THE MESSENGER

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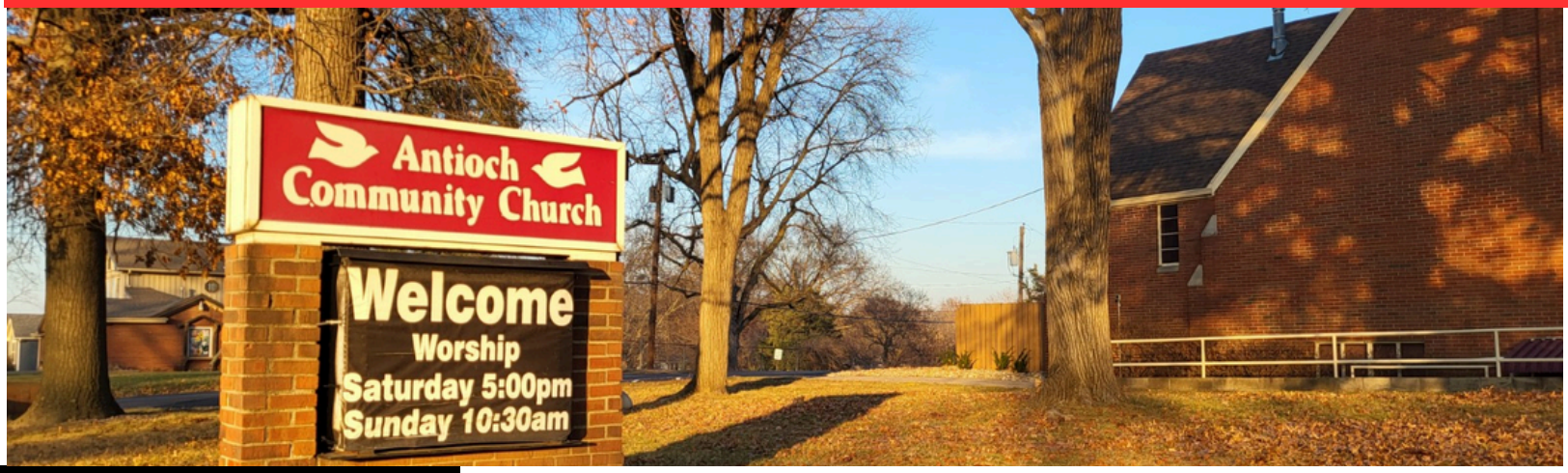

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MISSION MOMENT

This month, our mission spotlight focuses on a local nonprofit making a real impact in the lives of families facing challenging circumstances. Parkville Women's Clinic is a Christ-centered pregnancy support ministry serving individuals and families in the Kansas City area.

The Parkville Women's Clinic provides free and confidential medical services for those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Their licensed medical team offers no-cost pregnancy tests, ultrasound exams, and STI screening — all designed to help clients make informed decisions with dignity and respect. They also connect women and families with ongoing support resources in the community, including medical care, counseling, housing assistance, financial help, and parenting resources.

How Your Giving Makes a Difference- our donations to the clinic help keep these life-affirming services free and accessible to all who come through their doors. Through gifts from churches and community partners, the clinic is able to:

- Provide lab-quality pregnancy testing and ultrasounds at no cost.
- Offer compassionate education and counseling during uncertain times.
- Support expecting parents with referrals to long-term care and community services.
- Fund parenting classes, material assistance, and outreach efforts that strengthen families.

Every dollar given goes toward direct care and support — helping individuals navigate difficult decisions with clarity, hope, and encouragement.

Organizations like Parkville Women's Clinic serve as beacons of hope for people facing anxiety and fear around unplanned pregnancy. By walking alongside them with practical help and spiritual compassion, they foster stronger families and healthier communities.

We are grateful to partner with ministries like this that reflect Christ's love in action. Thank you for your continued generosity and for supporting work that truly changes lives.

PASTOR'S POINT

What if the church isn't something you attend—but something you are? Scripture gives us a powerful image to answer that question: a building under construction, made not of bricks and mortar, but of people who are being built together by God.

If you've ever seen a cinder block, you know how ordinary it looks by itself. But when those blocks are fitted tightly together and cemented properly, they form something strong and lasting.

Both Paul and Peter lean into this construction metaphor: God is building a house.

Paul writes in Ephesians 2:21-22, "In Jesus, the whole building is joined together… and you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit."

Peter echoes this same idea, calling Jesus the living Stone and believers living stones, being built into a spiritual house. If we are living stones, being built together, that means we are a construction project. It's active. Ongoing. Growing.

The apostles and prophets form our foundation. Jesus Himself is our cornerstone—the piece that aligns, supports, and holds everything together.

Scripture reminds us that community is not a moment—it's a construction project. Friends, when we come together, we are not just in God's house. We are God's house.

Every one of you matters. Every gift you bring strengthens the whole. Every presence provides support. When one stone is missing, the structure is weaker. But when we show up—when we encourage, serve, give, and love—the house grows stronger.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

You see, encouragement isn't optional, it's structural support. Community doesn't happen by accident. It's built—intentionally, faithfully, together. So, let's not give up meeting together!

But…Everything about being built together hinges on one question: Are we coming to Jesus?

1 Peter 2:4 begins with this simple phrase: "As you come to Him…" As we come daily to Jesus—the source of life, the foundation—we discover who we are meant to be. Living stones. Vital. Purposeful. Connected.

When we build our relationship with Jesus, we don't just grow personally—we strengthen the entire community.

You are a living stone. I am a living stone. We are living stones. And when we are fitted together, cemented by love and grace, God builds something strong.

As we move forward, may we be built together. May we rediscover the power of us.

THIS MONTH AT ANTIOCH

Sunday, March 1
9am Sunday School
10am Coffee Fellowship
10am Worship Team Practice
10:30am Worship and Holy Communion

Monday, March 2
6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, March 3
10am Bible Study with Beth

Saturday, March 7
8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Corner Cafe
4:15pm Worship Team Practice
4:30pm Coffee Fellowship
5:00pm Worship

Sunday, March 8
9am Sunday School
10am Coffee Fellowship
10am Worship Team Practice
10:30am Worship

Monday, March 9
6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, March 10
10am Bible Study with Beth
11:15am Missions Team Meeting

Thursday, March 12
12:00pm Daughters Luncheon in the library
6:15pm Elder Meeting
7:00pm Church Council

Saturday, March 14
4:15pm Worship Team Practice
4:30pm Coffee Fellowship
5:00pm Worship
6:15 Church Growth Team Meeting

Sunday, March 15
9am Sunday School
10am Coffee Fellowship
10am Worship Team Practice
10:30am Worship

Monday, March 16
6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, March 17
10am Bible Study with Beth

Wednesday, March 18
8am Men's Breakfast @ Big Biscuit

Saturday, March 21
4:15pm Worship Team Practice
4:30pm Coffee Fellowship
5:00pm Worship
6:00pm Dinner and Bingo in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 22
9am Sunday School
10am Coffee Fellowship
10am Worship Team Practice
10:30am Worship

Monday, March 23
6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, March 24
10am Bible Study with Beth

Wednesday, March 25
10:30am Property Team Meeting

Saturday, March 28
4:15pm Worship Team Practice
4:30pm Coffee Fellowship
5:00pm Worship

Sunday, March 29
9am Sunday School
10am Coffee Fellowship
10am Worship Team Practice
10:30am Worship

Tuesday, March 31
10am Bible Study with Beth

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linda Jones 4th
Tom Funk 3rd
Ashlyn Schultz 13th
Jan Whitlow 14th
Donna Foockle 28th
Anna Sage 30th

BY THE NUMBERS

Monthly Giving

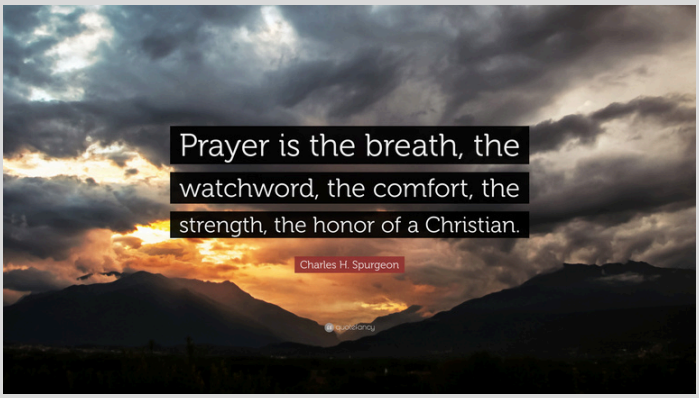
January 31-February 1	$11746
February 7-8	$4640
February 14-15	$4613
February 21-22	$1376
Total February	**$22,375**
Year To Date	**$47,578**

Monthly Attendance

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
January 31- Feb 1	41	28	69
February 7-8	75	32	107
February 14-15	26	25	51
February 21-22	58	26	84
Total February	**200**	**111**	**311**

LET'S PRAY

- Barb & Fred Vanecek - continued health concerns
- Carol R. Smith- post surgery recovery
- Pray for a contemporary worship leader for Antioch's Saturday evening service
- Pray for the Easter Extravaganza community outreach event on April 4th
- Pray that God would bless our congregation with new folks, new families, & new faces in 2026



SAVE THE DATE

ACC is excited to host a special community outreach event for Easter, on Saturday, April 4th @ 3:00 PM. More details coming soon!

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NEWS & NOTES

January's mission focus shined on the Shepherd Center, an organization dedicated to serving those in need within our community. Thank you to everyone who generously donated cans of soup to help stock their shelves and provide warmth and nourishment to our neighbors. Because of your compassion, 305 cans were collected! Every can truly made a difference, and we are so grateful for your support.

2026 ACC COUNCIL

Elders
Tony McCanna, Galen Miller, Beth Gardner and Carol R. Smith.

Deacons
Cheryl McGuire, Galen Miller, Dick Ramey, Dean Conner, Denny McGuire, Amy Walton Smith, Wendy Herrington, Wayne Loar and Mary Scritchfield.