

*Greater Antioch Missionary
Baptist Church
Youth Ministry News*

**Upcoming
Events**

- ◆ Martin Luther King Birthday
Jan. 20th
- ◆ Black History Month Feb.
- ◆ Church Anniversary Feb. 24

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A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain, But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

—Author unknown

Message from the Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry is in constant prayer that the New Year will be as prosperous as 2012 was. We would like to thank the parents, grandparents and guardians for entrusting your child/children with us. We thank you for your prayers and support. We also thank all of the members of GAMBC for your prayers and support. We know that with God's help and your support we will continue to do what God would like for us to do.

THANK YOU

Student Profile

Our student that is in the spotlight this quarter is: William (Trey) McCraney III. Trey is the son of Bro. William (Jay) McCraney Jr. and Sis. Ellicia McCraney. He is the Grandson of Dea. William McCraney Sr. and Sis. Barbara McCraney. He has 1 sister, Amber McCraney. Trey was born October 11, 1997 in Sierra Vista, AZ. Trey attends Buena High school where he is in the 9th grade, his favorite subject is Algebra and he states that he gets very good grades “when I set my mind to it”. In school Trey is active in football where he is an offensive lineman.



Trey Became a member of Greater Antioch in 2006 when he was baptized at the age of 9 years old. Trey has been active in the Youth Ministry ever since. Trey is the reigning Champion of the PSBC Laymen Boyz to Men Bible Bowl. Trey has attended many youth meetings, State church camp and many special outing that has been sponsored by the Youth Ministry. Trey was asked if liked being a part of the youth ministry and he replied “Yes” and then he was asked why did he like it and he replied, “I like being more involved with my church”

When Trey was asked what if any advise he would give to the other young people he stated, “No matter what anyone says, just believe in yourself and do you”.

We are so proud of Trey and it is hard to believe that this once bashful young boy has grown to become a very mannerable and outspoken young man. It is an honor to have Trey in the Youth Ministry. We all say to him “keep up the good work” and God bless you.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish the following Young people a very “Happy Birthday”:

Christopher Jones—Jan. 10

Quantice Daniels—Jan.

Khalil Smith—Jan. 27

Imari Brim—Feb. 9



A Devotional Thought for our Youth

Growing In God



And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people. (V: 52)

Jesus was growing in God. Even at the age of 12, He was beyond His years. They were all amazed and marvelled at Jesus' understanding of the things of God. By His reply in V: 49, He already knew who His Father was, though Mary & Joseph did not understand what He meant about being in His Father's House and tending to His Father's business. We too need to be attending to our Father God's business in order to really grow into Jesus' likeness. As we keep in God's word and prayer, going to church & Sunday school, we grow in God. We have a daily relationship with God, just like we do with our Parents, sisters/brothers, or friends. We cannot get to know family or friends if we don't spend time with them - listening to them. It is the same with God. We need to spend time with Him to get to know Him - and by getting to know God, we grow closer to Him and grow as a Christian.

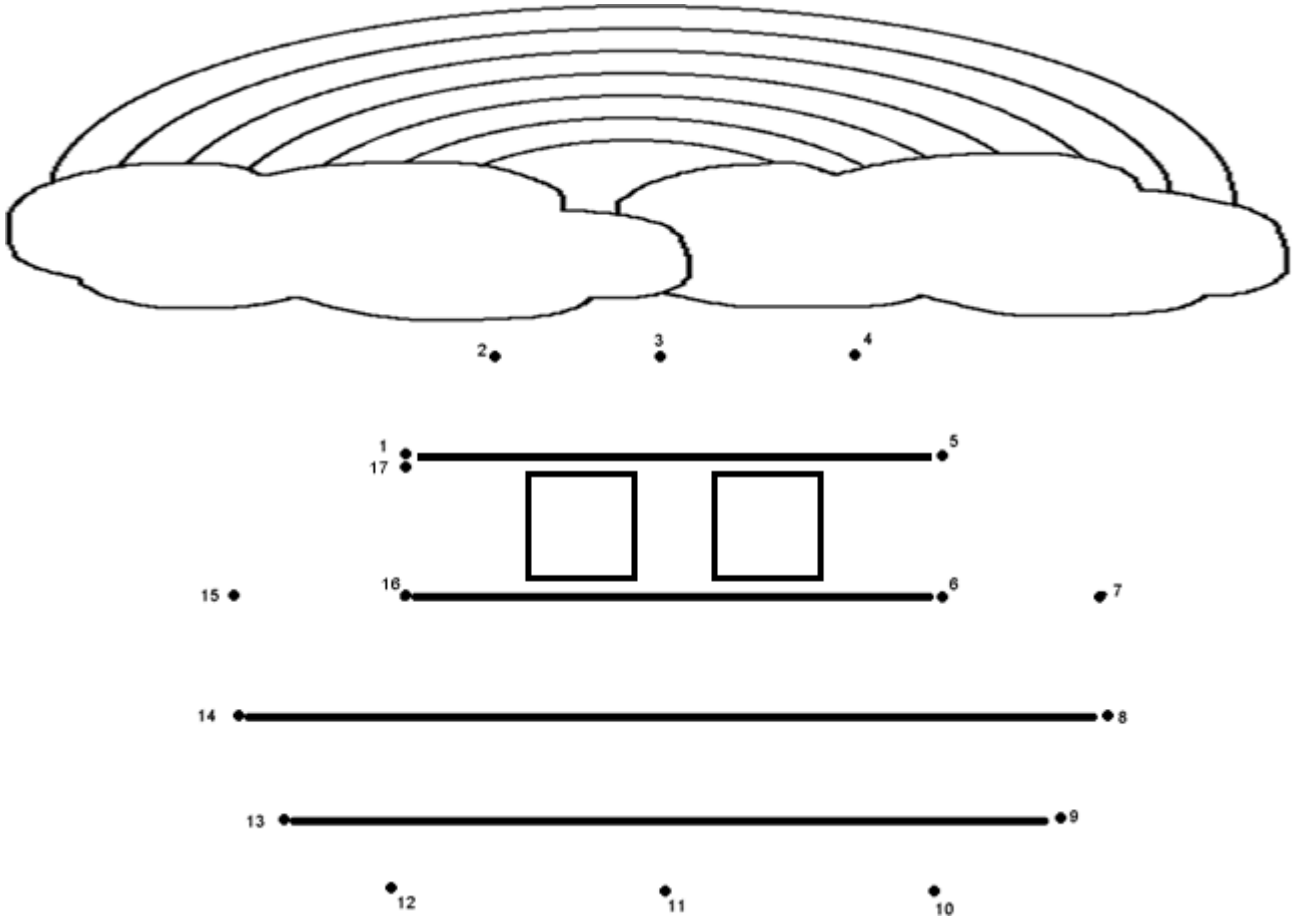
So, why not today, spend time with your best friend - Jesus!

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Children's Activity Page

The Rainbow of Promise

Connect the dots and then color the picture.



Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

Genesis 9:16 (NIV)

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Youth / Children's Church



Children's church has been a blessing throughout 2012. The children has been eager to learn and to find out who God is. The lessons for the year has been : In the beginning, what the Bible is and what is prayer. It is exciting to hear the children say that the Bible is their GPS, they tell you that you must read it daily and follow what it says. They will tell you that you can pray any time, anywhere and that you can pray without opening your mouth. They know that Jesus is Gods son and that he died on the cross for our sins and that he rose from the dead.

The parents of the children has done a great job in teaching their child/children about the Bible and who God is. A number of the children has expressed to their parents that they are ready to give their life to Christ and at this writing one has done so and has been baptized. What a Blessing.

With Gods help we will begin a new curriculum which will take the children on an amazing journey from Genesis to Revelation.

The staff for children's church is:

Sis. Ruby Moody

Bro. Jonathan Whitworth

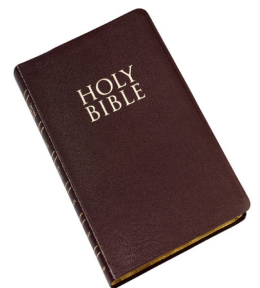
Sis. Sabine Mackin

Bible Quiz

1. How many books are in the Bible? _____
2. Who told Noah to build the Ark? _____
3. Noah sent out 2 different kinds of birds, what were they?

4. How long did it rain? _____
5. How many of each animals did Moses bring into the Ark?

6. In what book of the Bible is the story of Noah found?



(Answers on the back page)

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Youth Ministry Goals

The goals of the youth ministry of Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church is to lead the children into the knowledge of Jesus Christ by assisting them and their parents in strengthening their Bible knowledge by encouraging them to read their Bibles more, to assist them in learning to respect themselves and others by scriptural examples, to assist them in learning to be a servant of God and teaching them the principles of teamwork , commitment and helping them to recognize and determine right from wrong and to set them on the right path to "Fight the good fight " for God.

**Y o u t h M i n i s t r y
S t a f f**

Sis. Ruby Moody—Youth Director

Sis. Tia Pearson —Assnt. Youth Director

Sis. Phyllis Lowery—Youth Worker

Answers to the Quiz

1. 66
2. God
3. Raven & Dove
4. 40 days & 40 nights
5. None : Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt

It was Noah who was on the Ark

6. Genesis

