

The Antioch church **CHRONICLE**

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AN ORGANIZED RESPONSE

Some people today reject the idea of belonging to a church by saying, "I'm spiritual but not part of any organized religion."

It may be cute to respond by saying, "Well, you'd like our church. We're the most disorganized group of people you could imagine." But what a putdown to the body of Christ.

Instead, try saying this: "I really enjoy our church. We have something for everyone. I've learned so much and get a lift for living every week." Briefly point out what has been most helpful and meaningful to you. Then offer to take the person to worship with you as your guest.

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For
by
GRACE
you
have
been
saved
through faith.

EPHESIANS 2:8, NRSV

VISION/MISSION STATEMENT

The Antioch Church of Palestine, TX is commissioned of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring pre-Christians to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to build them to maturity through prayer, preaching, meaningful worship, teaching of God's Word, discipleship and meeting human needs at home, the community and the world.

MARCH 26th PASTOR'S PERSONAL HOLIDAY

CARD FEST FOR PASTOR
Encourage him with
cards and expressions of
appreciation.
Join us for a birthday
breakfast Sunday,
3/24/13 @ 9:30am



GROWTH No Real Life Without It

Life by its very definition is a growth process, that which is alive is growing. For example, seedlings grow to be trees. In some cases to heights of several hundred feet. Even when they reach their full height they exhibit regular growth through the production of new leaves, branches, or fruit. The principle of growth also holds true in the spiritual realm. Everyone in the body of Christ is called to spiritual growth.

It is disappointing to know of believers who have not developed or grown in their faith. A lack of spiritual growth is unnecessary because God has provided every Christian the spiritual resources needed for growth. Spiritual growth is essential and possible.

Furthermore it is a command not an option, as God's Word demonstrated. In 2 Peter 3:18, Peter commands to all of us who are believers, "but grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ". Ephesians 4:13, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God to a mature man to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

We are to grow in God's grace and in Bible knowledge as the Lord does His will through the challenges of life. Whether they are easy or difficult.

*Written by John McArthur
Submitted by Benisha Blake*

EXPERIENTIAL LIVING: **EXPERIENCE LOVE**

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 1 John 3:16

Many years ago in a Bible class conducted at a Y.M.C.A., the discussion turned to the topic of love. One of the participants was a printer. He told the group that his mother had died when he was a baby and he had been raised by a stern father who was a "cold moralist." The man said he had never experienced love and didn't understand what it was. He asked the group, "What do you mean by the love of God?" His friends were amazed to discover someone sitting beside them who had never experienced love. From that day on you can be sure they took every opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ to the loveless printer.

It saddens us to realize there are people who never know what love feels like. But only those who know the love of Christ really know true love; and only those who know His love can *show* His love. Take a moment today to thank God for His indescribable gift, and ask Him to show you someone you can love today.

A sense of God's love will excite in you great gratitude. "Oh!" you will say, "how can I repay the Lord for such an amazing favour?"

Charles H. Spurgeon in his sermon "Daniel's Band"

R e m e m b e r Y o u r P l e d g e

In June the TAC family will be acknowledging the 25th year of our God sent leaders, so let's work together to make this a very memorable year by planting a significant financial seed into them - please pray about your seed, complete a pledge card and place it in the offering tray. You do not have to complete the pledge until June but you may begin to give it in increments if needed - just use the special envelopes or mark the Pastor section of your giving envelope. *~Remember- when you plant - EXPECT a harvest - greater than your seed~*

Pray Without Ceasing

"Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to the body. How a person can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a person can believe and not pray is past my comprehension, too." —J.C. Ryle

PEOPLE WHO PRAY ~ JOIN US FOR PRAYER ON WEDNESDAYS AT 12 NOON AND 7PM