

A Brief History of Antioch Presbyterian Church

The original Antioch Presbyterian Church, an offshoot of Nazareth Church, Spartanburg County, was organized in 1843, with twenty-three members. Of these eleven were of the family of Denny Anderson, Sr., a soldier of the American Revolution, who donated ten acres of land near Cashville, South Carolina, for a church and cemetery. The church seems to have done good work until changed conditions following the Confederate War left a weak congregation barely able to hold a pastor. The organization, including the most of its membership, was removed to Reidville, four miles away, about 1883. "The Session met at the residence of Elder A. Coan, January 2, 1884, and unanimously resolved to call Rev. R.H. Reid for one-half his time as stated supply." This congregation worshipped in the chapel of the old Reidville Female College until it occupied its own building on a corner of the college campus in 1889. This is now the flourishing Reidville Presbyterian Church.

About 1899, area churches organized a Union Sunday School in the Cashville community. This soon enlisted the interest and sympathy of that zealous missionary preacher, the Rev. B.P. Reid. Old Antioch became "his last and greatest ecclesiastical love." With heart and hands already full, for four or five years he gave a Sunday afternoon each month to it. "He thought and worked and talked and prayed Old Antioch back to life again." In 1903, he conducted a several days' meeting in the old church, and an organization was effected the next year with nine members, including one elder and one deacon, and the name Old Antioch. While serving four or five other churches, Mr. Reid supplied this church with an afternoon a month, at a salary of \$25.00 to \$75.00 a year – and this he usually turned back into the activities of the church – until he was stricken with paralysis, 1912, while still in his prime. His lamented death occurred December 4, 1913.

Mr. Reid left a wide-awake, forward-looking organization of sixty-one members, with three elders and four deacons. In 1913, the Rev. A.H. Griffith was installed pastor, with a salary of \$180.00 for two afternoons a month. During his pastorate, which terminated April 3, 1916, the membership (largely recruited from a floating population after revival services) reached 124. During the pastorate of the Rev. J.F. Ligon – two years ending November, 1918 – there were ninety-one resident members. The next pastorate, that of the Rev. C. O'N. Martindale, March 1919, to March, 1924, was marked by the death of the senior elder and clerk of the Session, J.S. Kilgore.

June, 1924, to 1927, the Rev. W.C. Copeland ministered to the flock for services two afternoons a month and fifth Sunday mornings, with eighty-five members.¹

Since 1927, Antioch has had nine pastors: D.B. Greene (1929-31), William H. Dendy (1934-43), P.S. McChesney (1943-52), C.R. Terrell (1952-54), Marshall Dendy (1955-69), Charles W. Echols (1970-71), Joseph D. Beale (1972-85), Jerry Wayne Crick (as student supply, 1987-91; as pastor, 1991-94), and Charles Edward Champion (1994-2020). Under Pastor Beale in 1973, Antioch came into the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) as a charter congregation.

On February 23, 2020, a congregational meeting was conducted in which a motion was made and adopted "that Antioch PCA goes into Mission Church status, with a Presbytery Commission serving as a temporary Session, moderated by Dr. Pipa who would also pastor the Church with Zack Groff's assistance as an intern." On July 25, 2020 at its 146th Stated Meeting, Calvary Presbytery received and approved Antioch's motion and appointed a provisional session made up of elders from nearby congregations of the Presbyterian Church in America.

As a parish church at the crossroads of Greenville and Spartanburg counties ministering to the growing community west of Woodruff, Antioch Presbyterian Church is poised to build on a rich history, in full reliance and heartfelt dependence on the Triune God, to Whom Alone belongs all glory in His Church.

Announcements

- Prayer Meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- To volunteer to help clean the church property, please speak with Mrs. Pipa or contact the church at info@antiochpca.com.

Vision

Our vision is to see the historic Antioch Presbyterian Church revitalized as a worshipping community to be a blessing to every man, woman, and child in the growing residential hub west of Woodruff and south of Reidville, to the glory of God.

Mission

Our mission as a parish church at the crossroads of Greenville and Spartanburg Counties is the gathering and perfecting of God's people through biblical worship, evangelism, and pastoral care.

Areas of Ministry Focus

Expository Preaching

Biblical Worship

Parish Evangelism

Pastoral Care

Discipleship

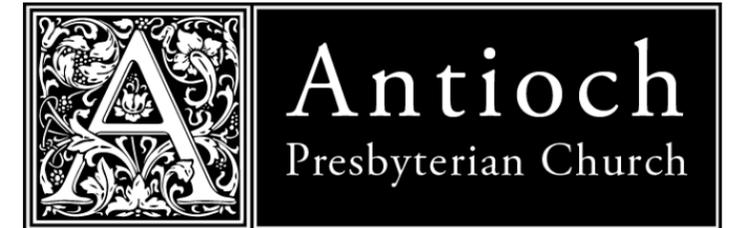
Leadership & Accountability

As a *mission work*, Antioch Presbyterian Church (PCA) is governed and overseen by a *provisional session* of elders serving as a *commission* of Calvary Presbytery. The six men appointed to the *provisional session* are active elders within the bounds of Calvary Presbytery, and they have graciously agreed to serve "above-and-beyond" to encourage the revitalization of Antioch. They include:

Dr. Chipley Bennett, Ph.D. – Ruling Elder, Providence Presbyterian Church
Dr. E. Todd Buchner, D.Min. – Pastor, Reidville Presbyterian Church
Mr. Richard Hollifield – Ruling Elder, Roebuck Presbyterian Church
Mr. William Johnson – Ruling Elder, Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr., Ph.D., D.D. – Professor of Systematic & Applied Theology, President Emeritus, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary;
Organizing Pastor & Moderator of Session, Antioch Presbyterian Church
Pastor Richard Thomas – Senior Pastor, Mount Calvary Presbyterian Church;
Clerk of Session, Antioch Presbyterian Church

Church Staff

Mr. Zachary Groff – Ministerial Assistant
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr. – Organizing Pastor & Moderator of Session



The Lord's Day
September 20, 2020

"The Sure Foundation"

1 Timothy 1:1-4

Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.

Worship – Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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¹ The forgoing was adapted from *History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina Since 1850*, Edited by F.D. Jones and W.H. Mills (1926), pages 693-694.

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Meditation

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

*Call to Worship

*Congregational Commitment

Minister: Congregation, in whom is your confidence?

Congregation: Our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made the heavens and earth.

*Salutation

*Hymn of Adoration

No. 89A
I Will Forever Sing
(stanzas 1-5)
GENEVAN 89

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Revelation of God's Will

Exodus 20:1-17

Confession of Sin & Supplication for Grace

Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, by reason of our sinfulness, transgress Your holy commandments. O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses! Be pleased then to have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and corruption, grant us the daily increase of Your Holy Spirit that we might put to death the sin that is within us and bear all the fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives. We trust You for these graces on the basis of the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:17

For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Offering

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication *Lord's Prayer*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

No. 271
Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
LIEBSTER JESU

*Old Testament Reading

Psalm 103:1-14

*New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 1:1-11

*Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“The Sure Foundation”
1 Timothy 1:1-4

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response

No. 119L
Eternal is Your Word, O Lord
MELITA

*Benediction

*Doxology

No. 567
Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Silent Prayer

“The Sure Foundation”

1 Timothy 1:1-4

Main Proposition

The church must be structured by the Bible, which is God's Word through which He provides for and protects His church.

Outline

- I. The Message of 1 Timothy is a Divine Message (v. 1)
- II. The Message of 1 Timothy is a Timeless Message (v. 2a)
- III. The Message of 1 Timothy is a Gracious Message (v. 2b)
- IV. The Message of 1 Timothy is a Protective Message (vv. 3-4)

Notes

**Congregation standing, unless physically hindered*