

# MESSENGER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLINTON

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## ...Weeping may last for the night, But a shout of joy comes in the morning. (Psalm 30: 5- NASB)

The night has many negative references. It was Judas who after eating that last morsel of bread, left the presence of light in Christ and went out into the night (John 13:30). The scariest scenes within movies often take place during the night. As young children begin closing their eyes for the evening, they are sometimes scared of the night. Songs and theories have emerged that strange things go 'bump' in the night. The darkness of the night is not always reassuring. Simply ask those in the northern most towns of Alaska where the dark of night constantly lingers for two months during the winter. It is during this season where discouragement, depression, and disillusionment fills the hearts and minds of the people. It's the night...

For many weeks now we have found ourselves in the seclusion of our own night. Darkness hovers our counties, our state, our nation, and even our world. There is much discomfort in attempts to maneuver and endure through the night. This season has produced mourning, sorrow, tears, separation, unexpected deaths, unforeseen challenges, unplanned financial woes... it is all under the covering of the night.

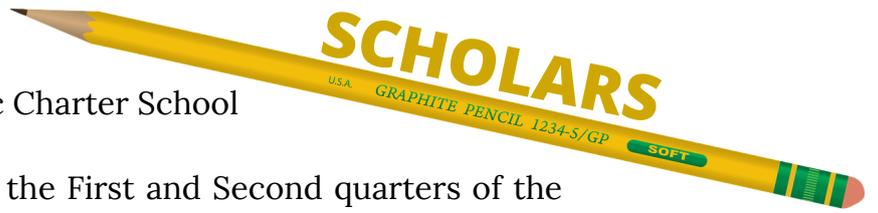
Yet out of the darkness of night comes a glimmer of light on the horizon. What's that in the distance? A bright hue begins to shine on the landscape. The night tries with all of its might to suppress any glimmer of brightness, but the sun is too powerful. It slowly rises in the distance breaking the grips of the evening darkness. It rises higher and higher. The sounds of the birds begin to sing; roosters begin to crow; movement initially seems painful, but at least there is movement. Light has sprung up (Mt. 4:16)... those who sat in darkness now see a great light. This is the promise of thanksgiving from the Psalmist. It is

the reality that sorrow and grief often arrive during the night seasons, but those realities are only temporary. Eventually they too shall pass. Yet still our questions persist. How long is the night? How long will tears flow? How long will people remain distant and unable to hug the necks of their loved ones? How long will we remain isolated and under self-quarantine? How long is the night?

Though the inquiry is unanswered, the promise remains that night does not continue forever. It must yield to the power of the morning light. In the midst of that morning light, there is a great shout of joy! This joy is not only with night's ending, but also that tears have stopped flowing. The night season is real, but the morning is coming. However, if we only celebrate the arrival of morning, we miss the true joy of the Psalmist. His celebration was not only in the ending of the night, but in a continuous relationship with the one who brought light. A relationship that is maintained even during the seasons of night. The second half of this verse is quoted so much that the first half is often overlooked. Read it aloud... For His anger is but for a moment, His FAVOR is for a lifetime. The favor of God is always upon His people. Therefore, even in the midst of the weeping and the night season, we still have the favor of God's presence.

Beloved as we patiently await God's hand to move, remember that His hand always holds us. Even in the seasons of night, we can rest in the promise that His favor continues and the morning is coming. The only time we will never experience the night seasons are when we are physically present with the LORD. In the interim, our responsibility is to stay vigilant, stay prayerful, stay safe, and stay encouraged! Oh yeah... and don't be afraid of the things that go 'bump' in the night for our Jesus is the light of the world.

IN CHRIST, PASTOR J



### David P. Lucas

Attends Imagine Andrews Public Charter School

- 100% perfect attendance for the First and Second quarters of the academic year.
- He has received a good behavior award for February 18, 2020.
- He was featured as the Star Student of the week for January 13-17, 2020
- He is a published co-author of a book Entitled "Thanksgiving Tales" with his classmates
- Participated in school community donation program with items and cash from his piggy bank

### Logan Coleman

Attends Mattaponi Elementary (TAG);

- She has been invited to become a member of the Junior National Honor Society.

### Brookelyn Coleman

Attends Accokeek Academy (TAG)

- She was accepted into the Oxon Hill High School Science & Technology Program for the fall

### Diamond Richardson

Attends Surrattsville High School

- Honor Roll

### London Brooks

Attends St. Charles high School

- National Honor Society nominee
- Honor Roll, GPA 4.21
- Theater Lead Spotlight Operator, Port Tobacco Players

### Jamill Williams

Attends Grace Brethren Christian

- Honor Roll
- Member of the National Honor Society
- Accepted into Bishop McNamara High School for this coming fall

### Kayla Jones

Attends St. Charles High School

- Student of the Month
- Received The Glory Award for Leadership
- Honor Roll, 4.65 GPA.



## From the First Lady's Corner – Connecting through our Community "Antioch is BIGGER than Antioch"

While the quarantine for the COVID-19 pandemic has seemingly forced us to take a seat to the normalcy of our busy schedules, now is a good time to refresh and engage in new or even old hobbies. Maybe you enjoy reading a good novel, or doing some much needed small projects around the house. Well for me, it is sewing. Many of you know that I am a crafter, and I believe that when the Lord blesses you with a talent, we should use it to glorify Him. While listening to the many reports about the lack of PPE for medical professionals, and the CDC's recommendation for the use of fabric masks as an aid for protection against the spread of this virus, it was immediately evident that my talent could be used to help those in need.

With the help of Sis. Rosemarie Burnham (Women at the Well Ministry – Antioch), Sis. Christine Hill (Antioch), Zandra McKoy (Shiloh Abundant Life Center) and Mary Krauss (sister of Sis. Ann Ayers), we came together and collectively donated over 150 handmade masks. While these masks cannot replace the full protection of the medical grade N95 masks, the nurses and first responders that received them were more than appreciative and grateful for the additional protection they were able to add to their surgical masks. The medical facilities that received masks are as follows:

- Baltimore Washington Hospital Center
- Washington Hospital Center
- Children's National Pediatricians & Associates
- Kaiser Permanente
- Charles County Emergency Services

I would like to personally thank all who assisted through donation of materials and giving of their time and talents through the art of sewing. May you be abundantly blessed for your generous and giving heart. While we continue to struggle with the uncertainty of the circumstances we are facing, it is important to remember that ultimately, the fate of this world is in the sovereign hand of our Lord. Yes, it is true. "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" so let us not be discouraged but STAY ENCOURAGED, as this too shall pass.



Connecting through our Community  
"Antioch is BIGGER than Antioch"  
(Photos)

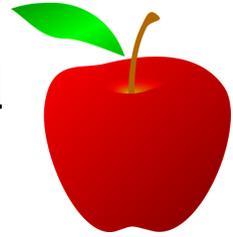


*Happy Mother's Day*

*Sunday, May 10, 2020*



## District 2 - Teacher of the Year Award



Department of Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Teacher of the Year Award Miatta Brooks-Carter was selected as Teacher of the year for the DMV (DC,MD & VA). VFW annually recognizes the nation's top classroom elementary (K-5), junior high (6-8) and high school (9-12) teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly. National winners receive \$1,000 and all-expense paid trip to the VFW National Convention; the teacher's school received \$1,000. The top ten high school teachers receive an invitation to attend a summer Graduate Seminar at Freedoms Foundation in Pennsylvania. Miatta Brooks-Carter is married to Andrea Carter, and serves as a member of the Scholarship Committee.



## Men of Our Time(MOOT) Scholarship Award Recipient

The grandson of Trustee Tyrone and Christine McKoy, Justin Emmanuel McKoy, has been the recipient of the Men of Our Time (MOOT) scholarship award. Justin Emmanuel McKoy, is a freshman at the University of Maryland, Baltimore College (UMBC), in Baltimore, MD. He is currently majoring in Human Nutrition Studies. Nomination was made by Deacon Thurman K. Page, Chairman of our Scholarship Committee.



# Thank You: COVID-19 Helpers

*Restaurant Workers, Nurses, Doctors, First Responders, Mail Carriers, Pharmacists, Delivery Drivers, Journalists, Restaurant Owners, Scientific Researchers, Custodial and Sanitation Workers, Teachers, Parents, Farmers, Factory Workers, and all other Mission Essential Persons.*



During this time as COVID-19 continues its, global, devastating impact on communities, people are joining forces to assist one another in being supportive in saving and preserving lives. The exertions of all of these crucial workers are consequential to keeping society functioning, assuring that all of us are safe and have easy access to all of the resources needed to survive.



## WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THE VIRUS?

COVID-19 is caused by SARS-CoV-2, a member of the a large coronavirus family. Coronaviruses are common in people and many different species of animals: camels, cattle, cats, and bats. Rarely does animal coronaviruses infect people and then spread from person to person. As with MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV a few years ago, COVID-19 is being spread from person to person.

Source: CDC.gov

## Can COVID-19 Be Spread Through Food?

Coronaviruses are generally thought to be spread from person to person through respiratory droplets. Currently, there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food. Before preparing or eating food it is important to always wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Throughout the day use a tissue to cover your coughing or sneezing, and wash your hands after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing, or going to the bathroom. It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes.

Source: CDC.gov



# COVID-19

E-Newsletter Version: Click on title for video access



What You Need To Know About  
Washing Your Hands



How does COVID-19 spread?



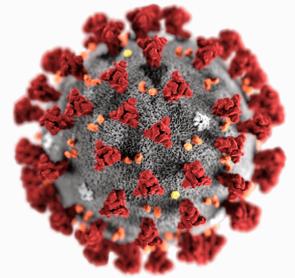
Surgeon General Social Distancing



Am I sick?



6 steps to prevent COVID-19



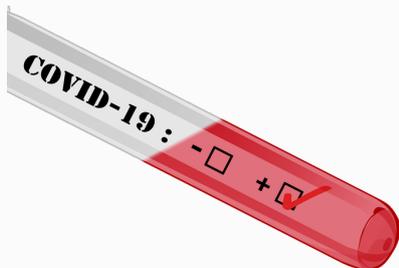
COVID-19: How to protect  
against novel coronavirus?



Stay Home When You are Sick?



COVID-19: What Older Adults  
Need to Know



10 Things You Can do Manage  
COVID-19 at Home?



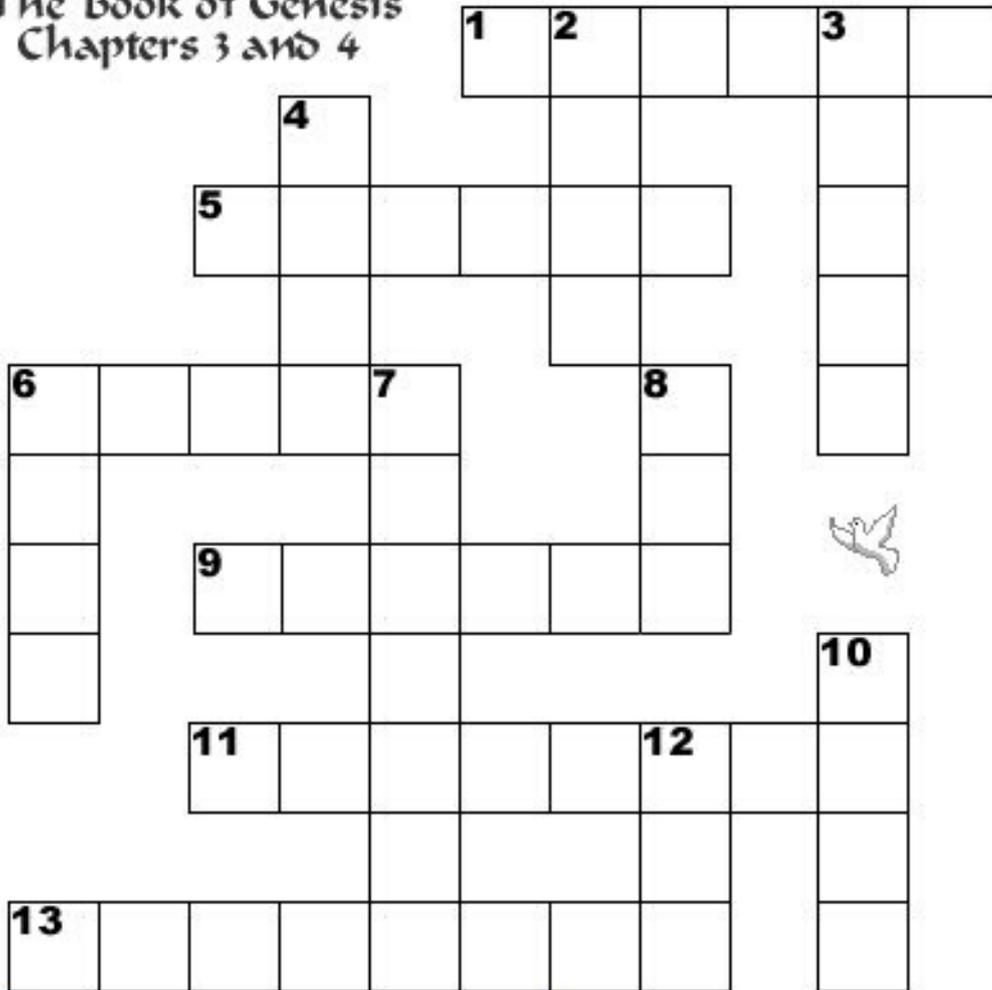
Q&A: Different coronaviruses

For Print Version Readers:

To access video links above: <https://tinyurl.com/cdc-corner>

# PRINTABLE RELIGIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLES

## The Book of Genesis Chapters 3 and 4



### Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

### Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The \_\_\_\_ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a \_\_\_\_\_ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)

# PRINTABLE RELIGIOUS WORD SEARCH

## New Testament Books

P	M	S	N	A	I	T	A	L	A	G	K	L	I
C	J	N	S	N	A	I	S	E	H	P	E	S	N
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W	J	N	H	O	J	O	M	A	T	T	H	E	W

JOHN  
JUDE  
TIMOTHY  
ACTS  
JAMES  
LUKE  
PHILEMON  
EPHESIANS  
TITUS  
PETER  
GALATIANS  
HEBREWS  
COLOSSIANS  
ROMANS  
MARK  
MATTHEW

## Bible Names

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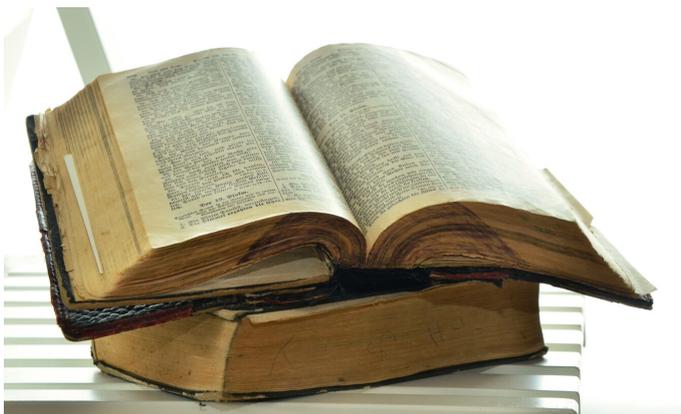
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ABRAHAM  
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DAVID  
CAIN  
PAUL  
NOAH  
ABEL  
LUKE  
JOSHUA  
MARY  
CALEB  
SOLOMON  
EVE  
ESTHER  
GOLIATH  
SAUL  
MOSES  
JOHN



## Plan Your Visit

Antioch Baptist Church of Clinton (ABCOC) has several opportunities for group study and worship. Start your week with Sunday School, Sunday Worship Service and Children's Church. Come back out to join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays for bible study.

When you come to ABCOC, you will be welcomed into a friendly, positive environment by people who are happy to see you. Antioch Baptist Church has several opportunities for group study and worship.



Sunday School  
8:30 AM

Sunday Worship Service  
10:00 AM

Bible Study  
Tuesday, 7:30 PM

Prayer Line  
Wednesday, 6:00 AM  
*To Join the prayer line*  
Call: 712-770-4035  
Access Code: 934479

Bible Study  
Thursday, 12:00 PM

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