Antioch Newsletter



## **INSPIRATIONAL CORNER**

#### 7 Basics of Christianity

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#### The 7 Basics of Christianity:

**1.** God. You need to understand that God consists of three equal persons:

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This is called the "Trinity".

But what exactly is the Trinity?

It's hard to understand. Some theologians compare it to water, ice, mist or all the pieces of an egg: shell, yolk, egg white. They all have their own purpose separately and their own purpose together.

So point one is God the Father who we see mainly in the first half of the Bible and learn that he is holy, faithful, just, allknowing, and a father figure to his children. And the good news for us is that if we are believers in Jesus, He embodies the role of our father as well.

# **2.** Jesus. You need to have a big picture understanding to know His importance.

So, in the beginning God created Adam and Eve. I'll dive more into this in another video, but basically they went against God's plan for them and all of humanity began to fall apart.

God chose a man named Abraham who he was going to create a whole nation of holy people through called Israel. BUT the people disobeyed as well. Then in the second part of the Bible we are introduced to a man named Jesus. This is the Messiah, the Savior, the Chosen One that the people had been waiting for to redeem humanity.

He was 100% man and 100% God at the same time.

He ended up being crucified for the sins of mankind and because of this, if we accept Jesus into our hearts, we are now viewed as holy and blameless in the eyes of God the Father. **3. The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's presence on earth.** 

When you become a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes

into your life and helps you become more like Jesus

#### 4. The Bible. The Bible is God's Word.

It tells the story of God's love for humanity. It's accurate, authoritative, inspired by the Holy Spirit and applicable to our everyday lives. We should spend time studying it every day.

**5. Prayer. Prayer is a conversation with God.** As a Christian, you have direct access to Him and He wants you to be as transparent and open as possible. Nothing scares Him away.

# 6. Grace. Grace is the unmerited favor of God upon our lives.

It's what saves us. When we trust in Jesus to save us, God by His grace forgives us of our sins and transforms us into new creations completely...the old is gone, the new has come.

Grace also equips us to walk out the plans God has for our lives. We don't deserve it, but God gives it to us anyway because He loves us unconditionally.

#### 7. Community. Christian community will change your

**life.** There's nothing like it when it's done well. Every Christian should be plugged into a community in order to help you when you are down, build you up, be a shoulder to cry on, celebrate alongside you, and answer your questions about God.

So pick a church in your area, serve on a team, attend a small group, take next steps classes, or just start hanging out with people. Surrounding yourself with other believers is everything.

**That's it!** Those are the 7 basics that every Christian should know. If you have not yet accepted Jesus into your heart, the next step on your faith journey is to begin a personal relationship with God.

As Christians, we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus died and rose again just to pay the price for our sins. Salvation doesn't come from our good deeds or by doing anything special, it's a free gift from God just because He loves us so much.

We need to turn away from of our sins, believe that Jesus

Christ is God's Son and our Savior, and submit to Him as Lord of our lives. By doing so, we receive salvation and eternal life. How awesome is that!

If this is something you want for your life, repeat this prayer:

"Jesus, I believe that you are the Son of God and Savior of the world. I believe that you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I believe that through your sacrifice, I am a new person. Forgive me for my sin and fill me with your Spirit. Today, I choose to follow you for the rest of my life as Lord of my life. Amen."

Submitted by Min. Richard D. Mills

As long as you feel pain, you're still alive. As long as you make mistakes, you're still human. And as long as you keep trying, there's still hope.

# PASTOR'S APPRECIATION MONTH



**October** is National Clergy Appreciation Month. The celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers.

WE CELEBRATE OUR

PASTOR

Bishop Leonard E. Brown



#### "WE'VE COME THIS FAR LIVING BY FAITH AND POWER OF GOD"

During the first week in June, we celebrated our 60th Church Anniversary, What glorious time in the Lord was had. On Tuesday, May 30, Elder Dr. Tony Smith( Faithful Church of Christ) graced us with the Word and on Thursday, June 1, Pastor Travis Haynes (St. Matthew Church of Christ) came and also gave a powerful Word. Sunday, June 4, was the icing on the cake. People came from far and near to help us celebrate and praise God for bringing us thus far. Our pastor, Bishop Leonard E. Brown, brought the morning message and in the afternoon, Elder Dr. Ella M. Johnson, pastor of the Little Branch Church of Christ, delivered the message. What a time, what a time we had. Of course, the Antioch Café served a delicious lunch.



# **2023 SUMMERTIME**



# **ROSDALE JETS**

Zaquan (Zay, Zay) off to Football Camp August 23-27, 2023. The days were filled with vigorous activities.

# E2M CONFERENCE 2023

(Eager to Motivate)

On Friday, August 18, Trustee Mattie Simms, Sister Cynthia Blake and I took a road trip to Charlotte, NC to attend a health and fitness conference. While there, we surprised our BFF, Sister Doris who was already in NC visiting her daughter and son-in-law (Krista and Greg). Here are some pictures highlighting the event. If you want to know about the E2M program, visit **YOUTUBE: E2M FITNESS** 

YOU WON'T REGRET IT!

Reported by Editor-n-Chief







# A Community Affair

On Saturday, September 9, Antioch held a Flea Market. People from the neighborhood came to check out the merchandise.

Also, hamburgers and hotdogs were available to fill the hungry tummies. It was a good day and a wonderful fellowship.

# **ANTIOCH FLEA MARKET**



# WOMEN'S DAY AT ANTIOCH ~ OCTOBER 1, 2023

# Womən's Day 2023

Evangelist Constance F. Brown President

Women's Ministry

LIFTING UP JESUS AND ONE ANOTHER

### NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT ASSEMBLY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

HELD AT ANTIOCH July 22-23, 2023

#### Sunday School Convention Theme:

#### "Disciples Remaining Steadfast While Working in God's Vineyard".

1 Corinthians 15:58

Here is a perspective of the youth. (Grandsons of Sister Portia Armstrong.)

#### Elijah Armstrong

The convention started the Saturday before with the bus outing to the forest (FDR State Park). It was fun but the games at the convention were fun and interesting too. I liked doing "Kahoot" because there was a better chance of getting questions right since there was only four options to pick from.

What I remember from the convention is that we had breakfast and helped serve it to everyone. Then we had voting on stuff to do with all the churches and you could stand up if you agreed and other stuff like that (business meeting). There was also singing from all the churches with Aunt Zelda on the piano and others on all different kinds of instruments. Then people got on the stage (pulpit) and preached. We talked about the seed story with the weeds and the sowers for Sunday School. Both days we had breakfast and lunch. I liked helping to serve and the games the most.

#### Anthony Armstrong-Ortega

What I like most about the Sunday School Convention was the baseball game at the picnic and we did a Kahoot about the Bible and Jesus. That's all I remember.



## **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY NEWS**





Ladies and Gentlemen please get your Mammogram. Yes, men, you need to do this test also. There has been an increase of this disease in men. *Early* detection could *save* your *life*.

# BIRTHDAYS october

Sister Bronthie Charles - 11th Sister Kathy Smith-Blake - 13th Brother Kareem Jones - 23rd Sister Loretta Mealing - 25th



Happy Anniversary to a beautiful couple! May the freshness of your love, always remain...

#### **OCTOBER 1**

Have a wonderful day because The **Son** is shining

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