

ANTIOCH GAZETTE

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ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

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PLEASE ENJOY THIS FIRST ISSUE OF THE ANTIOCH GAZETTE. THIS NEWSLETTER IS INTENDED TO KEEP EVERYONE (EACH OTHER) INFORMED OF WHAT IS HAPPENING WITHIN THE CHURCH.

THE ONE THING NEEDED TO PRODUCE A SUCCESSFUL NEWSLETTER IS NEWS! THINGS THAT EACH MEMBER AND LEADER ARE DOING ARE OF INTEREST TO THE REST OF US. LETS WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM FOR JESUS CHRIST.

INFORMATION & ARTICLES DO NOT HAVE TO BE PERFECT, OUR EDITORIAL STAFF WILL TAKE CARE OF IT. CALL THE EDITOR 754-2597

Is it going to be a cold winter?

Despite the weather outside, I predict it will be a balmy 70 degrees all winter long inside Antioch Baptist Church. We have heat! Our temporary system is a warm air propane furnace with a short run of ductwork that delivers air at floor level. This system is very inexpensive, will hold its value, and was able to be installed with virtually no altering of the building.

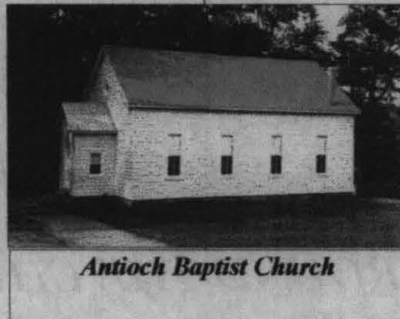
As soon as we receive official title to the property, NOVEC can heavy up the electrical supply to the church in cooperation with an electrician which we will have to obtain. At that point, a permanent central heating and

air conditioning system can be designed and installed. Special thanks to Air Distributing Co. (ADCO) for working with the church on this project.

Also helping our comfort is the new R-30 insulation in the attic. Four members worked together and were able to

complete the job in one evening. This insulation will help in both summer and winter, and will also have a positive af-

fect on the acoustics in the building. Forward your ideas and suggestions on how to make our church more comfortable and appealing to any church leader.



Antioch Baptist Church

From the Pastor



Those of us affiliated with the newly reconstituted Antioch Baptist Church have experienced a number of "firsts" in recent months. We have participated in the first worship service; first communion service; first baptism service; first business meeting; heard our choir sing for the first time; looked upon our newly mounted cross; and will soon have our first Sunday School classes. And, now with this newsletter, we have another first which will chronicle our story as followers of Jesus Christ.

There is also an important mention of a first in Acts 11:26. It reads, "the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch", which was an important Roman city. Such an event cannot be repeated. However, as Christians, it is a part of our heritage. Followers of Christ are to leave such an impression that there can be no mistake about it - we belong to Jesus Christ. May all we do in this place, whether new or old, look, sound, and be like the Christ.

Larry



News from the Commissions

Mission & Ministry co-chairs David DeCarlo & Charlie Brown meet Oct. 9 to discuss possible mission activities and ways to accomplish them. There are many to choose from, especially with the holiday season upon us. We are preparing an outreach flyer and need help with distribution. Call Charlie 754-2597 or David 754-9059

Administrative: Jerry Pankey and Bob Mayer met Oct. 24 with the group to start the process of bringing together various components of this commission. Tasks that have priority are:
1997 Budget
Constitution & By-Laws
Building & Grounds
BGAV grant

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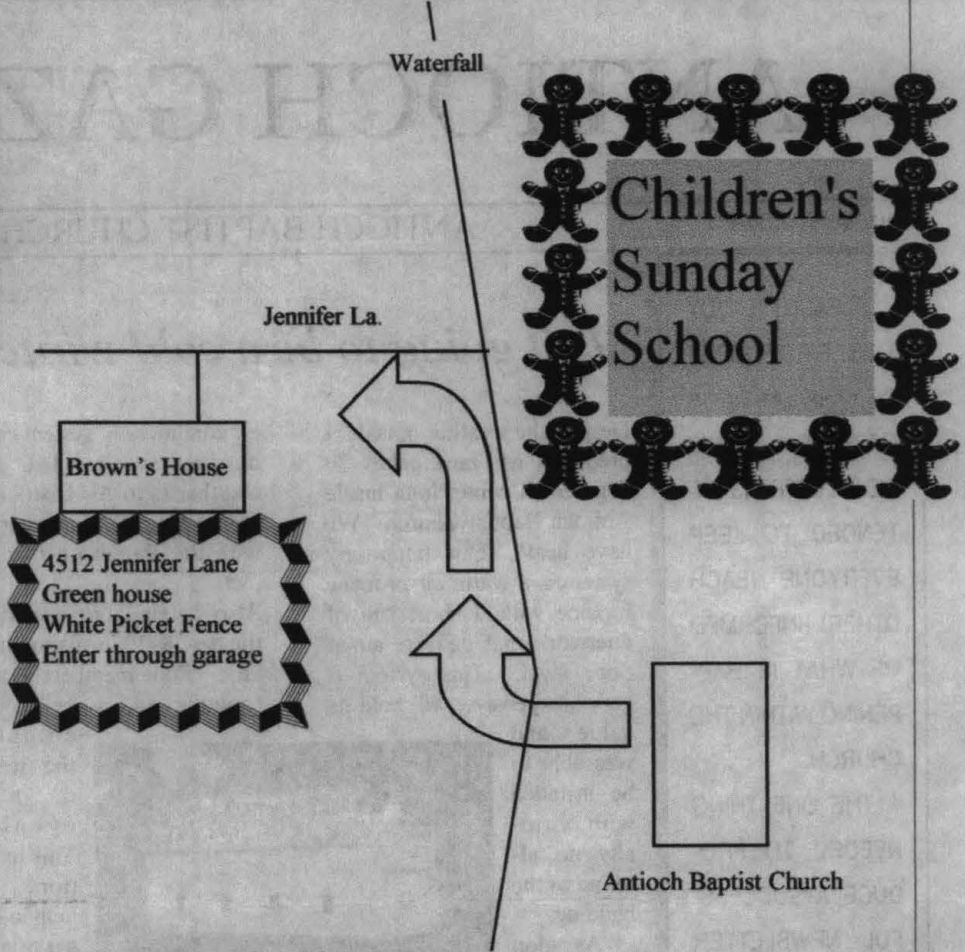


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Future activities may include a monthly adult fellowship get together.

If you would like to help with these activities call Sandy or David.



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Thanks Fred



"Country Atmosphere"



Where is my Flock?

Young ladies posing



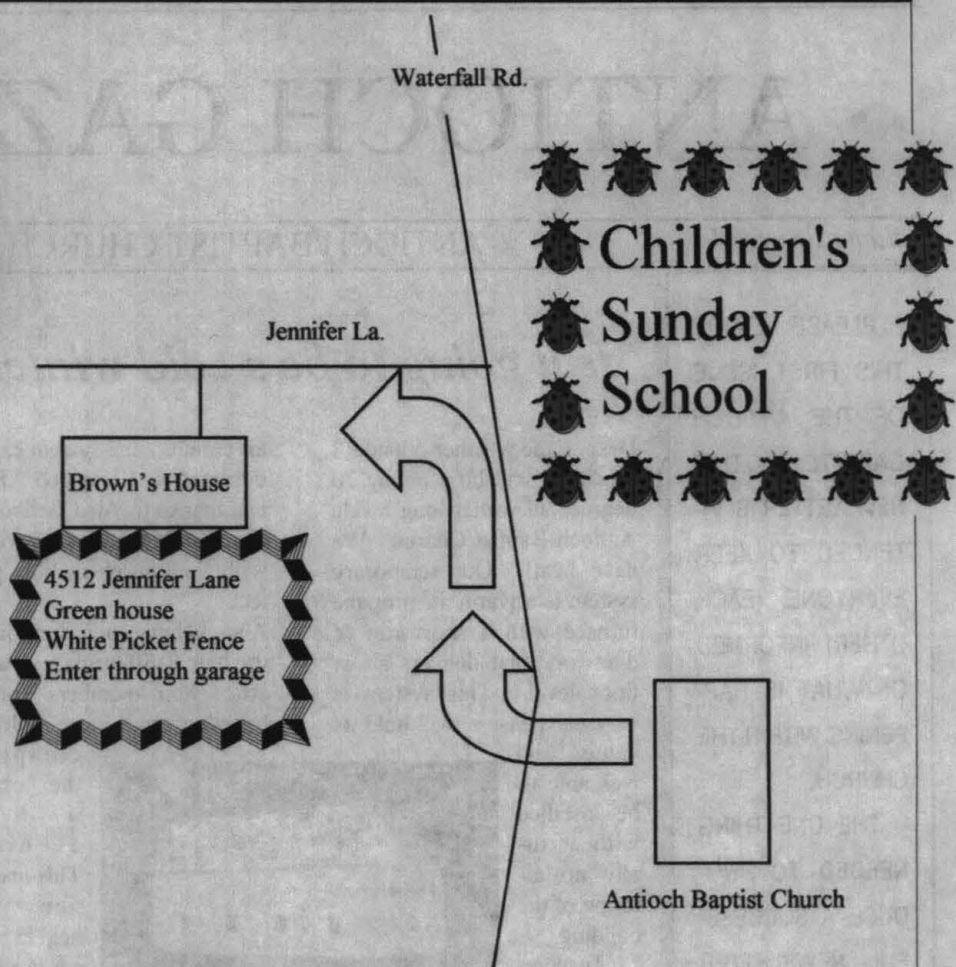


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Administrative Commission News by Bob Mayer

These are exciting times that we are experiencing in our Christian pilgrimage. With all the Commissions having met and started assigning their respective tasks, everyone is busy doing something.

As always with a new church, there is a lot to be done here and now. We all appreciate the work that is being done by each and every one.

Progress can be and is slow when we deal with government. Chuck Currey has had some meetings with Prince William County and VDOT. Everyone is eager to help us but then brick

walls seem to be put up before us. These will be scaled in time and we will have a fellowship where visitors will feel at home, warm in the winter, cool in the summer and easy access to life's necessities.

The application for the Operations Grant was mailed to Richmond on October 30. Hopefully we will hear from them in the next 30 days and that their decision will be positive for granting us the \$25,000 to help with start-up costs, such as heat, air conditioning, water and sewer, electric upgrade, and last, but not least, bathrooms.

We will be starting on the Constitution and By-Laws in

the very near future. This task will take some time to set everything down in writing but once it is complete, we will only have to visit it every few years. Your input will be helpful.

Jerry & Bob are starting to put a budget together for 1997. We ask that each one prayerfully consider their commitment to our Lord and what their financial support can be for 1997. We will be having more expenses as we grow and we need to be involved in missions; all this will take money.