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Making Healthy Churches

April '21 Newsletter

We would like to welcome you to the Antioch Baptist Church Planters (ABCP) newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to share updates and prayer needs within our ministry. More importantly, to be praying for the churches we encounter. For more information about us please visit our website at www.abcplanters.org.

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IBFI MISSIONS

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Acts 14:26:

*And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence **they** had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which **they** fulfilled.*

Ministry Related:

If you would like us to present our ministry at your church, please send us an email at info@abcplanters.org.

Testimonial by Bro. Jonathan Stewart, NBBS President:

"ABCP was set up in the spirit and form of the pattern set forth by the Apostle Paul, and the host of men and women who greatly helped him as team members or extended team members (e.g., Romans 16). As recent NBBS graduates, sent out by their individual churches, with the recommendation of IBFI, these men, and their families, are a very worthy investment of your prayers and support. What small struggling church or what church planter could not but be greatly helped by them in all areas of ministry? They are one of the great needs of the hour."

Current Work:



Pastor Doug Ellis says:

"It is needless for me to say that 2020 was a difficult year. A year that began with so much promise and enthusiasm, turned quickly to "what's next?" As 2021 approached I settled on our church's yearly theme, "Reviving the Remnant." Little did I know that God was preparing a new ministry to help us in our Reviving.

The Antioch Baptist Church Planters came alongside us on January 10th. The Dotys, Lumans, and Roas instantly brought life and excitement back into our Church. These families came in with a "what do you need from us" spirit. Taking advantage of their servant's heart; we reopened our Sunday Schools, Children's Ministries, and placed the men on a rotating preaching schedule.

We haven't accomplished all that we set out to do, but we are moving forward every week. The Antioch Baptist Church Planters are a blessing and encouragement to me and Gospel Light Baptist Church."

Prayer Needs:

- Gospel Light Baptist Church in Roanoke, TX and Pastor Doug Ellis
- Santa Fe Baptist Church, Weatherford TX and Pastor Tony Thomas
- Heath Van Zandt – church planter to Rhome
- Washington St. Baptist Church, Stephenville TX – currently without pastor
- Guidance and strength for ABCP as we move forward.
- Individual support for each ABCP missionary

Future Work:



Church Planter Heath Van Zandt says:

"I am beyond ecstatic that I have the opportunity to gain assistance from ABCP. This group of likeminded families have assisted in searching for property, dispensed wise counsel, and always encouraged me no matter the situation. The zeal and motivation of this group is that Christ will be exalted, and God will be glorified. I cannot wait to begin the establishing, settling, and the founding of Antioch Baptist Church with the assistance of ABCP."



Helping Other Churches

- **Washington St. Baptist Church** (Stephenville, TX) – Their retired pastor has stepped back in to resume the pastoral role until the next pastor is called.
- **Harvest Baptist Church** (Allen, TX) – Bro. Tony will be leading singing at an upcoming revival meeting, June 3-4.

Upcoming Events

- **IBFI Spring Fellowship (May 17-20)** – ABCP will have a table with information available.
- **NBBS Graduation (May 18)** – Melissa Roa and Zack Doty of ABCP will be graduating.