



Worship - 10 AM

Wed. Evening Bible Study @ 6 PM

Men's Study - Saturday Mornings @ 6:30 AM

Women's Small Group - Saturday Mornings @ 9

- 1/1 Communion

- 1/18 Sharing & Caring Meet @11:30AM

- 1/19 Pack Food at PAES @ - 9:30AM

- 1/19 Jesus R.O.C.K.S. @ - 6:30PM

- 1/20 Newsletter Deadline

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Mission Statement

***“Antioch* is a community of believers committed to the Lord Jesus Christ. We are Christ focused and engaged in the ministry of worship, in the study of the Word of God, as well as being Spirit led in the service of giving and serving our local, national and world communities.”**

January



Pastor:
Dean DeFino

Church Council
Dick Scott

Financial Chairman
Rick Nelson

Church Treasurer
Melody Nelson

SPR Committee
Christy Scott

Facilities Chair
Joe Howard

Christian Education
Cheryl Shores

Sharing & Caring
Joyce Benson

Worship Schedule:
Worship 10 AM
Sunday School

Counters This Month
Melody Nelson
Dick Scott

Happy Anniversary!

31 Jimmy &
Karen
Briddell



Happy Birthday!

1 Joan Smith
2 Jayne Dryden
Morgan Larkin
3 David Stone
9 Olivia Hamilton
Betty Hancock
13 Carlie Bozman
17 Caroline Beauchamp
18 Josh Boston
19 Bonnie Stone
Tim Powell
20 Erin Daniels
Cheryl Forster
25 Jake Blank
27 Michael Marshall
Marc Henderson
30 Quinn Mister
Anne Twining
Ben Vann



Please join us on



Sunday mornings @10. Our live service is streamed from the Antioch Sanctuary.

The Antioch Callers

If you would like to receive a daily call just to make sure that you are ok, please let Flo Chambers know (443-735- 3519) or contact the church office. We want you to know that we care.



Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year: an often-heard phrase during this time of the year. Although we think of it as a one-day holiday event, the words imply that we are to have a happy year: 365 days of continued joy; an unrealistic goal. It is said during the time of holiday festivities centered around Christmas in a month filled with parties, special church services and family gatherings. A time, when we look back at the previous year, which has seen many changes and new faces in our congregation. We had exciting months of special services, songs, food and fellowship. It is also a time when we make resolutions that will hopefully guide us to a better "new" year.

The word "new" is one of the three most used words in advertising a product or program suggesting something better. As we start 2023, we realize that there will be challenges, and that to meet the great commission of Christ we will have to try "new" things, but always the same story of the love of Christ given to the world. We can't promise that all 365 days of the year will be filled with abundant, exuberant joy, but as followers of Christ we know that no matter what we will face this year, we have a God looking over us who loves us and guides us in the paths that we need to take. The Christian life was never meant to be stagnant, and so we welcome the "New Year" with Jesus in our hearts. He is the

way, the path leading to our journey this year. He is the truth and the life, a brimming wonderful, exciting life as we follow Him every day of every year of our lives.

And so, we wish to all a very Happy, spirit filled and blessed New Year!

ASK THE REV

Q. With so much evil in the world such as child killers and corrupt and evil leaders, how can we fulfill the command of our Lord to pray for our enemies?

The observation that evil often seems to overcome good in the world is a problem that humans have faced since iniquity was first introduced in the garden. Many of the Psalmists have cried for justice so that the wicked could be punished for their sins. Christians in particular often question the paradox between many of the Old Testament statements that call for punishment (in some cases even death) for transgressors, with the words of Christ to pray for our enemies and to do good to them that harm us. The hideous aspect of sin is the fact that it is the innocent that often suffer for the deeds of the wicked. It is manifested in the people of a nation suffering because of the wickedness of their leaders. Christ through his life shows us the proper balance of standing up against evil while still loving and praying for those who commit it.

Prayer of course can change things and history is full of accounts of people turning from their evil ways and accepting the message of Christ's love. And so, although we do not condone the sin, we pray for the sinner. We see the ultimate act of loving our enemies through the life of both Stephen and Christ who both prayed for those who were executing them. Even Christ however, would not tolerate blatant sinful acts against God's people or God's law as seen by his driving the money leaders out of the temple and his condemnation of the hypocrisy of the Pharisees.

I believe that from Scripture we as Christians should strive to continually love and pray for those still in need of Christ. We should, however, not be passive in doing positive things that will make this world better. We have often heard the statement that "life isn't fair" which is often used to gloss over or even justify that which is unjust. Although the statement is true, we as Christians are placed here to make the world a fairer and more humane place. In this society I believe it means working for good causes, praying daily for our leaders, and our enemies as well as our family and friends. It also means doing what we can to change this world for the better which at times may mean electing officials that will bring justice against those who are evil, working to help the poor and speaking out against the injustices that we face. All of these things can be done and still maintain the love that Christ gives us for everyone. Yes, we can pray for our enemies and still do our part

to make this world better. At times when we just don't know how to pray just like the disciples of Jesus, I find it helpful to just repeat the Lord's Prayer and realize that ultimately it is God's Kingdom, Power and Glory that will dominate forever and ever. AMEN.

If you have a biblical /religious question, call the church office or give it to Pastor Dean and have it answered in ASK THE REV!

Ask the Rev is a regular feature of our monthly newsletter, where we answer questions concerning the Bible, religion in general and questions that we face from time to time. If you have a question, call the church office, or submit it in writing to Pastor Dean. Got a question: ask the Rev!

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES IN JANUARY

The Gospel of John

It's not too late to join us for the Gospel of John Bible study held each Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Each person receives a 150-page note booklet. Plan on being with us each Wednesday for this exciting study on the life of Christ.

Ladies Small Group

Ladies Small Group study, Saturdays at 9am.

We are diving deep into the knowledge of who God is and how we have hope through Him. If you want to be a part of this study, please let Christy know so we can get you a book



Christy Scott
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Community Needs

- **HOPE** Ministries – Canned Corn, Green & Baked Beans.
- The Seton Center – Ramen Noodles, Hamburger Helper, gloves for men and women and dish detergent (15 oz. size or somewhere around that)
- The Lower Shore Shelter – Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
- Princess Anne Elementary – Tissues, School Supplies (Scissors, Glue, folders, composition books, etc.).

Outreach Committee Update

Family Christmas

A huge thanks to those who contributed to the family's Christmas.

I know they were thankful and touched by our generosity. I would love to have seen the look on the little girl's face as she unwrapped her many gifts. This made Christmas special for me as well as this family and I'm sure it warmed your heart as well.

Partnership with PAES

Antioch continues to partner with Princess Anne Elementary School on a monthly basis.

We provide cakes for their staff meetings to celebrate those having birthdays that month. Following the staff meeting we are invited to attend their School Improvement Team meetings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th @5pm. We also pack food bags once a month to help ensure that children will have food on the weekends.

Our next food packing day is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th @ 9:30am in the school gym. The more people on the assembly line the faster the job gets done!

The Maryland Food Bank has lost some funding and will no longer be providing the food for 2023. The school is asking for churches and civic organizations to stand in the gap and help them. A list of suggested food items include:

Kid friendly food items for backpack program Non-perishable items only

Breakfast Items

- Individual boxes of cereal
- Individual shelf stable milk boxes
- Cereal Bars
- Granola Bars
- Oatmeal Packets or cups
- Hot cereals
- Fruit Cups

Lunch/Dinner Items

- Tuna/Chicken salad packets
- Vienna Sausages
- Microwavable items
 - Spaghetti and meatballs
 - Spaghetti O's
 - Ravioli
 - Macaroni and Cheese
 - Beefaroni
 - Pork and Beans
 - Chicken and rice
 - Chicken noodle soup
- Ramen noodles/Cup of noodles
- Individual vegetable cups

- Individual packages of crackers or pretzels
- Popcorn

You may bring your donations to the church or take them directly to PAES.

Many students depend on this food to help get them through the weekend.

Thank you in advance for your support of these students.

Jesus R.O.C.K.S.

The January meeting of Jesus R.O.C.K.S. will be held on Thursday, January 19th @ 6:30pm in the parlor.

Feel free to bring a friend as we come together in fellowship to pray and paint and have some fun! All materials are provided as well as snacks and water.

If you have any questions please contact Christy Scott.

Bell Choir

It was so nice to hear the bells playing again in our church. We hope to have them play again very soon. If you are interested in playing, please let Christy Scott know. You do not have to know how to read music in order to participate. You just need to be able to count to 4!

“Submission is not about authority and it is not obedience; it is all about relationships of love and respect” – William Paul Young

Homebound Ministry

Ruth Twining – 10893 Twining Lane
410-651-0627
Vivian Blakelock – 30081 Mt. Vernon Rd
443-880-3895
Meta Webster – 11380 Hayman Dr.
410-651-0255
Emily Ent – 11378 Hayman Dr.
410-651-0368
Princess Anne, MD 21853

Hospital / Nursing Home Ministry

Ethel Evans – Alice B. Tawes #244
203 Hall Hwy, Crisfield, MD 21817
Bob Bozman – Peak at Hartley
1006 Market St, Pocomoke MD 21851
Randy Fisher – Tidal Health, 100 E Carroll St, Salisbury,
21801
Madeline Brimer – Aurora Senior Living #510
Margaret Ann Davis – Aurora Senior Living #201
443-859-4812
11974 Edgehill Terrace Rd, Princess Anne, MD 21853
Elam Burkholder – Harrison House #9,
430 W. Market St, Snow Hill, MD 21863

Thinking of You

Kim Senkbeil – 30000 Kristwood Way 443-523-4242
Diane Pruitt – 30380 Maple St. #203 410-430-5861
Princess Anne, MD 21853
Clara (Dot) Pinto – 12499 Loretta Rd 410-651-0318
Joan Smith – 30095 Indian Cottage Rd. 410-621-5401
Princess Anne, MD 21853
Jennifer Muir – 418 Lincoln Ave.,
Salisbury, MD 21801
Shelly Senkbeil Lewis – 2447 Deer Path Dr., 615-319-3069
Nashville, TN 37217

Recent Prayer Requests

Charlotte Bozman – Recovery
Doris Hancock
Ellen Donohoe – Recovery
Ginger Muir – Surgery
Jaeden Horner – Health
Jill DeCesare – Caregiver
Joan Meredith – Comfort & Peace
Lake Scott – Health
Lynn Benson – Recovery
Margaret Price - Healing
Michael Mears – Treatment
Randy Fisher – Recovery
Vivian Muir West – Recovery
Wayne Barnes – Health

Long-term Prayer Concerns

Betsy Thomas – Caregiver
Bob Bozman – Health
Bruce Hill – Health
Butch Thomas – Recovery
Elaine Chelton – Health
Elam Burkholder – Recovery
Gillespie Evans – Health
Heron Boyce – Life Issues
Larry Rushton – Life Issues
Leslie McIntyre – Treatment
Stephanie Somers – Healing
Steve Horner – Recovery

*Our prayers go out to those who
have lost loved ones.*

Condolences to the families of:

Larry Porter

Allen Muir

Pat Doran

Eddie Widdowson

Floyd Hancock

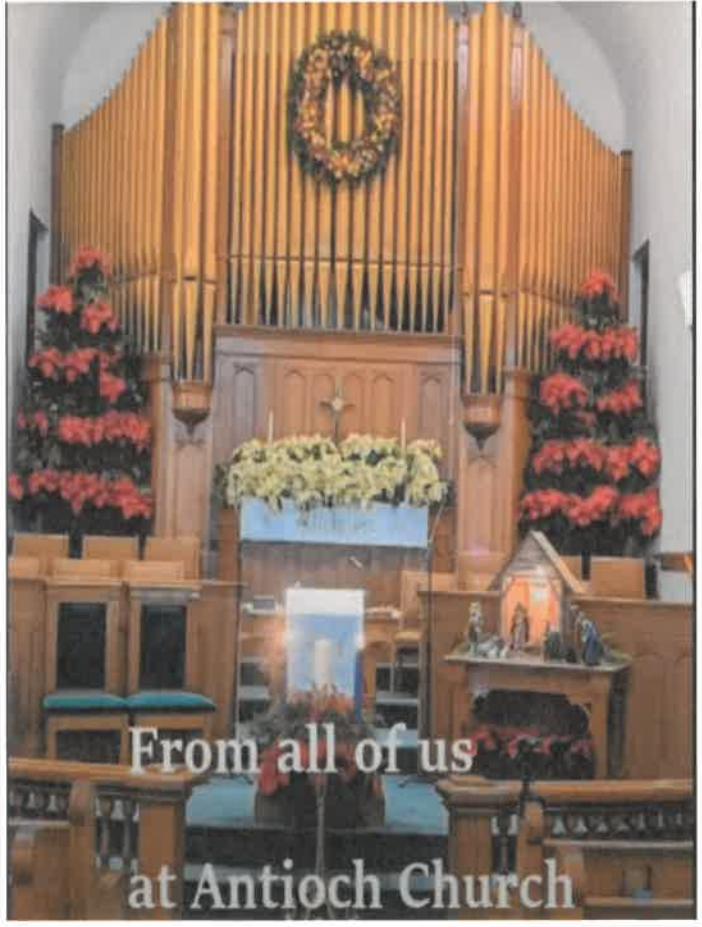
**If you need help with a repair or someone to help,
please let the Angel Corps know. Contact the church
office or Rick Nelson.**

Ladies Breakfast

What a wonderful time we had gathering on December 17th for the second annual ladies' breakfast. There was love and friendship in the air as well as Christmas joy., A special thanks to Cheryl Shores for her inspiring message and to Dick Scott for the music. Melody's potato casserole was a big hit and many thanks to Bunny Newcomb for the fruit bowl. If you missed it please put it on your calendar for next December 16th!









January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *Communion *Worship – 10 AM	2	3	4 *Pastor's Bible Study – 6-7 PM	5	6	7 *Men's Study @6:30 AM *Ladies Small Group @9:00 AM
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