

THE MESSENGER

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MISSION MOMENT

This year, our One Great Hour of Sharing offering will help support the work of Samaritan's Purse, a global Christian ministry dedicated to serving people in need in Jesus' name.

Samaritan's Purse responds to crises in more than 100 countries around the world, providing disaster relief, medical care, clean water, food, and other essential supplies. Whether responding to natural disasters, poverty, or conflict, their mission is to meet urgent physical needs while also sharing the hope of Christ.

Through their efforts, families receive life-saving assistance such as emergency shelter, safe drinking water, and medical treatment. In the aftermath of disasters, they help communities begin to rebuild, offering both immediate aid and long-term support that restores dignity and stability.

Our One Great Hour of Sharing gifts will go toward supporting ministries like Samaritan's Purse, helping them respond quickly and effectively wherever the need is greatest. These donations make it possible to deliver critical resources, care for the vulnerable, and bring hope to people facing difficult and uncertain circumstances.

When we give, we become part of something bigger than ourselves. Together, we are extending compassion, offering practical help, and sharing God's love with people around the world.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make a meaningful difference beyond our church walls.

To learn more about Samaritan's Purse, visit:
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

PASTOR'S POINT

The familiar phrase around this time of year is “April showers bring May flowers.” And we understand this because we see it. We feel it. We experience it. It’s a sure thing. Throughout the month of April, it rains. The storms come with lightning and thunder, dark clouds, loud noises...and more rain.

Sometimes life is like this. We have seasons where it feels dark, cloudy, and rainy all the time. And those seasons can wear us out. Unlike our knowledge of those April showers bringing May flowers, we forget that there’s light that comes after our seasons of darkness. We fail to realize the beauty that comes after the seasons of struggle.

The prophet Hosea reminds us in Hosea 6:3 Oh, that we might know the LORD! Let us press on to know Him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring (NLT).

The prophet knew the dawn was coming. He was sure the spring rain was coming. Just as sure as he was that the Lord would respond. And so being sure of that, he gives us a challenge. Not only that we would know Him, but that we would press on to know Him.

The Hebrew word for “know” in the verse isn’t just to know in passing or to be somewhat acquainted with. It’s deeper than that. It means to know by experience. Hosea’s challenge (and his longing) is that we eagerly pursue and run after this experience with our Heavenly Father.

What would Antioch Community Church be like if we all pressed on to know God in a more intimate way? What might we accomplish as a church if we eagerly pursued Jesus together?

I’m excited about the possibility. I’m excited for the potential. Friends, we are promised that He will respond. As the rain comes down this month, let’s press on together, knowing that God is working in us, through us, and among us.



THIS MONTH AT ANTIOCH

Thursday, April 2

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, April 4

8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Corner Cafe

3:00pm Easter Event

4:15pm Worship Team Practice

4:30pm Coffee Fellowship

5:00pm Worship

Sunday, April 5

8:00am Easter Sunrise Worship

9:00am Continental Breakfast

10:00am Coffee Fellowship

10:00am Worship Team Practice

10:30am Worship

Monday, April 6

6:00-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, April 7

10:00am Bible Study with Beth

Thursday, April 9

12:00pm Daughters Luncheon in the library

6:15pm Elder Meeting

7:00pm Church Council

Saturday, April 11

8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Corner Cafe

9:00am Church Work Day

4:15pm Worship Team Practice

4:30pm Coffee Fellowship

5:00pm Worship

Sunday, April 12

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Coffee Fellowship

10:00am Worship Team Practice

10:30am Worship

12:00pm Eagle Court of Honor

Monday, April 13

6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, April 14

10am Bible Study with Beth

Wednesday, April 15

8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Big Biscuit

Saturday, April 18

4:15pm Worship Team Practice

4:30pm Coffee Fellowship

5:00pm Worship

6:15pm Dinner & Bingo in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 19

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Coffee Fellowship

10:00am Worship Team Practice

10:30am Worship

Monday, April 20

6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, April 21

10:00am Bible Study with Beth

Friday, April 24

8am-4pm Church Garage Sale

Saturday, April 25

8am-Noon Church Garage Sale

4:15pm Worship Team Practice

4:30pm Coffee Fellowship

5:00pm Worship

Sunday, April 26

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Coffee Fellowship

10:00am Worship Team Practice

10:30am Worship

Monday, April 27

6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, April 28

10:00am Bible Study with Beth

Wednesday, April 29th

10:30am Property Team Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ruth Crawford 3rd

Connie Campbell 5th

Frank Parker 18th

Mark Ann Funk 21st

Jeanie Jones 26th

BY THE NUMBERS

Monthly Giving

March 7-8	\$5293
March 14-15	\$3987
March 21-22	\$1738
March 28-29	<u>\$4378</u>
Total March	\$15,396
Year To Date	\$62,974

Monthly Attendance

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Total</u>
March 7-8	48	22	70
March 14-15	57	25	82
March 21-22	50	25	75
March 28-29	<u>56</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>78</u>
Total March	211	94	305

LET'S PRAY

- Barbara Vanacek-continued health concerns
- Those who have recently lost loved ones
- For a contemporary worship leader for Antioch's Saturday evening service
- For the Easter Extravaganza community outreach event on April 4th
- That God would bless our congregation with new folks, new families, & new faces in 2026

SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU

Dear Members of the Antioch Community Church

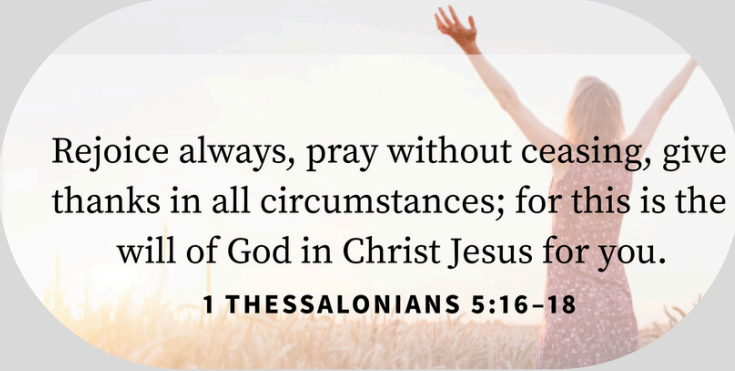
I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to express my gratitude for the scholarship that I have received. With your support, I am one step closer to getting my degree in Computer Science. Having support from community members like you motivates me to continue to work hard and succeed in my educational journey.

With deepest gratitude, Scott Tweeddale

Dear Members of the Antioch Community Church,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to thank you for the generous scholarship I have been awarded. As I near the end of my master's program, it's nice to have continued support by those who believe in my goals. With your support, I know I can make a difference in the lives of others through education.

Thank you again for your kindness. With appreciation,
Jessica Tweeddale



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

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