Moorings

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Returning, Renewing and Revising!

By Carl Peters
Senior Pastor

This Sunday marks a **return** and a transition for Anchor. We are moving out of the lockdowns and the alterations of the past year. In some ways, we are returning to normal. We are adding seats to the sanctuary. We are passing the plates again. We will have the Sanctuary Choir back in the 11 a.m. service soon. Our youth and children's ministries will resume full force the first week of September. We are adding a music and missions meeting on Wednesdays for our children, moving AWANA to Sunday evenings. More of our Sunday School classes will be rebooting. All of this is exciting and reassuring.

But, in some ways, the Lord has given us a **renewed** vision. He has opened up opportunities for us we could not have imagined just a year and half ago. Our online sharing of worship and Bible study has touched multiplied thousands across many states. This will continue and may call for additional enhancements (A third camera in the Sanctuary, equipment for sharing Small Groups, etc.). God is also blessing us through "The Gospel to Every Home." We had 26 guests in a service recently! Essentially, during the darkest days in memory, God has shined a bright light on our mission field - and it is all around us in the 40514 zip code as take the Gospel to Every Home. Our mission field extends far away, as well, as we share our ministries online.

As part of our strategy to welcome our neighbors to Anchor, we will be **revising** our Sunday mornings. Starting August 1, we will be offering a different kind of worship service along with our Traditional service. At 8:45 a.m. we will have **"Convergence Worship"**. Our **"Traditional"** service will remain at 11. The Biblical content of the services will be the same. The difference will be in the expanded palette of music, and the more interactive nature of the early service.

Ephesians 3:20-21 reminds us that God is, *...able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Youth and Children News

By Daulton Peters
Youth Ministry

Hello! It has been a full month for the youth and children's ministries here at Anchor. We had VBS the week of the 19th through the 23rd and had a wonderful experience. We had a good group of kiddos come and many of our youth volunteered to help in the classrooms and activities. The theme this year was Destination Dig. We explored how archeological research points towards the legitimacy of Jesus and the Bible! I want to thank all our volunteers and youth who helped make VBS happen. In the upcoming months I am excited to announce that we will be having AWANA starting in September on Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:30pm. Also starting in September, we will have available children's programming on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30. This will be a music and missions time for the kids. There will also be youth group meeting at the same time. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with either of these activities. Thank you for your support and prayers for our children's and youth ministries. As we approach school starting back up especially with the challenges that COVID is causing please continue to pray for our kids here at Anchor.

Church Family Information—August

Birthdays:

2 Steve Melton
3 Kim Damron
5 Mike Alt
Nancy Etherton
7 Barbara Alt
Larry Etherton
8 Phileena Jackson
11 Richard Armstrong
13 Nadine Goble
14 Carolyn Edwards
Sandy Fite
Jeanette Jones
16 Dean Casey
17 Barbara Harmon
George Ragland
18 M J Watson
20 Chris Covington
25 Bart Daugherty
William Hopkins
26 Pamela Cooper
29 Becky Chapman
Ira Landolt
31 Brian Bowron
Ron Cox

Anniversaries:

8 Chuck & Vickie Whitlow
11 John & Jane Culler
17 Robert & Carol Hayes
18 Don & Jenny Adams
22 Bart & Barbara Daugherty
23 Don & Deborah Kelley
Shane & Diane Smith
26 Nelson & Sue Hager
27 Danny & Linda Patrick
29 Wes & Madeline Sargent
31 Bill & Barbara Alt

Please contact the church office if your Birthday or Anniversary has been missed. We would like to acknowledge all of our members' special occasions!

Holy Land Trip
March 4-17, 2022
Cost: $4,575

For more information contact Pastor Carl Peters at 576-7660 or email: drcarlpeters@gmail.com

ANCHOR ARC COMMITTEE
SENIOR FITNESS CLASS
Beginning Tuesday, September 21
7:00 p.m.—8:15 p.m.
Yoga mat required
Call Doug Carter for more information— (859) 777-2039

by Paul Jorgensen

Senior Ministry Update

The Senior Life Group at Anchor Baptist church is beginning to have social gatherings once again. We recently enjoyed a luncheon at Boone tavern in Berea where many of our members gathered for a nice afternoon. Please note the schedule and details for upcoming events listed below:

- **August 14** - Potluck luncheon in the ARC .
- **September 18** - Cumberland Falls trip. We will meet at the Cumberland Falls Lodge to see the falls together and enjoy a meal together at the Lodge.
- **October 16** - Potluck luncheon in the ARC.
- **December 5** - Woodford Theatre's production of White Christmas.

Please see Pastor Paul for more information on any of these events.

Our Gospel To Every Home efforts are continuing to make an impact on our community and helping our church grow. We have now accomplished one-fourth of our goal of taking the Gospel to 11,000 homes! Thank you to everyone who has helped us thus far to accomplish our goal. Still, there is a great need for more homes to be reached with the Gospel. As we go from door to door, we are introducing Anchor Baptist Church, expressing our desire to care for the people in our community, asking if there is anything about which we can pray with our neighbors and sharing the Gospel. Sooner than we expect, colder weather will be upon us and the change in seasons will greatly slow our efforts to share the Gospel with every home. This is why we need more volunteers to help us take the Gospel during these good weather days of summer! If you have never been engaged in this type of local missions, you can easily just go with someone who has some experience and be a silent partner who helps by providing encouragement and silent prayer while the other volunteer does all the talking. This is also a great way to build friendships in the church and become more bold in your witness of the Savior. Join us on Saturday mornings at 10:00 in the church sanctuary to help us take the Gospel To Every Home.

Discover the Joy of Missions

WMU News– Missions Update

By Sara Sutton, on behalf of the Women's Missionary Union

Already it is August, school will soon be starting and life will be returning once again to a little more normal situation, whatever "normal" is these days. WMU will hold its August meeting on Sunday, August 15th, at 2:30 in the sanctuary. We will still spread out and have take home snack bags. Beginning in September we will once again meet in member's homes, one more step back to normalcy.

Our August speaker will be Rhonda Webber, Executive Director of Assurance. Rhonda writes, "Assurance is a specialized health care clinic that offers free and confidential services to those facing unplanned pregnancies in our region. We believe all pregnant mothers and expectant fathers, who we also serve, deserve accurate information, emotional support, and the practical help they need to be able to care for themselves and their family. Our licensed medical professionals provide pregnancy tests and ultrasounds while our other specialists offer compassionate support and information on all options available including physical, spiritual, relational, and emotional considerations with each. Our clients are frequently initially planning to abort or considering abortion, and God often uses our support services to transform their perspectives so they feel equipped to choose life for their child. We also provide compassionate care to those struggling with abortions in their past. Most of all we offer the gospel of Jesus Christ in the way we approach our clients, care for them, and whenever possible, in our conversations with them. We are committed to showing our clients no judgment, no pressure, just help."

If you are interested in learning more about the Assurance program please plan to attend our August WMU Meeting. We look forward to seeing you. **"Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him." Psalm 127:3**

WMU Christmas in JULY, 2021

What Makes Anchor Great?

Janie Powell grew up in New Castle, Ky in Henry County. Her daughter, Julie and granddaughter Lily Jane, who is 11, reside there today in Janie's childhood home. Janie was married to A. J. Powell for 51 years. A. J. and Janie loved entertaining and A. J. was always the life of the party and loved being with people. A. J. returned to our Lord in 2013. Janie and A. J. also have a son, Jeff. He and his wife, Ann, have a son, Jackson, who is 4 years old.

Janie has been a member of Anchor since March, 2000. She has loved seeing Anchor Baptist come alive! She remembers the beginning of this church and how everything just fell into place. "God wanted Anchor. It kept us running keeping up with God. But the Lord took care of our needs."

Janie has been Anchor's historian for many years. She also serves as Wedding coordinator, "It is fun being a part of a couples new lives together. It's a ministry." she said. She also serves as Nominating Committee Chair and also Stewardship Committee Chair. She has also led our Vacation Bible School for many years. She loves singing in the Sanctuary Choir too.

In her spare time, Janie enjoys gardening and working on her landscaping at home. She is a wonderful baker, and often shares her sourdough bread with as many as she can.

When asked, What is your advice? She replied, "Serving God is #1 and to live it everyday."

Thank you, Janie Powell, for your devotion and service to Anchor Baptist Church.

(We hope to feature more Anchor members in our upcoming newsletters.)

Media News

By Phil Jackson
Music and Media

Well…… I had a very weak moment once again in my life and got Jonathan and Phileena dogs for their birthday surprise this year. Jonny and Girlsycakes both have always wanted another dog and can afford now to pay for one. German Shepherds, full blooded, are not cheap for a puppy. We got a good deal though. Dee Dee and I helped them with some money as their birthday gift this year. They are THEIR dogs. Not ours. They are a part of our house and family, but they have a master now. Right now as Jonny works and Phileena is gone, Dee Dee and I are caring a majority of the care for these cute little brothers. Jonathan after work has been training Gunner and he is very smart after 9 days of having him. They are 8 weeks old and need a lot of care. He is surely Gunner's master. He loves him with all his heart already. He is teaching and training him what to do and what NOT to do. That is part of love as a master of a dog and as a parent if you have a baby or child.

Right now Phileena's dog that we just got two days ago this last Sunday night from Hardinsburg, Ky (Gunner's brother) is not Sebastian's master. Dee Dee and I are taking care of him while Phileena is working till August 10th at the Olympics in Tokyo with Asbury University. Let me tell you, 2 puppies are a lot of work as most of you who have had dogs in the past know. Dee Dee is truly amazing at taking care of them and is crate training them. It's exhausting though. So far to date no major accidents in the house if you know what I mean. These cute like fur ball, full blood German Shepherds follow us everywhere. They are learning from us….their masters right now. We as their master love them and guard them and protect them. We feed them. Bath them. Get their shots. Get them toys. We are with them all the time. Put them in their crate to go to bed. Take them to the bathroom outside MANY times during the day and night.

Dogs are so similar to taking care of babies as far as the time it takes to care for them. It got me thinking about how God is our Master and loves us so. He wants us to follow him and do what he says. He wants us to learn from him and know how to do the right things in life. This is very similar to new Christians as well. New Christians need to be trained in the ways of Holiness and the Lord. They need to know who to look to for their help and what to do in life. Their training comes from the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our master as new Christians and also mature Christians. We all are sinners and fall short of the glory of God His Word tells us. As we grow older and are no longer like little puppies or infants in Christ, we learn to obey the Master with joy. He knows our name and we follow him. We can't wait to spend time with him and worship Him in His presence. We follow him wherever he leads us. He cares for us. He died for us on a Cross and rose again so that we can live and thrive in Him. Colossians 4:1: Masters, give unto [your] servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. I know that our 3 adult kids now 22, 23 and 26 will be great masters of their new dogs. Jordan loves cats and is the Uncle. They all will care for those dogs like they are their kids for years to come. They are now a part of our family. The Jackson 7 now. Master, yes, but just like God's word says in Colossians we will treat them just and equal. We will love them. Isn't it great that we have a loving Master in Jesus Christ our Lord. Just like these little puppies I want to continue to follow Christ with reckless abandon going wherever he sends me. New Christians. May we learn to be always trained by our Master. God the Father, Jesus His only Son and the Holy Spirit. The family and house of God is such a great place to dwell and live. When you are a believer in Christ you always have a home and shelter over your head and a loving master. Always!!!! Forever and ever. What a joy that is to know that and believe that. In closing, have you ever noticed that man's best friend is named DOG? GOD spelled backwards. Just a fun fact.

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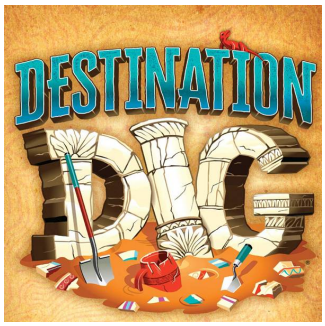

VBS 2021

It Is Always Time to Pray "… Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer…"—Romans 12:12 ESV

Your Prayer Committee is working to draw us all closer to God – and each other – in prayer. For more than a year now Anchor has prayed for the lost the third Thursday of each month. Many of you signed up to watch and pray during one or more of the time slots in that day of prayer, and many more of you agreed to pray through that day as the Lord and your daily responsibilities found you able. Thank you. You have helped us reach out in prayer for the Gospel To Every Home outreach, staying at the church in prayer, or praying from elsewhere as the outreach teams have taken the packets around our neighborhoods each Saturday. Thank you. As Covid subsides, and as we were able to meet in person separately and with the Pastor, we are moving to help Anchor deepen our exercise of the act and power of prayer in our worship, in our ministry, and in our daily lives. Thank you in advance for helping us joining us in that work.

There are still so many lost people in our city – in this world, for that matter. The need to pray for them is as great today as ever – if not more so as the end of days approaches. Let's refresh our commitment to the lost by praying – perhaps even fasting as we pray for them through another year, on the third Thursday of each month. As the Lord leads you, please commit to watch and pray for a piece of an hour – or a whole hour – during each of those Thursdays this year. The Prayer Committee under Jerome Browne's leadership is refreshing the sign-up sheets and will soon be dropping them in your Sunday School class, making them available before and after worship or Bible Study, and dropping them into your email inbox or activating a sign-up link on the church's website. The Prayer Committee will provide you a prayer guide that reminds you of the time you have committed and suggests some ways and even some specifics to sharpen your prayers. As before, if you prefer not to sign up, but will commit to pray once or more during those Thursdays, we thank you for that, too. Please pray now and listen to the Lord; how is He leading you to join us and pray for the lost in our neighborhoods, our city, and around the world?

You will start seeing Anchor's renewed commitment to prayer in both the structure and the content of our worship. The weekly announcements in our bulletins and on the screen as we gather for worship will highlight prayer concerns and opportunities – and feature the Prayer Committee couple who is serving as your prayer partner and contact for intercessory prayer. That couple will begin to lead us in prayer as we come before the Lord to worship as His body. The Pastor's invitation will also include the opportunity to come to the altar to pray, to come to the committee prayer partners to be prayed for (or with), to come to a Deacon or Pastoral staff member for prayer, confession, commitments, or ongoing ministry. This season of prayer will continue as those who the Lord leads to commit to God's saving grace, or submit themselves for membership with Anchor are speaking with the Pastor. Our altar will be filled nearly every service as we respond to what God has done, and what He leads us to pray for Him to do in our families, and in our church, city, nation and world.

Many of you remember Pastor Carl's teaching the four part structure of worship – Gather, Word, Sign, Sending Forth. The changes described above accommodate and encourage a season of prayer into our worship. That flows neatly through our worship's established structure. As we come together we begin to focus on Anchor family matters through greeting each other, reading and hearing our announcements, the musical opening (Introit), the Pastoral staff's prayer of the People. Here we will begin to also offer a brief Invocation, like lifting the gathered and prepared congregation to the Lord for the correction, teaching, and encouragement His worship provides. Then, our reading, singing, teaching, and preaching of His word leads us to the response to that teaching and preaching – in Communion, in prayer, and in commitments the Holy Spirit inspired. Finally, the Pastor will close our service of worship acknowledging what God has done, what people have committed themselves to be and to do, and our collective responsibility to go and to make disciples. We celebrate through four-part worship, as God ordained long ago, and as our Pastor has taught us for years.

The Prayer Committee's task is to draw us all together into a vital, thriving prayer life that invigorates our faith and empowers our daily walk. Thank you for the many ways you have joined that work, and for the ways your prayer is advancing the impact that work has through the days and years to come. May the Lord be with you as you pray at all times and in every circumstance.