



# The ANTIOCH Connection

*Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ*

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- Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 8:30, 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.

*Blessings to you this new year!*



*Evan, Chris, Jeff, John, Mark, Luke, Fran  
Beth, Dara, Kim, Dolly, Hannah, Gail*



**Happy New year  
2018**

# Bulletin Board

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest family members!



Larry & Mary Miller  
Michael & Julie Vignato  
Aaron Caryl  
Scott & Tracy Eilers  
Tom & Barb Devaney  
Justin Siefker  
Kennedy Siefker

**Our deepest sympathy, love and prayers to:**

**Michael & Kathleen Lake & Family** at the loss of Michael's mother on November 30.



## Quilting Ministry

Thursdays, January 4 & 18  
9:00 a.m. to noon

Come fellowship while helping to create wonderful quilts that will be donated to bless others.



## MSgt. Kirk Anderson Receives Patriotic Quilt

MSgt. Kirk R. Anderson retired from the United States Air Force after serving for more than 23 years. He was a firefighter during his whole career.



Kirk has been stationed in England, Guam, Azores, Japan, and Italy. His last duty station was Luke AFB, Arizona. His job consisted of fighting both structural fires as well as aircraft emergencies. He was on temporary duty in most Middle Eastern countries excluding Iraq.

After retiring, Kirk was a contractor for the United States Army for about three years as a fire inspector for them. Now he works as the IT Help Desk Technician for the United States Probation Office in Cedar Rapids.

## Pick-up Basketball

Thursdays from 8:00-10:00 p.m. in the gym. This is open to high school age and adults.



Questions? Email Joe at [j.marolf@hotmail.com](mailto:j.marolf@hotmail.com).

## Lost and Found

Lost something at church? Visit the Lost and Found located at the Information Center to see if it's been turned in.

## Love Coffee?

We offer free coffee during weekend services. Try John's Flavor of the Month! There are also cookies on Saturday night and donuts on Sunday morning.



Additionally, specialty coffees and drinks can be purchased at our Coffee Shop. Check it out!

## Gluten-Free Communion Available

If you have a gluten intolerance, we offer a gluten free option for communion. The bread and juice is packaged individually and located on a shelf in the entrances to the Worship Center. Feel free to take one at your convenience.

## I love Antioch t-shirts still available!



Show your love for Antioch! Shirts are still available in the lobby near the Information Center. Just \$5.00 each!



**Be sure to "Like" Antioch Christian Church on Facebook!** 3



# Outreach

**Chris Thomas**

*Outreach Pastor*

## Mission Trip to Zimbabwe

The 2018 Mission Trip to Zimbabwe application is now available! Before talking about the specifics of the application process, I would like to share what the trip is all about. We will be working with Hippo Valley Christian Mission, one of the most influential Christian missions in Africa and certainly one that is vital to the spiritual, educational, and physical well-being of the country of Zimbabwe. This mission has planted dozens of churches in Zimbabwe as well as four in Mozambique. They assist the men and women in Zimbabwe in Bible College and ministry training to serve their local churches and their home. They oversee twenty-seven “public” schools where they provide formal education and where they can base learning off Biblical and spiritual curriculum. They operate two orphanages for children who have lost their parents to AIDS, and they have two fully staffed medical clinics in the more remote villages. The work they do is important and desperately needed in Zimbabwe.

As for our role in a hands-on mission trip, we will be responsible for planning and executing a VBS program in a village church; these VBS events regularly average over 500 children in attendance. We will serve in the local churches on two Sundays – preaching, teaching, worship, and praying as well as spending time with the people from the church in their homes. Our group will spend time providing love, comfort and service to the orphans who long for human interaction. There will also be a manual labor service project to complete at the orphanage. For example, on my last visit, we built and installed a new roof for one of the dormitories.

Here are the details for the application process: The application consists of basic personal information, a short essay, and consent for a background check. Additionally, you will see the due dates and monetary amounts for the deposits, eventually totaling \$2,600. Since the immediate goals of the trip are to raise awareness of the work in Zimbabwe and to foster a sense of buy-in from our church (i.e. “Antioch sending a team to do God’s work” vs. “a group from Antioch going”), all mission trip team members will participate in several fundraising events. Even if you are able to pay your own way, participation in these events is required. The selection process for team members

will be twofold: an approved application and timely completion of the application with the first deposit. Priority will be given to those who signed up and attended the informational meeting. Space is limited to 10-12 people, so if you feel called to go on the trip don’t hesitate in getting started.

Although not everyone is called to go, I hope we all feel called to support and see the need of making trips like these. Antioch makes a huge impact in the kingdom through finances, service, and volunteering in the local community. This is an opportunity for Antioch to bless people we do not yet know, in an area where encouragement and the display of God’s love is at a premium. My prayer is that while only a few will go, we will all support this mission.

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Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God’s love for people with special needs ages 14 and older. On this one night, over 500 churches, from around the world, will host Night to Shine for more than 75,000 honored guests through the support of 150,000+ volunteers!

Volunteers are needed to help with the pre-event activities at Antioch as well as many other areas. If you would like to be a part of this beautiful event, visit our web site at [www.LifeIsForLiving.org/events](http://www.LifeIsForLiving.org/events) to learn about the volunteer opportunities and to sign up. To learn more about the event, please visit [www.timtebowfoundation.org](http://www.timtebowfoundation.org). If you have questions please contact Christy Rezin at [pcrezin@gmail.com](mailto:pcrezin@gmail.com).

## New Series this Month



Growing in our relationship with Jesus is not something that happens simply by cramming more information about the Bible into our brains. We need to experience what that knowledge can do in our lives and heart before it makes real change. We want to help kids this month experience their faith by practicing it. But this takes commitment.

In order to have an ongoing growing relationship with Jesus, kids must commit to practicing faith by reading God's word, praying to Him consistently, talking about Him with friends, and living out their faith every day.

We want to help kids respond to God's character through **commitment: making a plan and putting it into practice.**

Our memory verse this month comes from 1 Timothy 4:8 (NIRV): *"Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come."*



### Thursdays 6:15-7:45 p.m.

January 4	Regular Club Night
January 11	Pajama Night
January 18	Winter Fest Night - Dress warm!
January 25	Occupation Night

Bad Weather Rule: If Marion Independent Schools cancel classes, AWANA will also be cancelled.

## The Port Worship Team Practice:

Monday, January 29  
from 6:00-7:00 p.m.



This is for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and any adult leader who want to help lead worship for one of The Port services in February. Participants will meet in The Port big room.

## Try This In January

### MORNING TIME

Think of a goal your child has. Maybe something they are showing commitment on. When you see your child in the morning, let the first thing you say to them be encouragement about their goal! Then say, "I can't wait to see how God uses this talent in you."

### BED TIME:

Read Matthew 7:24-27. Share with each other what you think it means to build your life on a foundation of rock rather than a foundation of sand. "Building on the rock" takes two steps: You've gotta hear what God says and then you've got to act and put God's words into practice. Pick one thing you know God has said and choose some ways you can put that into practice this week.



The Nation's Biggest Christian Preteen Event  
4th and 5th Grade

MARCH 9-10, 2018

Superstart! Is a high-energy weekend event in which preteens (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade) can learn and grow in their relationships with friends, leaders and most importantly God.

Go to [www.lifeisforliving.org/superstart](http://www.lifeisforliving.org/superstart) to register and information.

Early sign up deadline is January 28.



# Worship Ministry



**Luke McCoy**

*Worship Pastor*



the mighty roar but couldn't feel it until we were within 5-10 feet of the drop off; at which point we were facing an astonishing vertical wind that was awe-inspiring and magnificent.

This picture carries with it far more than a thousand words. While the magnificence of the moment was breathtaking and the genuine awe and fear of the terrain was tangible, it also represents a special time with Mark and my Mom and Dad as we said goodbye to our Grandpa.

## New Strength

In January of 2013, my older brother and I flew from our respective airports to Mesa, AZ (1243 ft.) and then drove to Payson, AZ (4890 ft.) in order to see our Grandpa before he passed away. A few of these bitter-sweet moments are etched into my heart and mind forever. We spent a few days with Mom and Dad who were staying with my Mom's Mom and Dad and did our best to provide strength for each other and at the same time, say goodbye to my Grandpa.

Grandma and Grandpa settled in Payson, AZ back in the 70's and my grandpa, who was an architect, drew up their own home and had it built right in town on the side of a mountain. Growing up, every few years, we were able to travel to Arizona to see one set of grandparents in the Phoenix area and then drive to Payson to see my other grandparents.

But this trip was different . . . we were saying goodbye. One afternoon while hospice was helping Grandpa, Mark and I decided to break away for an afternoon and drive up to one of my Grandpa's favorite places -- the Mogollon Rim (7500 ft.) where I was able to snap this picture.

The breathtaking view was also combined with a 50-60 mph wind that funneled through this vast mountainous region and ended up as a sheer wind wall blowing straight up right in front of us. We could hear

My Grandpa was an architect by trade and an artist by heart, creating some masterful works of art from wood and bronze. One of the pieces I have in my office at home is an eagle swooping down to catch a rainbow trout from a lake. If you look at this picture I took really carefully, the black dot you see in the upper third is actually an eagle soaring above the region. I'm reminded of the promise in Isaiah:

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary.

They will walk and not faint (*Isaiah 40:31*).

Eventually, our bodies will wear out and we'll be the ones surrounded by family and friends that we've spent the years loving. And I'm so incredibly thankful that our souls will far out last our bodies and that while our strength may fail on this side of eternity, that we will find "new strength."

May the Lord bless you in this New Year as you continue to bless the Lord!

Luke

## Anticipated Opportunities

Frontline Leading Worship

January 27-28