

THE MESSENGER

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COMMUNITY CHURCH



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MISSION MOMENT

At Antioch, we are always looking for ways to live out our faith and serve those around us. One of the ways we do this is by helping support our **backsnacks program** through our partnership with Golden Oaks Education Center, a specialized program within North Kansas City Schools that serves students with unique learning and developmental needs.

Golden Oaks provides a structured and caring environment for students who benefit from individualized instruction and additional support. While the school meets many important needs during the day, some students still face challenges outside of school—including access to consistent food.

That's where Antioch's Backpack Snack Program makes a difference. Through this ministry, we collect and provide easy-to-eat, nonperishable snacks that are sent home with students each week. These snacks help ensure that children have something to eat over the weekend or during times when meals may be limited. It's a simple act of kindness that can have a lasting impact—helping students feel supported, cared for, and ready to learn.

We invite our Antioch family to continue supporting this mission by donating items such as:

- **Granola bars**
- **Fruit cups or applesauce**
- **Crackers or snack packs**
- **Juice boxes**
- **Individually wrapped snacks**

This partnership is more than just meeting a physical need—it's about sharing God's love in a tangible way. As Scripture reminds us, "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." — 1 John 3:18 Thank you for your generosity and your heart to serve. Together, Antioch Church is making a difference—one snack, one student, one act of love at a time.

PASTOR'S POINT

Have you ever found yourself searching for something? Maybe it was just this morning, or perhaps yesterday or last week, when you looked all over the place for something you needed. Your keys, your glasses, the remote? It's interesting to think about how the writer of Chronicles depicted God in a similar way—God is also searching, but He's searching for something far more precious.

2 Chronicles 16:9 tells us, "The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him."

You see, God is not distant or idle. He's not sitting up in Heaven simply answering people's laundry list of prayers. He's actively looking for hearts that are ready and willing to walk in deep commitment to Him.

In our day-to-day lives, it's easy to feel like we're striving alone, especially when challenges arise. But let this verse remind us that God is actively working among us. He's not just hoping we'll get by—He's eager to pour out His strength on those who are fully committed to Him. Do you know what that means? Each of us, as individuals and as a congregation, has a unique role in this divine story.

So, what does it look like to be fully committed to Him? It's about spending time in and embracing His Word. It's about opening our hearts to His guidance every day. It's about following hard after Jesus and trusting that He has a plan for each of us. It's about showing up in faith, knowing that God is ready to meet us where we are and lift us up.

As we move forward together, let's be encouraged that God's eyes are indeed on us. He sees our struggles, but more importantly, He sees our willingness to lean on Him. When we commit our hearts fully, we allow God's strength to flow through us, energizing us as individuals and as a church family.

This is a call to action: let's rise together in faith and commitment. As we do, we'll find that God's strength is ever-present, lifting us higher and guiding us into the wonderful things He has in store. God is working, and He is ready to strengthen those who are ready to walk with Him. Fully committed. All in.

I'm excited for the possibility of who God will find on His search.



THIS MONTH AT ANTIOCH

Friday, May 1

8am-4:00pm Church Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, May 2

8am-12:00pm Church Wide Garage Sale

8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Corner Cafe

4:30pm Coffee Fellowship

5:00pm Worship & Holy Communion

Sunday, May 3

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Coffee Fellowship

10:30am Worship & Holy Communion

Monday, May 4

6:00-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, May 5

10:00am Bible Study with Beth

Saturday, May 9

8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Corner Cafe

4:30pm Coffee Fellowship

5:00pm Worship

6:15pm Church Growth Team

Sunday, May 10

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Coffee Fellowship

10:30am Worship

Monday, May 11

6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, May 12

10am Bible Study with Beth

11:15am Missions Team 11:15

Thursday, May 14

12:00pm Daughters Luncheon in the library

4:00pm IT Team

6:15pm Elder Meeting

7:00pm Church Council

Saturday, May 16

9:00am-12:00pm Church Clean-Up Day

4:30pm Coffee Fellowship

5:00pm Worship

6:15pm Dinner & Bingo in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 17

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Coffee Fellowship

10:30am Worship

Monday, May 18

6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, May 19

10:00am Bible Study with Beth

Wednesday, May 20

8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Big Biscuit

Saturday, May 23

4:30pm Coffee Fellowship

5:00pm Worship

Sunday, May 24

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Coffee Fellowship

10:30am Worship

Monday, May 25

6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, May 26

10:00am Bible Study with Beth

Saturday, May 30

4:30pm Coffee Fellowship

5:00pm Worship

Sunday, May 24

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Coffee Fellowship

10:30am Worship

Wednesday, May 27

10:30am Property Team Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dick Ramey 19th

Fred Vanecek 22nd

Don "Red" Jones 31st



BY THE NUMBERS

Monthly Giving


April 4-5	\$7255
April 11-12	\$4735
April 18-19	\$15043
April 25-26	<u>\$2250</u>
Total March	\$29,283
Year To Date	\$92,257

Monthly Attendance

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Total</u>
April 4-5	81	64	145
April 11-12	54	25	79
April 18-19	55	21	76
April 25-26	51	24	75
Total April	241	134	375

LET'S PRAY

- For a contemporary worship leader for Antioch's Saturday evening service
- For a spirit of unity as we seek God's direction for growth
- That God would bless our congregation with new folks, new families, & new faces in 2026
- Praise God for His faithfulness in a successful garage sale



*The grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ be with your spirit.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:23

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THANK YOU!

Students and staff members from the Jacob Education Center came to Antioch Monday, April 13th to clean up the front yard. Twenty six bags of leaves, sticks and "gum balls" were collected.

This undertaking has been an annual event for years. It represents a true partnership between our church with the Back Snack Program and their school. We are grateful for their hard work.

We are also grateful to you, Antioch, for your support of the Back Snack program.

CONGRATS

Congratulations to Ikey Harris and Jan McSpadden, who were recently recognized for their outstanding support of the Northland Clothing Center over the past year. Their dedication and generosity have made a meaningful impact in serving those in need within our community.