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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Growing in the Son and Waiting for the Harvest

The days are getting shorter and the nights longer. The seeds and labor of days gone by are now beginning to yield its harvest. Many factors go into a successful harvest, sun, soil, water, and work. Growing takes preparation and dedication. Last month we looked at the "Know" part of our Mission Statement, "Know, Grow, Go." This month we will look at "Grow."

Knowledge is an important first step but growing is active in the sense that it involves preparation. Growing fruits or vegetables requires the preparation of clearing, tilling, planting, pruning, and watering and yet with all the preparation you cannot "make" some grow, only prepare for it. Body building is much the same way. Training the body and lifting weights actually breaks the body down and as a response to the stress the body with proper preparations of rest and nutrition will be built stronger.

Our faith will grow through times of stress, if we remember proper Sabbath (rest) time to reconnect with God, and a diet of His Word. The larger body of Christ will grow when the members that make up the body grow and when they cultivate an atmosphere that allows for God to grow in our midst, and in the world.

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." 1 Corinthians 3:6 We may have different gifts, callings, and tasks in this cultivation process, but the goal is the same, to allow God to grow inside each of us and to prepare the seed of God to grow well around us. When we grow closer to God and understand his work in the world, then we are able to see other believers as companions instead of competitors. It is in preparing that growth can happen. We prepare, but God is the giver.

As we look ahead to the "Go" part of our mission statement next month we are reminded as God grows, we must go into the harvest fields. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

Blessings,
Pastor Greg Sout

MEN OF ANTIOCH

There has been some interest shown in starting a Men's Group at Antioch. We want to invite ALL men to come to the Church on Saturday, October 19th at 9:00 AM to join our group and help us get things started. This will be a preliminary meeting with coffee and do-nuts. Please mark your calendars and join us for this important undertaking.

Bud Sanders, Body of Deacons

SENIORS



You won't want to miss the next Senior Gathering on Monday, October 14 at 10:30 a.m. Carole Givens will give us a virtual tour of The Holy Land through amazing photos, personal experiences, and Biblical truths. Visit the Sea of Galilee, view a Baptism in the Jordan River, glimpse the fields where the Shepherds heard of His birth, witness some of the places where Jesus taught, healed, prayed and suffered. Carole is a retired history teacher and currently attends Four Mile Creek Baptist Church where she frequently leads Bible Study groups. Covered dish follows the program.

Mary Dick, Program Coordinator

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Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating in the month of OCTOBER: Justin Moretz (2), Jennifer Globig(3), Hannah Soult(3), David Hampton(4), Carlton Vaughan(4), Mark Reynolds(11), Kristen Boggs(13), Tina Parsons(15), Gail Adams(17), Shelby Hepler(20), Connie Lambert(21), Tara J. Kegley(24), Greg Soult(27), Rheanna Wilder(27), Sandy Boswell(29), Susan Wilder(29), Joyce Adams(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.

From the North American Mission Board and the Missions Mosaic magazine and the state of Georgia.

This article is about Forrest and Kim Duvall, Missionaries in Atlanta. God called them and their goal was to establish a gospel presence in Midtown Atlanta primarily by establishing a Bible teaching/preaching church and at the same time function as urban missionaries within the densely populated community. They ask for prayer for their family’s health, new productive opportunities to reach the people of Atlanta, and financial provisions.

The Missions Mosaic magazine is loaded with inspiring, thought provoking, wonderful articles. If you do not have this magazine, ask to borrow one from one of the members of the WMU.

Reminder: It is time to prepare Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. They should be turned in during the month of November. Deadline is November 10 and the goal for filled boxes is 300. If you need a list of articles, please contact Pat Chalkley.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28, NIV)

Joyce Adams, Reporting for WMU

243rd HOMECOMING

Antioch Homecoming will be on October 13, 2019. There will be no Sunday School that day to allow for set up and bringing in of food. At 10:00am, in the Sanctuary, we will have a Music Program by our very own Starlet Knight, and her friend Anthony Dowd. The program will last approximately 45 to 50 minutes. At 11:00am worship, we will have Guest Speaker Reverend Dr. Steve Allsbrook. Steve served as Executive Director of Missions for Dover Baptist Association from 1997 until his retirement in July of 2017.

After the service the church family will gather in the fellowship hall for our Homecoming lunch and fellowship. The church will be furnishing meat for the meal. Please bring enough side dishes for your family and one other family.

We hope you can make plans to attend.

FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival will take place Saturday, October 26 from 4:30pm to 8:00pm. Tickets will be available at the door. This year we will be having a fun house downstairs with candy giveaways. A costume contest, country store, penny social, balloon pop, and food in the fellowship hall. Outside there will be a hayride, bouncy house, cake walk, trick or truck, pumpkin carving and marshmallow roast. Come and bring your friends and neighbors for a night of fun and entertainment.