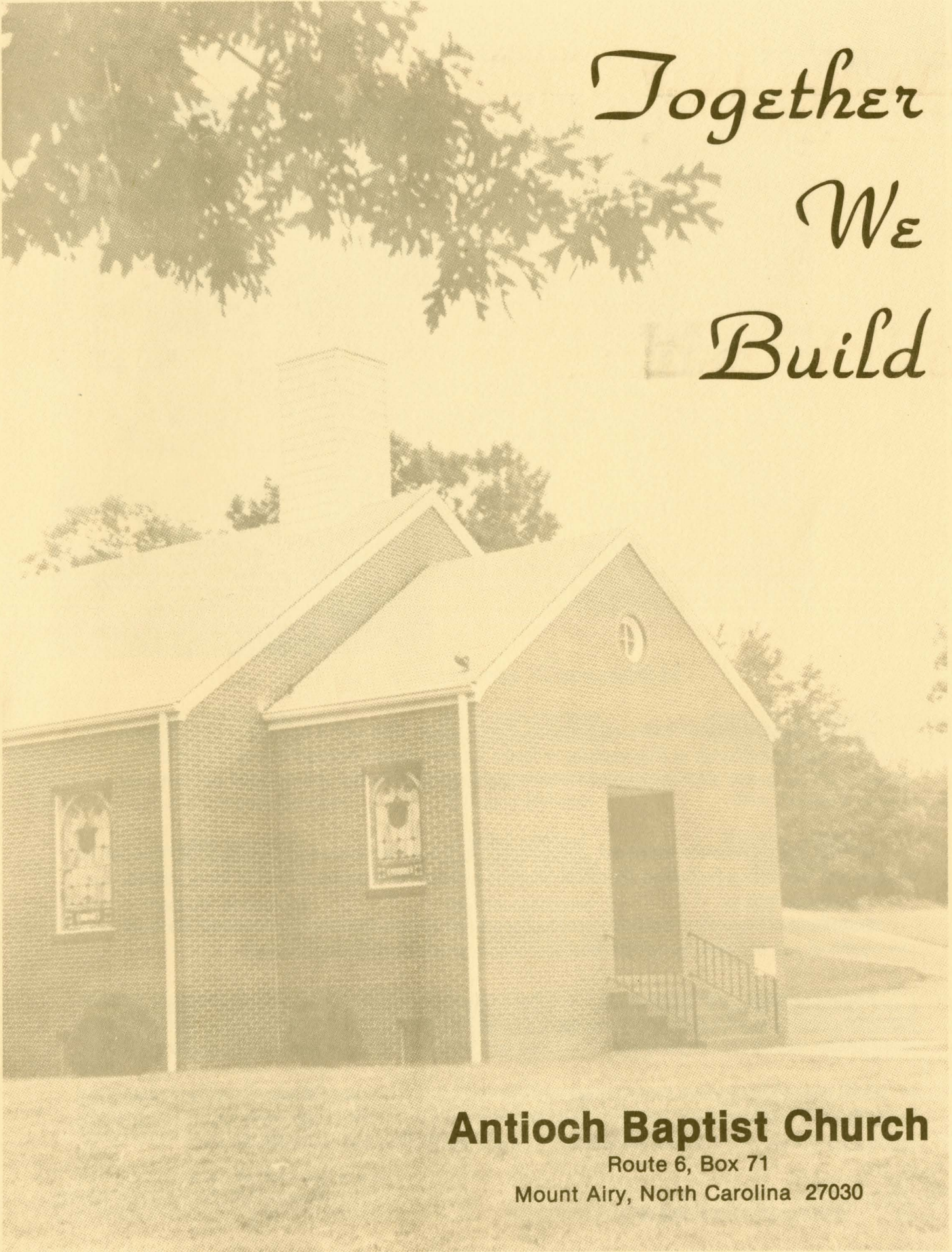




*Together
We
Build*

Antioch Baptist Church

Route 6, Box 71

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Together We Work....

Our Pastor and Our Church Family



Antioch Baptist Church has a long history beginning in 1858 with a small number of people who saw the need of a church in this section of Surry County. Down through the years the church has made much progress; each generation seemingly standing on the shoulder of the last, reaching further.

In 1959, the members erected our present church. It has served well the needs of the people until now and our space is limited. God has blessed Antioch as she has grown in membership.

Today is the day of "our generation". Can or will we do less than our forefathers? We must meet the needs of our day and try to look into the future for an increased out reach.

We are already committed to perhaps the most challenging undertaking to confront Antioch. We have chosen to work through the program "Together We Build" to raise the necessary monies to erect proper educational space and to enlarge our sanctuary to meet our needs.

I am happy and excited to have the privilege to be a part in meeting the challenge of this great hour. Each of you will be given an opportunity to be a part of this great effort. As you prayerfully make your commitment please remember "It is not equal gifts but equal sacrifices."

Jimmy J. Lusk

Together We Plan.....



Our Steering Committee

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The Lord has blessed Antioch Baptist Church with a glorious past, a growing present, and a challenge for the future. We have accepted the challenge of this growth by entering into the "Together We Build" program.

Your Steering Committee encourages each of you, our brothers and our sisters in Christ, to make a commitment to this program and to let your commitment be a sacrifice that would measure your appreciation to the Lord for all He has done for you and your family.

Please consider this prayerfully.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Together Our Forefathers Built....

Antioch Baptist Church was organized on April 28, 1858 at Old Hollow and was first known as Union Hill Baptist Church. Elder John Robertson, L. F. Dawson, and Nathan York took part in the organization along with ten men and eleven women. Elder Nathan York was elected pastor and the church met in the homes of the members for some time. On September 5, 1859, the church moved to a meeting house on the Dobson road and joined the Yadkin Association. In 1863 the church sent nine dollars for mission work in the army. Records indicate that slaves were members of the church and in 1866 many black members were received.

On September 5, 1876 the church moved to its present location. A building was erected, and the name was changed from Union Hill to Antioch Baptist Church.

In 1939, because of a need for additional Sunday School space a new wing was added. At this time the properties were valued at \$3600.00 and had 182 members on roll.

Twenty different pastors served Antioch from 1858-1959.

On April 26, 1959, under the guidance of Rev. Clarence Marshall, the church voted to build a new and larger building at the cost of approximately \$35,000.00 which was paid for in approximately three years.

In 1961, the church voted to build a pastorium for the use of the pastor and his family. Rev. John D. Bowman moved into this building in 1964 and served as pastor for five years.

In 1970, the parking lots were paved and the grounds improved under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Bailey Elmore who served as pastor from 1969-1975.

In 1979, the basement of the church had a new face-lift with new carpet, drapes, and each room painted.

Rev. I. Tommy Johnson became pastor on June 2, 1979, and serves competently today. Under his leadership the plans for an educational building, a renovated entrance, and a larger sanctuary was voted on by the church on June 7, 1981, as a need for our growing community.

....And Together We Must Build!

Together We Share....



Together We Build....

What is it?

1. It is a program to involve, inform, cultivate, and solicit the families of our church for commitments to be paid over a three-year period.
2. It is a massive effort at people involvement to create a spirit of "togetherness." We believe that working in unison and in unity can accomplish remarkable tasks.
3. It emphasizes "Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice." Not everyone can give large sums of money, but each can give something, at the same level of sacrifice.
4. It is based on a spiritual dynamic. David said "....Because I have set my affection upon the house of my God, I have of mine own personal goods given...." No one is told what should be given; response comes because Christians have prayed and God has directed.

How does it work?

The program involves a seven-week preparation period, followed by four weeks of intensive activity, and then a one week canvass period. Work is done under the direction of a steering committee.

During the preparation period, hundreds of prayer visits have been made in the homes of our church families. The purpose has not been to solicit money, but to let our people know we care about them, and that we need them. "People are more important than commitments."

The four weeks of the intensive campaign are set aside for a massive effort to inform our people of our church's needs and opportunities. This brochure, newsletters, general publicity, and Bible study are included. Climaxing this phase will be the all-church banquet, a time of fellowship, information, and inspiration.

The evening following the banquet, canvassers will begin to go into every home to receive the "made in love," sacrificial pledges. The canvasser will not go to persuade anyone to give, but to receive the response of each family.

Together We Learn....



Together We Wonder....

Q. When does this commitment start, and how do we make our gifts toward the Building?

A. The commitment begins November 8, 1981.

Q. How much money are we trying to raise?

A. We are trying to raise a minimum of \$100,000.00.

Q. What will the canvassers say when they visit my home?

A. It is easier to indicate what they will not say. They will not say anything embarrassing or of a high pressure nature. They will answer any questions. They will have with them a card for your family. Just remember, that the canvasser is just a church member like you, doing his best to help in this effort.

Q. Can we make a family commitment?

A. Yes, but we are urging that it be divided among the family members. If this is done, there are spaces on your family commitment card to indicate each family member's commitment.

Q. When will I sign my card?

A. WHILE THE CANVASSERS ARE THERE so they can return it the same evening to the tally chairman. Canvassers must account for every card, and cannot leave cards in the homes.

Q. Can I give toward my commitment once a year, or every three months?

A. Yes, although many of us find it easier to keep up week by week.

Q. Can I change my commitment later on?

A. Yes, because the future of all of us is uncertain. Some of us will be blessed so that we can increase our commitment. Unfortunate circumstances beyond our control may force some of us to lower our commitment entirely.

Q. Will I be asked for a commitment publicly?

A. No. Your individual commitment will not be announced. In fact, you will seal your commitment in an envelope. Not even the canvasser will know your commitment. That is to be between you and the Lord.

Q. When will the canvassers visit my home to pick up my commitment?

A. The week of *November 2 through November 6* has been set aside for canvassers to visit the homes.

Q. How can I become acquainted with the "Together We Build" Program?

A. You will be invited to the "Together We Build" banquet on Sunday, November 1, 1981. The dinner will be a time of fellowship and information.

Q. How long will I pay on my commitment?

A. Your commitment should be spread over a three-year period which is 156 weeks.

Together We Prepare....



for their future!

Now, we hope you understand better the theme which we will be emphasizing:

EQUAL SACRIFICE — NOT EQUAL GIFTS

....for therein lies the real truth in the part of our faith-journey together. And, we must remember that this commitment must be:

OVER AND ABOVE REGULAR GIVING

....because the programs represented by our annual budget must continue as we upgrade our facilities. We also want you to know that:

GIFTS WILL NOT BE BEGGED OR ASSESSED

....rather, each family is asked to seek God's will under the concept of "equal sacrifice." You may also rest assured that:

COMMITMENTS WILL REMAIN PRIVATE

....because your gifts are based on your own private response to God's will. Commitments are made individually and usually in the privacy of the home. Finally, for all of us, this should be:

A MEANINGFUL SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

....since we are merely stewards of all the blessings which God bestows upon us. Already the steering committee feels the powerful presence of God as preparations get underway.

Together We Build

*If God has laid the cornerstone,
together we will build.
We will seek his guidance
and ask him to have his will.
Whatever the task God leads us to do,
He will supply our needs to carry it through.*

*Let's build a new building to honor our King,
to educate people to work and sing.
Let this church be a beacon light,
that other folks may see—
That we build together,
as a happy family.*

*God wants us to honor him in service,
to be obedient, and true.
That's why we need to hasten his work,
and do what he wants us to do.*

*It's time to get started
and quit stalling for time,
And bring into his store house
our dollars and our dimes.
Consider what God has done for you,
Then ask what he would have you do.*

*Together we will build
If God leads the way,
And we will dedicate the building
to his service one day.*

*And whatever he lays
on your heart to do—
It's time to get started—
Can God count on You?*

Anonymous