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From the Pastor's Desk

This is the Truth
If we just turn things upside down
We can't know God and feel his presence
I would be lying to you if I said
The almighty wants to be your father
That God has a plan for your life
That he wants to know you
That you are wanted
That you can be loved
But you must know
You don't deserve any of this
Because I know the heart of man
And I am convinced of this
We are forever separated from God
I refuse to believe under any circumstances that
We could be loved by God right now
Because of our dependency on Christ
We have lost the connection to God but
There is much more you don't know
This is the "the truth"
God is Holy and we are not

When we take a long journey, we must know the destination that we want to get to, we must adjust along the way to make sure we get to the place we want to go. We always must be looking to where we want to be and allowing our future destination to determine our current path. This is true for the future of our church, and for us as individuals. Our desired destination determines the direction of our path. If you look at this poem, you should know that exactly the opposite is true, now start at the end of the poem, the destination, and read it from bottom to top to hear the truth.

Blessings,
Pastor Greg Sout

Growing in the Son Roundtable Discussions

A series of casual roundtable discussion on the health of the church and future improvements, Growing in the Son has been a wonderful blessing. When Mary Dick and I first dreamed up the idea, we had no idea what the response would be, but the attendees have been very positive as a whole, the turnout has been great, the discussion has been engaging and helpful, and the momentum is palpable. For our first session, we discussed prayer and communication, since prayer is the backbone to doing anything in the church. While we came up with some great ideas to improve both these areas in the church, we decided that we should back up and look at our church's vision before delving deeper into any programs or goals. So, we changed around our schedule and added some dates to allow us to focus solely on creating Antioch's vision statement (we were without one previously). A vision statement is a one-sentence description of the clear and inspirational long-term desired change resulting from the church's work (ex. "Save, Equip, and Send."). Without a vision statement, we cannot properly focus on our goals and programs would be aimless. These programs must fit into our vision (and mission statement – to be evaluated later).

Our next sessions will be:

- **How Do We Worship? How Do We Educate?**
August 8 & 14 @ 6 PM
- **How Do We Serve? How Do We Minister?**
August 22 & 28 @ 6 PM
- **How Do We Maintain Facilities?**
September 12 & 18 @ 6PM

On behalf of Mary and myself, we would like to invite each, and every person interested in giving their input about the future of the church, its programs and ministries. We are holding each session twice so everyone will have a chance to come to the meetings. Please contact me at 804-868-9032 or Mary Dick at 804-837-6253 for more information.

Amy Martin

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Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating in the month of AUGUST: JoAnn Gillen(1), Madison Graham(2) Brian Moretz(3), Chrissy Ragland(3), Deborah C. Shobe(4), Mary Dick(9), Amy Jo Martin(11), Brees Cottrell(12), Sandra L. Ferguson(17), R.J. Ragland(21), Judy Martin(23), Ruby Vaughan(24), Angie Gordon(26), Jordan Wilder(27), Kitty Moretz(31)

(If your birthday has been inadvertently left off the birthday list or entered incorrectly, please contact the Church Office.)

WMU – WOMEN’S MISSIONARY UNION

WATCHWORD: “My dear friends, stand firm and don’t be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile” (1 Cor. 15:58, CEV)

OUR MISSION: to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ.

The WMU Foundation has a Walk of Faith. The Walk of Faith is a new honor/memorial garden for the WMU missions community. Through the Walk of Faith, they are creating a lasting tribute to the people and missions groups that have devoted their lives to fulfilling the Great Commission by praying for missions, participating in missions education, giving to and doing missions, and discipling others. We would like to include Elsie Jepsen’s name on one of the bricks at the national WMU building in Birmingham, Alabama. When we purchase a brick, 100% of our money goes to the Wanda Lee Joy Fund to meet WMU’s operational needs. Elsie was such a vital part of the WMU at Antioch and beyond. This is our mission project for the month of August and if you would like to donate towards this, please give this love offering to Pat Chalkley. To God be the Glory.

Our September project will be homemade cookies for the Raceway Ministry. October and November will be filling shoe boxes. You don’t have to be a member of WMU to contribute to these worthy causes.

“To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees” – Rev. Billy Graham

Joyce Adams, Reporting for WMU

Antioch Children/Youth News

We are looking for adults to help with children beginning September during Sunday School and Worship Time. Please let us know if you can help in any way big or small.

August

There will be meetings for young ladies ages 4 to 12 every Friday.

There will be meetings for young men ages 1st grade to 17 years old every Friday except August 2.

Promotion Worship Service date is August 18th.

2019 Sunday School promotion attendees will begin new class September.

Beginning September 2019

Boys and girls in 4th grade and up will remain in the Sanctuary for Worship time.

We hope they will participate in Sunday Sanctuary tasks; such as handing out bulletins, take up offering, read Bible verses, check pew supplies, light candles, ring the bell and more with Pastor and Deacon approval.

- ❖ **First Sunday of each month** boys in 4th and 5th grades will meet during Worship time as a group, leader Alicea Sanders.
- ❖ **Third Sunday of each month** boys in 6th grade and up will meet during Worship time as a group, leader Alicea Sanders.

Please contact Alicea Sanders for more information or if you have a talent to share with the children and youth. (W)804-527-7706 (C)804-439-1420 alicea.sanders@markel.com

Thank you for sharing your child with us at Antioch Baptist Church.