



Antioch Christian Church

The Lamp

March 2011



Week of Compassion Offering

It is not too late to give to the Week of Compassion offering.

This offering goes to build homes, schools, medical clinics and clean water in villages devastated by earthquakes and floods. It is also used to bring a safe shelter to people who are refugees after often violent circumstances in their hometowns. You can make your check out to Antioch Christian Church/Week of Compassion.

Ash Wednesday

The Antioch Christian Church will be hosting an annual Ash Wednesday worship service which is open to the community. The service will be held on Wednesday March 9 at 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of those attending the worship service as a sign of choosing to go to a new Godly direction in life. For more information, please call 703-938-6753 or go to www.antiochdoc.org

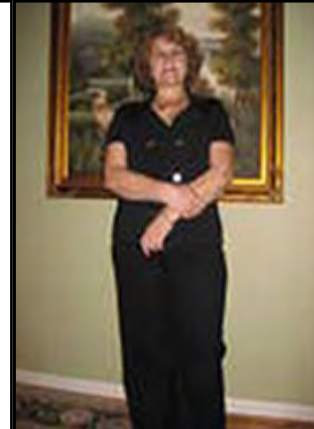
- New Members at Antioch -

**In the last month we were pleased to welcome new members to Antioch:
John James, Jody & Becca Toser and Judy Fernandez**



John James is a Junior at James Madison High School. John lives in Vienna. He has moved here from Boca Raton, FL. He loves Young life, youth group at Antioch and Four Wheeling.

Judy Fernandez moved here from Argentina eight years ago. She has five children, one boy and four daughters. She works as a Nanny and enjoys being around children. She lives in Great Falls. She has applied for her citizenship and should become a US citizen within the next six months.



Easter Season Sermon Series

March

- 6th - Upper Room: Bonding with others
Matthew 26:17-30
- 13th - Gethsemane: Prayer in my life
Matthew 26:36-56
- 20th - Courthouse of Caiaphas: Hypocrisy
Matthew 26:57-75
- 27th - Pilate's Place: Injustice
Matthew 27:11-31

April

- 3rd - Golgotha: Atonement
Matthew 27:32-56
- 10th - The Grave: Dealing with Despair
Matthew 27:57-66
- 17th - Palm Sunday
Choral Musical Celebration
- 24th - Easter-The Empty Tomb: Victory in life
Matthew 28:1-10

March Calendar

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Happy Hearts

Thursday, March 10, 12:30 p.m.

Girl Scout Sunday

Sunday, March 13, 11:00 a.m.

Daylight Savings Time begins

Sunday, March 13

Easter Offering

Our next special offering will be our Easter Offering, April 17 and 24. This Easter offering is used to support Racial/Ethnic Ministries of the Christian Church. We will be celebrating 40 Days and 40 Ways from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Prayer Room Ministry

Antioch has established a prayer room in the education wing on the main level of the church. The room is available for you to go by yourself or go with others to pray. There are prayer resources available and a prayer board for you to share your prayer requests with others.

Sunday School studies

The Adult Sunday school will be exploring during March what the Bible says about forgiveness and Angels. Please feel free to join us in these two studies at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings at Antioch.

Weekly Events

Youth Sunday School

Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45

Weekly Youth Group Meetings

See below

Bible Study

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

(There is **no** Bible Study on Ash Wednesday – March 9th).

Choir

Rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

PRACTICE YOUR SMILE! THE PHOTOGRAPHER IS COMING

New pictorial directory: We are pleased to announce that we have contracted with Olan Mills to produce a new pictorial directory of all our families.

Our photography will take place at the church March 23 between the hours of 2 pm and 9:20 pm. Please make an appointment that suits your family's schedule. If you are available during the afternoon, please consider one of those appointment times. You will be photographed and see your proofs immediately. Sign up sheets will be available at the church for you to sign up between Feb 27 and March 20. After that date everyone who has not made an appointment will receive a phone call to help them get a convenient date and time.

We are counting on everyone to participate so our directory will be complete and useful both for existing members and especially for those who join us in the future. Each participating family will receive a free copy of the new directory and a free Olan Mills 8 x 10 of their favorite pose. There is no obligation to purchase additional portraits, although you may if you wish.

Youth Group Meetings

March 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

6th: **Jeray** food

20th: **Linda** food

13th: **Marcia** food

27th: **Shirley** food

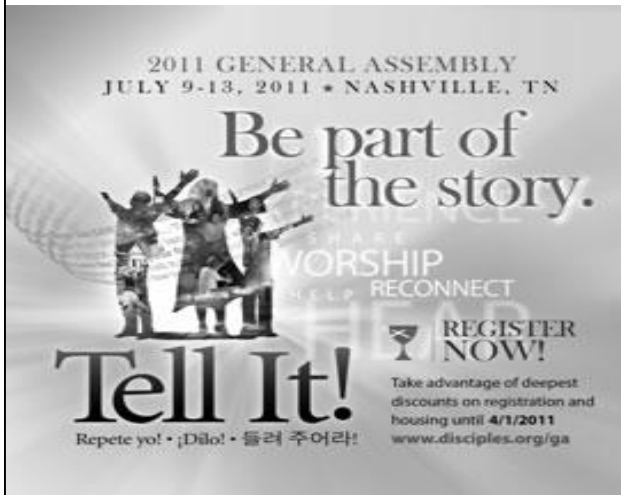
Youth Service Project

Tuesday, March 15, 6:00pm:

Prepare and serve meal.

General Assembly

As members and friends of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) prepare to gather at the 2011 General Assembly in Nashville, Tennessee, July 9-13, let us enter into a season of prayer. We pray for General Minister and President Sharon Watkins. We also pray that someone from Antioch will be our voting delegate to this special gathering of Christian Church congregations every two years.



Seder Meal

Haggadah means "Book of Remembrance" and it is the book, or liturgy that tells the Jewish people how to celebrate the Passover Seder (Order or arrangement) meal which is a meal of remembering the Exodus of the people of God. Christ, both the Son of God and a faithful Jewish man chose the Passover Seder to institute the new 'meal' of salvation and redemption called the Lord's supper. Christians can celebrate this seder to share a common ancestry with our Jewish brothers and sisters, and in memory of the meal that Jesus celebrated with his apostles. This 'Messianic Passover' meal is celebrated at Antioch on Thursday April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship hall for families in our community and at Antioch. This is a full meal with all the elements of the Passover meal. For more information or to make your reservations contact Karen Holley at KarenelaineHolley45@gmail.com

Leaders For New Grade School Youth Group

We are beginning a new grade-school aged youth group called the Jr. Jammers. We are needing additional leaders to help lead this amazing group of 5th & 6th graders with bible studies, activities, food and trips. Please pray about your involvement with this group of youth. This group will start during March. For more information contact pastor Beeman at 703-539-8238 or beeman.randall@yahoo.com

"Who Stole My Church?"

Our leadership board is reading a new book for the purpose of spiritual growth and discussion at our board meetings every two months. The book we are reading for the May board meeting is "Who Stole My Church?" by Gordon MacDonald. We encourage every member of the congregation to pick up this book and read along with us.

Building Fund Established

The leadership board of Antioch has established an official building fund for the purpose of land acquisition and new facility development. This fund is not used for upgrading the current facility, but will be used for future expansion. If you wish to begin donating to this fund, please include a check in the offering to Antioch Christian Church Building Fund.

Church Camp Registration

The Outdoor Ministries program of Antioch Christian Church hosts seasonal events for all ages. You can find retreats and weekends for youth, young adults, seniors, women, men, and families - all affordably priced and centered around deep spiritual growth, conversation, and community. You'll find the Camp & Conference schedule, registration packets, volunteer information, and other resources at <http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp>

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday evening prayer and bible study takes place at 7 p.m. at Antioch for youth and adults. The study continues on "The Christian Adventure" which is a study of what it means to live each day as a believer and follower of Jesus in very practical ways.

Office Hours

Antioch Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9-noon.

Holy Communion

March 2011

DATE	ELDERS	DEACONS	READERS
March 6	Shirley Elliot John Holley	Bob Beck Marcia Wilke	Kevin Curtis
March 13	Marjorie Blank Vivian Cruz	Paul Puff Linda Puff	Bill D. Wilke
March 20	Kevin Wiggs Neil Romstedt	Karen Holley Marcia Wilke	Tom Wigglesworth
March 27	Bill D. Wilke Terry Wigglesworth	Lance Beeman Jeremy Wilke	Mary Sherwood

