

EDITORIAL...

During the month of June 2008 Antioch enjoyed some very meaningful and exciting activities. First of all, Antioch's one and only full time Pastor for over twenty years had his Seventieth Birthday Celebration. The congregation gave him two great celebrations. The first was at Antioch's yearly Picnic in South Land Park on June 21st where the setting was just wonderful. The green grass and tall shade trees with tables and games and then the Happy Birthday Celebration was the first surprise given him. But the greatest and best was on Sunday, June 22nd when Antioch's Executive Pastor/Pastor Mitchell's son,

surprised him by revising the whole Sunday Worship Experience agenda. Reverend Harris had invited Rev. John Pyles of Houston, Texas as the guest speaker. Pastor Mitchell is considered a mentor of Rev. Pyles when he was starting out in the ministry. Pastor Mitchell was surprised beyond imagination, but truly delighted in every respect.

But that was only one of the major events that took place here at Antioch during the month of June 2008. The next was the marriage of the Executive Pastor/Pastor Mitchell's one and only son, on Saturday, June 28th and the Reception that took

place after the Worship Experience on June 29th. We will share more with you about the new couple and their family at a later date.

Antioch Progressive Baptist Church truly exhibits commitment, enthusiasm, and excitement in all its endeavors. May God continue to bless His people!

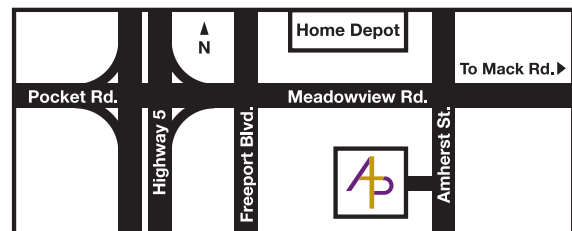
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SEEDS OF PROMISE

I have been thinking of how we can raise Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars to finish the Sports Complex and Parking Lot. Then Rev. Harris said to me one day that there are certain people who would like to give to specific needs and that we might not be giving them the opportunity to give to those needs. Then in speaking to Rev. Lawrence, he had the same opinion. But, Rev. Lawrence, with his computer knowledge, added more to the fire that was starting to burn within.



At that point, I went to the Elders and began to share with them about the concept of "Seeds of Promise" to allow the members to have the opportunity to plant "seeds of faith" in their giving for the future. They too saw what the spiritual connection of giving to plant dollars of what they believed for the future. The fire in my heart was blazing with intentionality and I could see the "Sports Complex" up and filled with children and families from the community, enjoying what others believed in.

Wait! The fire is about to turn into an inferno. Two weeks ago, one of our young Prayer in Motion dancers by the name of Patience Brown, walked into my office with a gallon of pennies and said to me, "this is to get the ball fields done". Her grandparents, Brother and Sister Nathaniel Brown, were with her and they began to tell me the whole story of this little "Faith Walker". Brother Brown tried to give her twenty dollars (\$20) for her gallon of pennies, and she told him "no, it's for the Park". Brother and Sister Brown also gave the

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Church a check for the "Sports Complex". They have given many times before towards this effort. They have sold his CD's with all the proceeds to go toward the "Sports Complex".

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So, now you know why each Sunday after the Spoken Word we are going to give each member the opportunity to plant "Seeds of Promise" for the future of Antioch. This concept is Biblical, and is a test of what you do for the Kingdom in order for you to be blessed in the present and the future. Look at what the Word of God says in Luke 6:38; "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye give withal it shall be

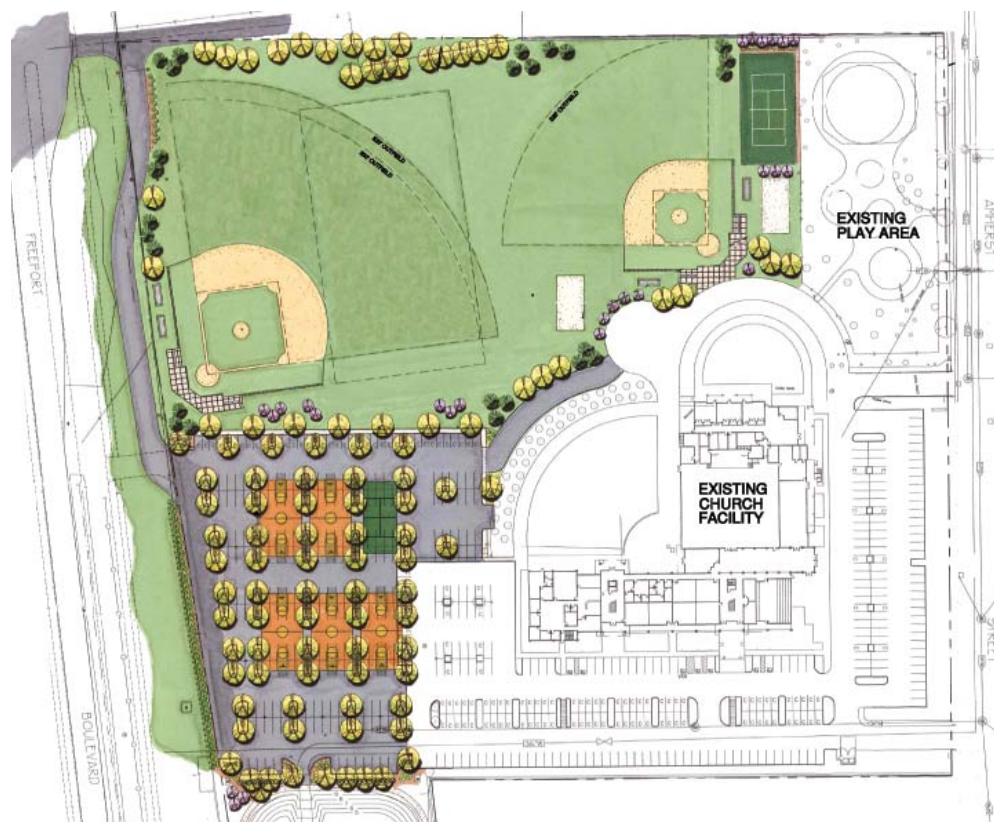
measured to you again." II Corinthians 9:6-7, "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver". Galatians 6:7, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

It is my prayer that each of you catch the vision that our young babe Patience has caught and we all become determined to give so that we will see our "Sports Complex" completed by raising Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) by the spring of

2009. "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." (Philippians 4:13)

God Bless you as we plant our "Seeds of Promise."

*In Christ's Service
Pastor Mitchell*



Life's Struggles

There are times when we, as human beings, feel that life is unfair. We find ourselves embittered by the inequality and justice that we are experiencing in our daily lives. Where is justice? How can we have confidence in God when life seems to favor those who have no regard for Him.

People ask hard questions, such as; Why is bad so unfair?

Daily, on the News and/or in the Newspaper we all see and read about people suffering and struggling with the hard questions of life.

Examples:

A mother weeps outside a Court Room where her daughter's murderer has just been released on a legal technicality. She pleads; "Is there any justice?"

A father struggles to feed his family by working two jobs and doing the right thing. But, when he thinks of those who are wealthy by illegal means, he wonders, "what is the point of trying to do right?" Maybe nice guys really do finish last after all.

A child is rushed to the hospital- the latest victim of a terrorist bomb. His family cries out: "Why him? What did he do to deserve this?"

A widow sits beside a freshly dug

grave and sobs. It's not fair. Why couldn't the drunk driver have been killed instead of my husband? He didn't do anything wrong.

These are only a minimum of the questions that haunt those of us who think about the unfairness, injustice and inequity of life. What can we say to people who are suffering or even to ourselves? Where can we find answers that will restore our confidence, not only in life, but also in God?

We are living in perilous times. Gasoline is \$4.50 per gallon. Grocery prices are skyrocketing. Things are happening that never happened before. It is mind-boggling at times.

In times like these it behooves us to trust in God. He is our strength when we are at our weakest point. God is at His strongest and He said unto me. "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." "Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Cor. 4:9 NKJV)

"...Do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy... Therefore let those

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who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator. (1 Peter 4:12,13,19)

If we keep the faith, everything will be all right!

Annie M. Levingston, Reporter



*As for me and my house
we will serve The Lord.*

Joshua 24/15



Experience the Miracle

Imagine, in the near future, a clear and beautiful Saturday at our completed Antioch site. Laughing toddlers are enjoying the swings and slides on the Antioch playground. Cheers and shouts rise from the sidelines of the baseball and softball fields. An adult soccer team practices at the adjacent field. A group of teenagers enjoys a weekly pick-up game on the basketball court.

You too, can experience this miracle as you partner with the rest of our Antioch family in fulfilling the vision that God has given. The Antioch Stewardship Campaign will be a three-year long walk of faith as we strive to meet the goal that is set before us. We invite you to walk with us by contributing your Time, Talent and Treasure to raising enough funds to complete the park site. Our goal is to raise \$2 million by they end of 2008. As we strive to reach our goal, we can look forward to seeing the miracle that God works through us. It will be a very real and personal experience for you, as God works in your life to fulfill his purpose.

*Please join with us in fulfilling
The Vision That God Has Given!*



And The Winner Is...

I'm sitting at my desk at work. My face must look strange because my co-worker looks at me and silently shapes the words "what's wrong" with her lips. "When did this happen?" I say. Asbury, my son is repeating what he's just said and I am incredulous. Tony Jones, my grandson, had won something that had his teachers praising him and we, I, the family, knew absolutely nothing about it. Over a month later, at Tony's graduation, I would finally learn the facts about what has taken place.

February 6, 2008 was a big day at Sutter Middle School. Discovery Channel was presenting an award to the school during a special science assembly. Sutter was one of fifteen schools across the country that received a \$5,000 check for their science program. In the assembly, the Science Club heard the challenge to develop a commercial that would visualize how Science matters.

After much brainstorming the 8th grade students of the Science Club developed a plan. Their Science Team advisors, Mr. Charles Heckey and Mrs. Yasmine Henry, helped them form a strategy, gave out assignments, and the students went to work. Tony Jones was assigned the task of Script Writer for the commercial. His words had to give continuity to the ideas and actions of the other fourteen students involved. Realizing that they would be competing with teams across the United States, the students set out to have some fun and be creative to the best of their ability. The students decided to fill their video on Science with people and snapshots of their campus. Once the project was complete, it was submitted and the wait began.

On May 6th, Sutter received notice that their video was the Grand Prize Winner. The Science Club had gained for their school a \$25,000

contribution towards a "unique" science classroom that will influence the science program at Sutter Middle School for many years to come.



On May 13, 2008, Discovery Channel returned to Sutter Middle School with a professional crew to reshoot the video as a commercial in high-def. Because Tony made a significant contribution to the video with his script and his hard work within the team, he was given a small speaking part in the screen cast.

I asked Tony what did he like most about the process. He said he really enjoyed working with the group and watching the pieces from everyone come together. But the most exciting part for him was being a part of the cast and actually watching them shoot the video. In addition to the \$25,000 for the school, each of the fifteen participating students received a free Nano Video Ipod.

I now have a scriptwriter and a movie star in my household. Tony and the other students will be in the commercial through the summer. The commercial will air on the Science channel under the theme "Science Matters." The first showing will be Sunday, July 6th. Hey Tony, way to go!

Your grandmother,

*Annie Marie Jones
Worship Cell*

Tribe of Joseph Asks you to pray!

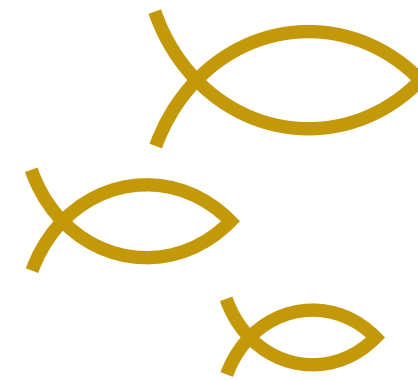
Sister Shirley Grier Usher

As editor, I received news that Sister Shirley Grier was to be admitted to the VA Hospital in Portland, Oregon on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 to have a Kidney Transplant. She is expected to be in the hospital for five or six days after the transplant, and then she and her husband will stay at a hotel in Portland for 30 days. The number for the VA Hospital is 1-503-220-8263. The address of the hotel where she will stay afterwards is:

**3181 S W Sam Jackson Park
Rd.
Portland, Oregon 97239**

Please keep Sister Grier and her family in your prayers. May God bless you as you keep her in your Prayers.

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SAVE THE DATES!

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO
TECATE, MEXICO: July 20 - 26**

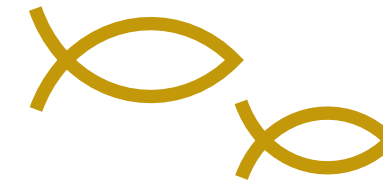
Please pray for their safety and service! May God continue to bless Antioch as it seeks to Make and grow Disciples!

Donations for the trip are greatly appreciated!

**VACATION BIBLE CLUB
July 7 - 11th**

**Dinner: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
VBC: 6:00 - 8:30 pm**

Help us Baptize 50 for Christ!



Mission Statement

To meet the community's spiritual, emotional and physical needs by making and growing healthy disciples

New Members!

June 2008

June 1st

Davaris Currie

Jeremiah Currie

Sade Radcliffe

Cathy White

June 8th

Farrah Islam

June 29th

Marlon Becker

Ellis Hendrix

Edward Jones

*We Welcome Our New
Members!*



COUNSELING CORNER...

July 2008

There are many issues the Counseling Ministry is trying to help individuals, couples and small groups with. We believe that we are making some progress. However, more counselors on staff would be very helpful. First of all, we would like to have more counselors who may have backgrounds in Social Work or related fields and willing to complete the basic Church requirement of completing the First and Second books of the course, SELF-CONFRONTATION.

I will begin working with one person who will be starting with Book 1 of The Self-Confrontation Course on Wednesday, July 2nd, at 7:00 pm. If there are other persons, either male or female, who are interested in becoming involved in the class, with the primary focus of being prepared to become a part of the Biblical Counseling Ministry, please give me a call at (916) 665-2691, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm. There is such a need for Christians who are willing to help others examine and deal with their problems according to God's Word.

This Ministry's next focus is on developing a Healthy Marriage Project here at Antioch. The Ministry would like for you to be aware that Walker & Paula Munson are in the process of getting this project started here at Antioch. The Marriage Relationship has such a tremendous impact on the spiritual and physical well being of the couple's children. "Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband." (1 Cor. 7:3) "Brethren, let each one remain

with God in that state in which he was called." (1 Cor.7:24)

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As you read this Corner of Antioch's vineyard and feel that God is moving you to become involved, either to become a Biblical Counselor or resolve an issue that may be disturbing you, please give me a call a (916) 665-2691 between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

Azelia Moseley, Counselor



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"



And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"
Isaiah 6:8



Vacation Bible Club



It All Starts Tomorrow!!!

Dates of Vacation Bible Club: July 7-11, 2008

Time: 5:00 Dinner, 6:00-8:30 VBC program

Place: Antioch Progressive Church

Pre-registration: Sign up your children to participate!

It's Free & Fun For All! Classes for ages Nursery-18yrs &

Adult classes too!



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