. Soon after, blessings followed. The following days later my parents took me to see a different doctor named Dr. Yasdani, an inspiring man who truly cared about me and saw the pain in my

eyes. Right away he correctly diagnosed me with Meningitis. I was rushed immediately to the hospital and taken care of by many amazing hospital staff members.

Meningitis is a deadly disease that takes the lives of many individuals each year. I know now by the grace of God am I still living and completely healthy today. After being released from the hospital, I saw getting Meningitis as more of a blessing than a burden. Through my sickness, God showed me I am strong and can do anything if I set my mind to it. This is why I want to become a medical doctor and study biology. I want to save lives, encourage the weak, and inspire individuals to challenge themselves. God showed me how grateful I am to have such a supportive loving family and friends who helped me through my entire stay at the hospital. God showed me the importance in being patient and understanding with every person I meet. There were times when I just wanted to give up but I know it was God that made me look up at my mom every time defeated thoughts crossed my mind and know she wasn’t giving up on me so I couldn’t give up either. Meningitis is the inflammation of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord. Although my brain and spinal membranes were cured, my confidence and love for Jesus Christ will remain inflamed forever.

Antioch would like to wish all of our grad’s Godspeed and look forward to hearing how God has blessed them as they pursue their post-secondary plans.

Antioch’s graduates of 2010



Eric
Brent, Jr.



Michelle
Butler



Katherine
Cornelison



Wesley
Coates



Kendall
Crouther



Elliott
DeBose



Donna Dungey



Charles Holms, Jr.



Jessica Horne



Kendra Lee



Joshua Mann



Cynethia Martin



Darian Newsome



Morgan Parker



Travis Parker



Trevor Parker



Briana Payne



Taylor Peterson



Brittney Rhodes



Jordan Ryals



Kristina Witcher

Focus on Ministry: Homeless Ministry

By Howard Small

This is the first of a series of articles on the ministries of Antioch Baptist Church that focus on people care. These ministries are organized under the Congregational Care and Evangelism ministry directed by Rev. Brisbane, the Family Life ministry directed by Rev. Snowden, the Outreach/Mission ministry directed by Rev. Coppedge, and the Youth ministry directed by Rev. Harris.

The Homeless Ministry provides food, including hot meals, along with clothing and ministry support to food banks and shelters in Fairfax County and Washington, DC. The ministry has been led by Rev. Keith and Sis. Tracy Coleman for the past eight years. It consists of 52 member families from Antioch, with about 70 participants.

The ministry is divided into three teams. The provision team collects all of the needed grocery, preparation and cleaning items, and delivers them to a food preparation site, through a partnership with the Fairfax Presbyterian Church. The preparation team washes the food and prepares balanced meals, including the basic food groups along with milk and water. The delivery team delivers the prepared meals to pre-determined sites, and distributes the meals to homeless individual and family recipients.

The ministry operates in concert with the FACETS program in Fairfax County and provides food and clothing to homeless shelters, such as the Central Union Mission and its Shelter for Battered Women in Washington, DC. These shelters serve as central repositories of food, clothing,

blankets and baby supplies for many other shelters for men, women, and families throughout the area.

The ministry conducts two food and clothing drives each year at Antioch, and counts on the generosity of church

members to make the drives successful. It collects and packages the supplies and delivers them to the shelters. The ministry supports the preparation and delivery of special baskets of food and supplies for holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Ministry members also respond to ad hoc requests from food banks, whenever there are shortages. They support these requests by conducting additional food drives as needed.

The ministry not only caters to the physical needs of the homeless, it also caters to their

spiritual needs. Ministry members provide evangelism at the Central Union Mission by supporting religious services on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Antioch Homeless Ministry provides a valuable service to homeless men, women and families in the area. It provides food to these shelters on a monthly basis and by request. It also supports emergency feeding operations when other churches are unable to meet the demand. In a couple of noteworthy cases, during major snow storms, the ministry members ordered pizza and other foods and were able to deliver the meals to homeless families who were really depending on them. It is also worth noting that the Antioch Homeless Ministry has never missed its turn at providing meals and support to those in need.



The Internal Controls Process

By Bob Sinclair, Chair, Trustee Ministry

At the recent All Saints Meeting, there was a question about Antioch's internal controls. While Bro. Reuben Johnson adequately answered the question, I was reminded of the many "behind the scenes" matters that are accomplished for the benefit of the Kingdom, yet rarely get any public attention until something goes wrong. For the information of those not in attendance and since we are assuming a significant long-term financial obligation in Growing the Kingdom (GTK), I wanted to take this opportunity to explain the internal controls process.

Trustee Ministry - The Trustees, in close coordination with the Director of Finance and Church Treasurer, develop detailed financial management procedures for the church. These procedures are coordinated with the church staff and approved by the pastor.

Audit Ministry - This ministry was established to provide a broad representation of Antioch's membership in the audit process and includes representatives of the Trustees, Deacon/Deaconess, Church Staff, and general membership. The Audit Ministry works closely with the Trustees and has overall responsibility for organizing and scheduling audits, receiving outbriefs and reports, and ensuring implementation of corrective actions, where appropriate.

Audits - Antioch's financial management procedures require the performance of audits during odd years (e.g., 2007) and financial reviews during even years (e.g., 2008). Both are conducted by a certified public accounting firm.

Today, our certified public accounting firm is Miller Musmar. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, which is designed to express an opinion on our financial statements as a whole. An audit also reports on our compliance with our own established internal controls. In recent years while anticipating bank requirements for GTK financing, we have chosen to go "above and beyond" our standard procedures and conducted audits for the 2006, 2007 and 2008. It was our belief that these audits would promote accountability, support our financial health, and provide transparency to our members and the banking community. We are happy to report that our audits have resulted in "clean" or "unqualified" opinions. With the initiation of GTK and the establishment of GTK covenant receivables, our auditors have made recommendations to help strengthen our accounting and reporting procedures. One recommendation for us to consider is changing our accounting procedures from cash-basis to accrual-basis. This is an in-house decision which we must act on prior to the next audit, which is for the 2009 fiscal year. Perhaps the best indication of the effectiveness of our internal controls is the successful financing of Phase I, GTK, in an economic environment where financial institutions have curtailed lending, especially with regard to churches. "God is still in control."

Upcoming Events

June

- 20 - Happy Father's Day
- 26 - Men's Forum (Gibbs Hall) 8:00 a.m.
- 27 - Youth -Child Protection Orientation (Gibbs Hall) 1:00 p.m.

July

- 5 - Independence Day observed Church Office Closed
- 7 - 1st Wednesday Prayer/Praise service (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m.
- 21 - Book Club discussion (Gibbs Hall) 7:00 p.m.
- 23 - Family Life Bowling (Ft Belvoir) 7:00 p.m.
- 30 - Ladies Night Out (Burke Fire Station) 6:00 p.m.

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