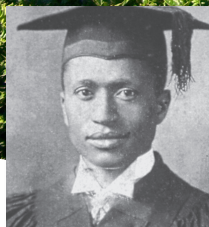
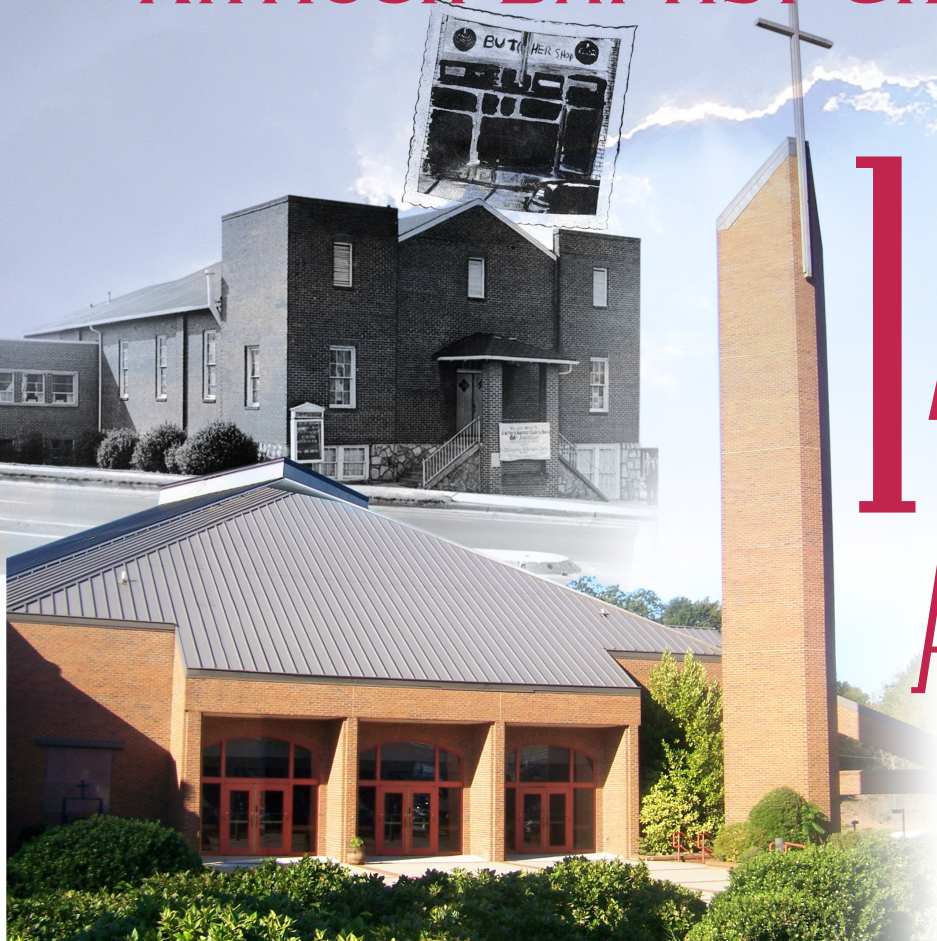


# ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH NORTH

# 141<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary



***"We're on the Battlefield for Our Lord"***

Ephesians 6:11-13



**One Service - 10:00 A.M. • November 11, 2018**

Antioch Baptist Church North

Rev. C. M. Alexander, Pastor • Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander, Co-Pastor

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# An Anniversary Message From the Pastor

November 11, 2018

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters,



Today is one of double observance. Antioch North is observing her 141st Anniversary. We have come together as a family to celebrate our legacy. Our new marquee, standing on the four pillars of evangelism, doctrine, stewardship and fellowship, proclaims to a dying world that we are Bible-based, Christ-centered, Holy-Spirit-led and Mission-bound and invites everyone to come worship a living Savior with us.

We honor our veterans of all wars—foreign and domestic. We thank each of you for your sacrifice of service, for being willing to lay down your lives to protect ours. As a member of Antioch, you have laid down weapons of war and taken up the Bible through your enlistment as a soldier of the cross. Fortunately, being “on the battlefield for our Lord” means you have the Greatest Commander-in-Chief, Christ Jesus, and the victory is already won.

King Solomon had wealth, wisdom and power and experienced many of the world’s treasures and pleasures. The early years of his reign were glorious. He seemed to have it all. As the moral and religious compass disappeared, he watched the unity of his nation break down, and he could only conclude, “all is vanity” (Eccl 1:2). Certainly, the current climate in our nation bears witness to Solomon’s words.

We have just witnessed an historic election cycle in our nation that too often resembled a battlefield. Solomon also states, “there is no new thing under the sun” (Eccl 1:9). 141 years ago, in March of 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was sworn in as President of the United States even though Democrat Samuel J. Tilden had won the popular vote. One electoral vote made the difference. In April, President Hayes removed the last of the Federal troops from the South, and Reconstruction ended. That meant the new rights granted to former slaves freed after the Civil War, including the right to vote and to hold office, also ended.

Solomon did not despair with the state of the broken world around him. He had returned to what his father David told him, as recorded in 1 Kings 2:3, to “keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses.”

Antioch’s longevity is a result of her foundation of loving Jesus Christ. The Bethursday Prayer Band—our founders—dedicated themselves to walking in the ways of Christ and serving the community. Our current pioneers, and those who have more recently joined our fold, continue to do the same. The world is a battlefield because the devil roams to and fro. But Antioch’s soldiers are spiritual warfare veterans, clothed in “the whole armour of God” and able “to withstand the evil day” (Eph. 6:13). Having done all, we stand for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours in God’s service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Cameron M. Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Reverend Cameron M. Alexander  
Pastor

**C E L E B R A T I N G 1 4 1 Y E A R S !**

**ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018 + 10:00AM**

*I like the silent church before the service begins. by Emerson*

- The Ringing of the Bell
- The Entrance of the Word
- The Call to Worship
- The Devotion.....Deacons and Youth Ushers
- The Processional.....Dance Ministry, Pastor, Co-Pastor, Family, Ministers,  
Deacons, Mothers, Veterans and Anniversary Committee
- The Morning Hymn #377.....**The Church's One Foundation**.....Congregation
- Announcements & Recognition of Visitors.....Sis. Logan Kirkland & Sis. Alexandria Price

**The 141st Church Anniversary Tributes**

Verse Speakers - Occasion

Selection - Note Singers/Youth Choir

Tribute to Veterans – Sis. Rene Suddeth & Bro. Jeremy Spikes (Air Force)

**Military Tribute Song, Salute and Recognition of the Branches**

- The Selection.....Antioch Combined Choir
- Tribute to our Church History.....Sis. Paris Brown & Bro. Nile Oates
- The Selection.....Antioch Combined Choir

**Vessels of Praise Dance Ministry**

**THE LITANY OF PRAISE**

**MINISTER:** *Let us stand for our Litany of Praise*

**MINISTER:** *We are...*

**CONGREGATION:** *Bible-based, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led, and Mission-bound*

**MINISTER:** *We stand on...*

**CONGREGATION:** *The four pillars, Fellowship, Evangelism, Doctrine, and Stewardship*

**MINISTER:** *So, let us...*

**ALL:** *Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is GOD: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD IS good; HIS mercy is everlasting; and HIS truth endureth to ALL generations.*

Psalm 100

The Offertory Prayer

*Lord Jesus, we come humbly before Your Throne of Mercy, thanking you for one hundred and forty-one years of service at Antioch. Help us, Dear God, to remember Your blessings to us as we cheerfully share them this morning for the building of thy Kingdom on earth. It's in the blessed name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, we pray.*

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The Tithes & Offering.....**Bell Choir**.....Deacons Ministry and Youth Ushers  
 The Sermon Hymn.....**Amazing Grace**.....Congregation  
**The Anniversary Sermon**.....**Reverend Benjamin E. V. Lett**  
*Pastor, Hill Chapel Baptist Church, Athens, GA*

**The Invitation to Discipleship**  
*(Please refrain from walking during the Invitation to Discipleship)*

*'Til We Meet Again*



## *Our Foundation-The Four Pillars*

**Fellowship** is the union of Christian believers sharing their Christian experience, which is every Christian's responsibility. As Christians, we must assemble ourselves together to share, to learn, and to gather strength from one another. Members are asked to attend all activities such as workshops, special services, etc., during special days or special events. (Hebrews 10:25), "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

**Evangelism** is the means for Christians to spread the news of God's goodness. Jesus commands us to evangelize and to be fishers of men. During special events and activities, members are asked to witness to at least one un-churched person and bring that person to our special activities. (John 15:16), "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it to you."

**Doctrine** is the system of teaching by which Christians must advocate the Word of the Lord. It is a set of Biblical principles and laws by which we are governed. As prophets, it is imperative for us to understand and proclaim the basic beliefs, practices, and principles that make us unique as Baptists. Revivals, special activities, and other learning experiences are available to strengthen our beliefs. In addition to our ongoing Sunday School and Nurturing Baptist Church classes (Baptist Training Union), other services are provided in an effort for us to learn more about Baptist Doctrine. (Mark 4:2), "And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in His doctrine..."

**Stewardship** reminds us that as Christians, we are responsible for managing God's property. Stewardship involves Christians contributing, managing their time, talents, money and resources in doing God's work. We must recognize the fact that (Psalm 24:1) "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." As owner, God will come back expecting us as Christians to give a report of our stewardship. As we wait for His return, we must demonstrate our commitment through our gifts of time, talent, and tithes. Members are encouraged to tithe consistently and cheerfully. (Luke 12:42), "And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?"

*Antioch Baptist Church North works aggressively to serve this present age as a rock that is:*

**Bible-based:** 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; Psalm 119:105

**Christ-centered:** John 14:6; Revelation 17:14; John 1:1; Matthew 28:18

**Holy Spirit-led:** John 16:7-14; Galatians 5:25

**Mission-bound:** Matthew 25:31-46

## Reverend Benjamin E. V. Lett



Reverend Lett is a native of Mobile, Alabama. He was raised in a home where God was honored and Christ was Lord as the youngest son of the late Drs. Clarence A. and Geraldine W. Lett. In 1977, he was licensed to preach at Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church #2 in Mobile and was ordained in 1979.

It was at the University of Alabama that Reverend Lett received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious and Social Studies. Reverend Lett received a Master of Divinity Degree concentrating in Bible, Counseling, and Pastoral Care through Morehouse School of Religion ITC in 1985.

In 1981, he became the Pastor of Zion Friendship Baptist Church of Eutaw, Alabama. In 1985, he was called to the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama as Associate Pastor, where his mentor Dr. John T. Porter served as Pastor.

Reverend Lett is married to the talented and gracious Natalie Clark and is the proud father of Natalie Christina, a resident of Atlanta, Georgia. In 1990, he began 14 years of service as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Macon, Georgia. In 2003, Dr. Winfred M. Hope and the members of Ebenezer Baptist Church West of Athens, Georgia recognized Reverend Lett's passion and zeal for Christian Education and hired him to serve as Minister of Christian Education. He served faithfully for more than 10 years. In September 2013, Hill Chapel Baptist Church of Athens was moved by God to call him as their 20th Pastor.

For six years, he extended his services to the State of Georgia as a Religious Consultant for the Department of Juvenile Justice. In this capacity, he coordinated religious programming for the Macon Youth Development Campus and other Juvenile Justice Campuses in the state..

Reverend Lett is the recipient of numerous awards and a member of several organizations including the Morehouse College Hall of Preachers, to which he was inducted in 1995. In 2003 and 2007, the Sunday School Publishing Board - National Baptist Convention named him State Director of the Year for the Southeastern Region. In 2017, he was named the Regional Coordinator of the year. He served as Dean of the Bryant Theological Seminary for 7 years and one year as the school's interim-president. For 15 years, he was State Director of Christian Education of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. (GMBC) then Chairman of the Board of Christian Education. He has served as Dean of the Fifth District of the GMBC, Dean of the State Congress of Christian Education of the GMBC and now GMBC Congress President and Southeast Regional Coordinator of the Sunday School Publishing Board. He is a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the NAACP and many other organizations.

He is a noted preacher, teacher, and lecturer, serving on the faculty of the Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and the Sunday School Publishing Board Conference for Christian Educators.

His time is filled with the joy of his home, the labor of his calling, and many social, fraternal, civic, and denominational involvements.

# Historical Highlights of the Antioch Baptist Church North

By: *The Late Brother Barney Simms – 2010*  
Bro. Simms updated Highlights of History from 2010-2014

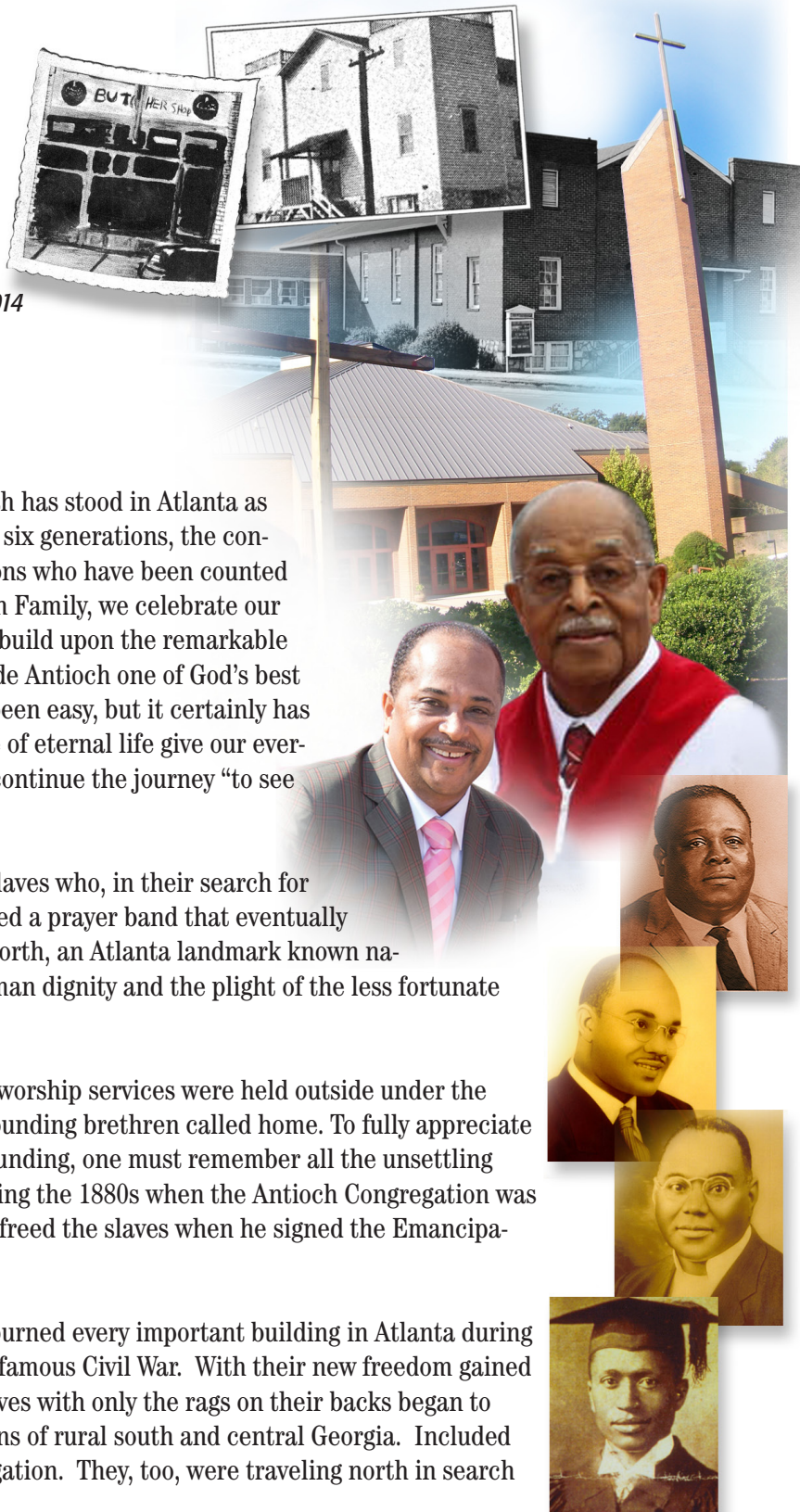
Since 1877, the Antioch Baptist Church North has stood in Atlanta as a beacon of hope and a place of refuge. For six generations, the congregational family has nurtured thousands of persons who have been counted among the least, the last, and the lost. As a Church Family, we celebrate our 140th Anniversary with a renewed commitment to build upon the remarkable record of charitable Christian Service that has made Antioch one of God's best churches. The journey from 1877 to 2016 has not been easy, but it certainly has been rewarding! Those rewards and God's promise of eternal life give our ever-growing congregation inspiration and meaning to continue the journey "to see what the end will be."

The Congregation remembers those eight former slaves who, in their search for a safe and secure place to praise God, loosely formed a prayer band that eventually evolved into our beloved Antioch Baptist Church North, an Atlanta landmark known nationally as a flagship church in the struggle for human dignity and the plight of the less fortunate and the unsaved.

The Antioch Congregation's earliest meetings and worship services were held outside under the stars and in shanty one-room structures that our founding brethren called home. To fully appreciate the historical significance of the Congregation's founding, one must remember all the unsettling circumstances that were happening in Atlanta during the 1880s when the Antioch Congregation was founded. President Abraham Lincoln had recently freed the slaves when he signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

In 1864, General William Sherman destroyed and burned every important building in Atlanta during his vivid march across Georgia during America's infamous Civil War. With their new freedom gained at the end of the Civil War, thousands of former slaves with only the rags on their backs began to relocate to Atlanta from the great cotton plantations of rural south and central Georgia. Included in those numbers were the founders of our congregation. They, too, were traveling north in search of the new promised land.

One hundred and forty-one years ago, Atlanta was not the important city that it is today. The city was beginning to rebuild from the ravages of the Civil War. It was certainly not a city too busy to hate. Atlanta merchants and builders took advantage of the cheap labor and services of black people; knowing that they had worked as slaves with no compensation, they would hire four to five blacks for the wages of one white person. As a result, of this practice, Atlanta's poor white citizens were resentful and began terrorizing these former slaves for taking jobs away from them.



Adding to the confusion, the newly organized Atlanta newspapers began to distort and sensationalize feelings between Atlanta's blacks and whites. As a result, black people became too frightened to travel distances. By 1877, black people in Atlanta had become isolated in individual living wards and areas called "colored quarters." In the quarters that became known as Fifth Ward, there was not a church close to where our founding members lived for worship and rejoicing. A trip across town, through white quarters, to the nearest colored church was like putting one's life into the hands of the devil.

Out of this fear and the need to serve God, Oscar Young, Miles Crawford, Jordan Beavers, Lem Wright, and four other former slaves organized a prayer group, calling themselves the Bethursday Prayer Band because the "meet-in' be on Thursdays." As the meetings grew in regularity, so did the number of persons attending. The meetings moved from house to house until the group was able to use space in a butcher shop where one of the members worked.

Eight years later in 1895, the members of the Bethursday Prayer Band borrowed \$200 from the Southern Home Building and Loan Association and purchased its first property, a dilapidated basement structure at number seven Wallace Street. It was a stretch, but the group agreed to pay back the loan at \$1.20 per month. While many of today's congregational members may get a smile from this fact, it was an unbelievable amount of money to be entrusted to uneducated, former slaves without any collateral.

The initial loan to purchase the Wallace Street property was paid off in record time in 1899. The congregation then, more than a century ago, faced the same challenge that the Antioch Congregation faces in 2016. They wondered how they would address and serve the needs of their growing membership in spaces that had become over-crowded and too small even though they had just purchased the property five years earlier.

Their dilemma in 1899 was a cause of great concern as they questioned their preparedness for serving God's people at the start of the 20th Century.

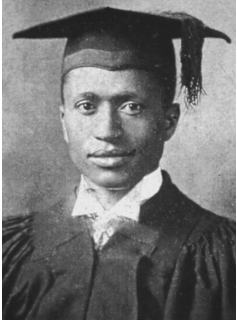
Today, the Antioch pastor, deacons, trustees, and membership face some of the same challenges and ask some of the same questions that the Bethursday Prayer Group asked. "How will we address the needs of an ever-growing membership and a community challenged by economic restraints during a struggling economy?"

In 1899, at the dawning of the 20th Century, the Bethursday Prayer Band renewed that initial loan and remodeled its basement structure to adequately serve its members. In addition, they changed their name and identity from the Bethursday Prayer Band to Antioch Baptist Church and moved into the 20th Century with jubilant enthusiasm and great excitement.

The founders should be commended on their choice of the name Antioch. It was a fine choice for it was at Antioch that the term "Christian" was first given to converts to the new faith, and it was Paul's point of departure on his missionary journey.

By the early 1920s, the Antioch membership had grown tremendously and now included a few property owners, skilled laborers, and a few other persons who had been exposed to education; some could even read and write. This was a time of rapid growth and expansion for our young congregation.

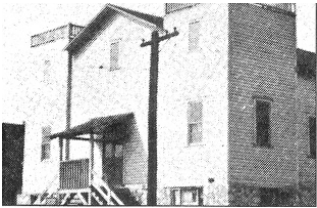
The names of the very early ministers who nurtured and served as pastors of the young Antioch congregation were never chronicled in written historical documents; however, oral histories and conversations with Antioch Pioneers identify the names of Rev. Jerry Davis, a Rev. Harris, a Rev. Briscoe, Rev. B. T. Harvey and Rev. Alfred C. Williams as early ministers who served at Antioch. These preachers are warmly remembered for courageously proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to our young congregational family.



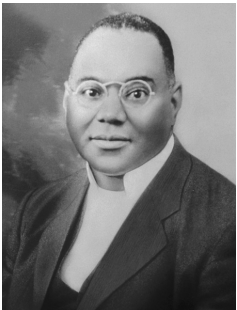
Antioch: 1922-1927

In 1922, the Reverend Timothy Saine was called to Antioch and guided the young congregation through the 1920s. His leadership stressed the dignity of work and honest labor. He is especially remembered today for his leadership in the construction of Antioch's first "new" building. In 1924, the congregation borrowed three thousand dollars to build its "new" church using its recently acquired properties at Wallace and Gray Streets as collateral.

Antioch's first church building was no architectural wonder, but it was a fine example of civic architecture of the day wherein everyone in the congregation and community helped to build it. It was a stark clapboard structure housing the sanctuary atop a tall stone foundation that served as the first fellowship hall.



Having been trained at Hampton and Tuskegee Institutes, Reverend Saine encouraged the members to prepare themselves and their children for opportunities in teaching, railroad employment, carpentry and other skilled jobs. His teachings fostered at Antioch an atmosphere of encouragement and hope and accounted for a remarkable level of family solidarity and the upward mobility of the young church.

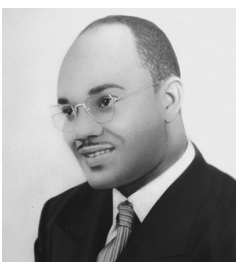


Antioch: 1927-1943

In 1927, Reverend Timothy George was called to lead Antioch. He provided guidance and leadership during the Great Depression when large masses of the congregational family found themselves unemployed following the famous stock market crash as Atlanta banks, businesses, and manufacturing companies closed. It is seldom talked about, but the young congregation could not meet its financial obligations and maintain the day-to-day financial operations of the church during this very difficult time. As a result, the church's property was foreclosed upon and sold on the steps of the Fulton County Courthouse. That was a sad time in the Congregation's history, but because of the membership's determined stewardship and faithfulness and the effective leadership of Rev. George, the property was quickly recovered.

By 1940 when the City of Atlanta proposed building federal public housing in the community, Antioch had regained its anchor and its voice as leader of the community. The congregation was elated about the idea of decent public housing for the area, not knowing at the time, however, that Herndon Homes would displace the church building.

By an act of easement, the Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta paid the congregation \$8,300 for its Gray Street property. Not wanting to relocate from the area where the Congregation had been conceived, nurtured, and allowed to grow, Rev. George, the deacons, and the trustees agreed to purchase available property beginning at the southwest corner of Kennedy and Lambert Streets for sixteen hundred dollars. Antioch moved its wooden sanctuary from its Gray Street stone foundation to a newly-built foundation on Lambert Street. With the remaining funds, the Church made a few minor cosmetic changes to the building, but the warm-spirited feeling of the congregation remained as it was.



Antioch: 1943-1963

Rev. T. H. George's son, the charismatic and energetic, Rev. D.T. George served as pastor of Antioch during the 1940's, 50's, and early 60's. During his pastorate, the church facilities were drastically renovated. Instead of relocating the Congregation during the Northside Drive expansion as the State Department of Transportation had suggested, Antioch remained at its location, turned its façade from Lambert Street, now called Northside Drive, to Kennedy Street, which has since been renamed Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard.



Rev. D. T. George restructured the organization of the congregation because he did not want just a church full of Sunday worshippers. He organized a number of auxiliaries to ensure the maximum participation from all segments of the congregation.

Many of those organizations are still in existence today and are important to the vitality of the Antioch Congregation. Included are the Deaconess, the Matronettes, the Fisherman Club, the Service Guild, the Nurses Aid, the Male Chorus, and the Progressive Garden Club. Choirs numbered 2 and 3 and the D.T. George Gospel Chorus have grown and merged into the Antioch Adult Choir. Rev. George was impaired by a stroke and retired in 1963.



Antioch: 1963-1969

The Rev. W. Marcus Williams became pastor of Antioch in 1963. He was young, energetic, and only 36 years old when he became pastor of the church. Rev. Williams was an excellent, yet controlled speaker, but is most often remembered at Antioch for his magnificent tenor voice.

Having found the Church in sound fiscal health, and having a keen interest in sociology, Rev. Williams geared the congregation's attention toward social programs that would benefit the membership. He organized a church credit union and a daycare center. In 1969, he resigned the Antioch pulpit and accepted a new challenge.



Antioch: 1969-Present

The Rev. Cameron Madison Alexander accepted the Call to Antioch in 1969. After 49 years of incredible service, his tenure as pastor has been the longest in Antioch's history.

Under Pastor Alexander's dynamic and visionary leadership, the congregation has grown from fewer than 500 persons to a membership that currently exceeds 12,000. The Rev. Alexander has been the driving force in the congregation's acquisition of more than 87 separate parcels of land to facilitate the daily operations of Antioch and to enhance future growth needs. Antioch's annual operating budget has grown from slightly more than thirty thousand dollars when he arrived as pastor to an access of 5 million dollars based not on raffles, bake sales and gimmicks, but strictly upon the congregation's generous tithes, offerings, and gifts.

To maintain the many programs associated with Pastor Alexander's ministry and his vision for Antioch's future spiritual and economic development and growth, the Church staff has grown from the one part-time employee who worked when Pastor Alexander arrived to 45 full and part-time staff members. These employees manage church administrative services, plant operations, the transportation fleet, the Antioch Urban Ministries, the music program, the worship services, and the other various outreach activities and services that Pastor Alexander has organized to service the needs of the membership and community.

Pastor Alexander is credited with providing visionary leadership for the planning and the execution of the most ambitious building and land acquisition program in the Antioch Congregation's history. During the late 1970s, he led the Congregation to purchase 28 acres of beautiful, wooded land in Southwest Atlanta in the Adamsville Community.

It was to become the site of the Congregation's new worship complex. However, the Holy Spirit directed Pastor Alexander to change all of the relocation plans for moving the congregation to Southwest Atlanta when more pressing needs for serving God's people remained in our current inner-city location where the congregation has served since 1877.

During the late 1980s under Pastor Alexander's leadership, the congregation began a strategic acquisition of ad-

ditional properties, purchasing single parcels of land surrounding the church facilities. To the surprise of many, and especially to the Atlanta business community, Antioch built its new multi-million dollar worship center, which was dedicated in 1990, and its new administrative wing the following year at its current location. The land that the church purchased in Southwest Atlanta was eventually sold and became the site of a subdivision.



Most congregations experience membership decline during large building and acquisition programs, but under Pastor Alexander's guidance, the Antioch membership quadrupled causing him to expand the Church's outreach ministries ten-fold to meet the needs of new members and those continually coming to Antioch for help and for directions.

Inspired by the six ministries in the Book of Matthew that outline the Church's responsibility to the less fortunate, Pastor Alexander established Antioch's Urban Ministries in the early 1990s.

In 1991, as Chairman of the Board for AUMI, Pastor Alexander provided leadership in acquiring the 12-story Walton Hotel in downtown Atlanta. Valued at the time of purchase for more than 15 million dollars, the hotel was transformed into apartments for the working homeless and persons with noninfectious tuberculosis. The hotel was renamed the Madison House as a fitting tribute to the pastor whose middle name is Madison. The Church sold the building in 2012 to expand its ever-growing outreach ministries.

In 1992, the Ananias House was opened as a temporary home for recovering addicts, and in 1994, Ruth's Place was opened for women dealing with similar problems. Also in 1994, Matthew's Place was opened as a home for those who are HIV-positive or living with AIDS. Pastor Alexander provided the leadership for the establishment of Project Redirection as an alternative to incarceration for first-time offenders, and Project Youth Redirection, a ministry to youth who struggle and live within at-risk environments.



In 1997, Pastor Alexander led the Congregation into purchasing the Selig business plaza located adjacent the worship center to house the offices and administrative staff for the Antioch Urban Ministries. In addition, the old Danzig Motel that was located in Northeast Atlanta on Chapel Road was purchased, renovated, and at one time served as the home for Matthew's Place to better serve more persons who are HIV-positive.

In 1999, again under Pastor Alexander's leadership, the Congregation purchased a multi-purpose building at 590 North Avenue. Known to the Congregation as "the 590," the building hosts a variety of congregational events and is used most frequently for youth activities.

In 2001, Pastor Alexander, as Chairman of Bethursday Development Corporation, provided leadership in the purchase of more than eleven "prized" acres of land located between Joseph E. Boone Boulevard and Jett Street. The purchase was considered a prize inasmuch as several developers wanted the property and its proximity to the Georgia World Congress Center. Four and a half acres of railroad right of way were later purchased from the CSX Railroad. These acquisitions would become the canvas for redeveloping the English Avenue community.

In 2004, Antioch joined in celebrating the opening of the wonderful Gateway Apartment Community, a neighborhood development partnership opportunity spearheaded by Bethursday Development Corporation. The apartment community provides 261 units of quality affordable housing fronting Northside Drive. The complex is welcomed as the precursor for the continued and aggressive development of the English Avenue Community. Complementing the apartment homes is a 400-car parking deck, an 8,000 square foot retail component, full-sized swimming pool, and interior courts with wonderful green spaces.

In 2008, Bethursday Development Corporation completed the first phase of twenty-eight town-homes on Elm

Street, just two blocks west of the Church.

In 2010, the City of Atlanta changed the name of Kennedy Street, NW to Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard as a tangible way for the City to honor Pastor Alexander for his long and dynamic legacy of community service and civic leadership to the vitality of the City of Atlanta.

At the 2014 Annual Church Conference, the Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander was formally voted in as Co-Pastor. As a son of the Church, he is exceptionally well-suited to serve in this capacity. In addition to his pastoral experience, Reverend Kenneth Alexander has been a vital part of the Real Estate Acquisition and Development Projects of Antioch Baptist Church North, Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. and Bethursday, Inc. His position as Executive Director of the Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc., the heart of Antioch's outreach, makes him uniquely qualified to understand and continue the vision that is at the center of Antioch's clarion call to serve this present age.

While many congregations as old as Antioch often split and its members and leadership reorganize or struggle with leadership directions, under Pastor Alexander's vision, Antioch has successfully established eight missions: New Hope Mission, the Viking Mission, Lakemont Mission, Antioch Lakewood Mission, Antioch Madison House Mission, Antioch North Baptist Mission, Antioch Lithia Springs Mission, and the Antioch Community Mission at John's Creek; five of which have become strong, thriving congregational churches: Lakemont Missionary Baptist Church, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Loving Spirit Missionary Baptist Church, and New Horizon Baptist Church.

During his long tenure as the illustrious president of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., Dr. Alexander provided the leadership for the establishment of the Land of Promise Mission. All of these new church congregations serve as living testimonies that Antioch's commitment to Christian Service is as strong, as dedicated, and as much needed today as it was in 1877 when eight former slaves came together for the first time in what would eventually evolve into our beloved Antioch Missionary Baptist Church North.

Today, no one can predict all the challenges that the Antioch Congregation will face during the 21st Century. But as members of the body of Christ known and loved as Antioch, our Congregation will use the observance of its 141st Anniversary to reflect upon our past and make a collective pledge that our membership will stand strong on God's promises and remain receptive to the move of the Holy Spirit. We will continue to pray that our beloved Antioch will remain anchored to the traditions of our founding brethren in our spirit and in our commitment to God's Word.

The church marquee, dedicated this month on Pioneers' Observance Sunday, stands as a welcoming beacon of light. As a congregation, we will all work aggressively to keep Antioch as a symbol of hope... a place of refuge... and a living testament to the greatness and goodness of God. In so doing, we will continue the journey and build upon a legacy of strong Christian Service worthy of continued emulation as a very special place close to our Savior's throne.





*We Honor Our Antioch Baptist Church North Veterans*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Branch of Service</b>
Rev. Dr. Cameron M. Alexander	Air Force
Sis. Regina Allen	Army
Bro. George Austin	Army
Dea. Joe Beasley	Air Force
Bro. Sonny Berry	Navy
Dea. Gilbert Bowles	Air Force
Sis. Loretta Gaskin Byrd	Army
Bro. Charles Collier	Army
Sis. Vera Connor	Army
Bro. Lindsey D. Cottingham	Army National Guard
Bro. John Daniels	Marine Corps
Sis. Christine Goodwin	Army
Bro. James Gibson	Army
Bro. James Godard	Air Force
Sis. Janie Grundy	Air Force
Dea. Clarence Hicks	Army
Bro. Willie Hicks	Army
Bro. Johnnie Hilton	Army
Bro. Ray Hunter	Army
Bro. David Jackson	Air Force
Rev. Derrick Jackson	Marine Corps
Bro. Calvin AW Jones	Army
Bro. Tracey Jones	Air Force
Bro. Russell Labitue	Army
Bro. William Lane	Army
Sis. Margaret Levins-Neal	Air Force
Rev. Ed London	Army
Sis. Bennie McDonald	Army Reserve
Sis. Lillie Mungin	Marine Corps
Sis. Cheryl Nelson	Navy
Bro. Keith Nelson	Air Force
Bro. Larry Parks	Army
Dea. Fred Pinkston	Army
Rev. Raleigh B. Ragland	Marine Corps
Bro. Donald Robinson	Air Force
Bro. Paul Scott	Marine Corps
Bro. William Scott	Army
Sis. Renee Sudderth	Air Force
Rev. James Sumpter	Air Force
Bro. Samuel Taylor	Air Force
Bro. Claude Thomas	Army
Bro. Steven Thomas	Navy
Bro. Charles Thomason	Air Force
Dea. Leo Walker	Army
Sis. Sherilyn Walker	Army
Bro. Sam Washington	Army
Bro. Renaldo Weekes	Army
Bro. Charlie Williams	Army

### **TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School Lesson for today November 11, 2018, is *Deception in the Family*, and the scripture is **Genesis 27:5-10, 18-19, 21-29**. Join us next Sunday when our lesson will be *Finding Strength*, Scripture is **Genesis 28:10-22**.

### **THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS DONATIONS**

Please bring toys, canned goods, and non-perishable food items to fill our Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes, so Antioch can help those less fortunate to experience the joyful holidays. The receptacles have been placed around the church to receive the donations.

### **ATTENTION ANTIOCH!**

The Care and Comfort Ministry is requesting your help with collecting gently used coats, jackets and sweaters for men, woman and children through Monday, December 3, 2018. All sizes are needed. Items can be dropped off at our Food and Clothing Bank, located at 466 Northside Drive, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A bin will also be available downstairs outside of Fellowship Hall for your donations. Your help and your support are greatly appreciated as we continue to serve our brothers and sisters in need. For more information, please contact the church office.

### **TERRY WEST BIBLE CLASS**

Members and friends are encouraged to join the Terry West Bible Class every Wednesday morning, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, in Room 3. Come share in the fellowship and study the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. We are currently studying the Book of Psalms. You are also invited to remain for the Noonday Worship Service.

### **WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY**

Weekly Prayer Meeting and Bible Study is held at the Church every Wednesday evening. Dinner is served at 5:00 p.m., and Bible classes begin at 6:15 p.m. These classes provide instructional and training opportunities to gain deeper insights into the teachings of Jesus Christ. At 7:00 p.m., Pastor Alexander will lead the Prayer Meeting and provide guidance and spiritual insights into meaningful ways in which we can strengthen our personal relationships with God.

### **DEBIT/CREDIT CARD READER**

For the convenience of members and friends, Antioch now offers a Debit Card Reader for giving your tithes & offerings. This service is available on Sundays after each service and is located just outside the door next to the elevator.

*Happy 64th Anniversary  
Rev. and Mrs. Alexander!*

## *Because Antioch Cares...*

**TELEPHONE HOPE LINE MINISTRY** offers prayer and confidential support. The phone number is 404-527-5790.

### **HUMAN SERVICES MINISTRY**

For the week ending November 3, 2018, 327 bags of food were distributed. A total of 14,978 pounds of food was distributed through the AUMI food bank.

### **CLOTHING BANK**

Twenty-seven (27) families received goods through the Clothing Bank.

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE INFORMATION**

Antioch members are asked to please update their membership profile information via Antioch's website at [www.antiochnorth.org](http://www.antiochnorth.org), or call the church office. If you have changed your name, address, home, work or cell telephone number(s), or email address, please submit your new information to the church office. You may also write it on your offering envelope and indicate "New" where it applies. If you are registered with online giving through ACCESS ACS, you may update your information there. You must have an email address on file in order to use ACCESS ACS. For help on how to update your profile, verify your records, retrieve your envelope number, or how to use Access ACS, contact Sis. Gwen Johnson or Dea. Benny Williams in the church office at 404.688.5679.

### **BAPTISM & RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP**

Baptism and the Right Hand of Fellowship will be observed on Sunday, December 9, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Candidates for Baptism and persons receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship are asked to report to rooms 11 and 12 for instructions. All added members who have not completed their orientation classes are asked to attend the classes after the 7:45 a.m. service each Sunday in the Sanctuary between November 18, and December 2nd. For more information, please contact Sis. Gwen Johnson in the Church office at 404.527.5784.

### **BABY DEDICATIONS**

Baby Dedications are scheduled on the 4th Sunday of each month during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. The dedications are for infants from birth to six months of age. To schedule a date, please telephone Sister Lenora Williams in the church office at 404-527-5144.

### **ORIENTATION CLASSES!**

Orientation Classes! Members who joined Antioch in the past several months and have not completed the required orientation are asked to attend classes on Sundays after the 7:45 a.m. worship service in the rear of the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact Sis. Gwen Johnson in the church office at 404-688-5679.

## **141st Anniversary Committee**

Rev. Lester Duncan  
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Bro. Russell Labitue  
Sis. Doris Labitue  
Sis. Chelsi Lester  
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Bro. Tommy Jennings  
Sis. Karyl Clayton  
Sis. Homerzelle Gentry  
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**Program Layout**  
Bro. Reggie Tolbert

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**Friday, November 30, 2018**

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# Care & Comfort Ministry Sick & Shut-In List

## Members in Hospitals

Bro. William Walton, Grady Hospital, Atlanta, Rm. 11B-23

## Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Bro. Daniel Michael Adams – Nursecare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 526

Sis. Robertine Bryant – PruittHealth of Decatur, Decatur, Rm. 216

Sis. Miriam Crawford – Bonterra Nursing Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. 126

Sis. Dora Dallas – Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. D-23

Sis. Ruth Dallas – Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. A-10

Mother Annie Harris – Douglasville Nursing & Rehab Ctr, Douglasville, Rm. 222

Mother Bettye Harris – Nursecare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 205

Mother Mary Hood – Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. B-408

Bro. Fred Jones, Jr – A. G. Rhodes Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Taylor Wing, Rm. G

Bro. Noah Respress – Virginia Gardens Assisted Living, Fort Valley, Rm. 7094

Bro. Dallas Tucker – Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. C-19

## Members Convalescing at Home

Sis. Barbara J. Alexander

Sis. Zeporia Alexander

Sis. Evelyn Battle

Bro. Pleas Sonny Berry

Mother Emma Broomes

Sis. Jackie Brown

Bro. Lewis Brown

Bro. Henry Claybrook

Mother Myrtle Dansby

Sis. Doris Dennis

Sis. Catherine George

Sis. Minnie George

Bro. Randall Griffin

Sis. Debra Hodge

Sis. Pearla Holmes

Bro. Roy Houston

Sis. Elizabeth Johnson

Mother Gwendolyn Johnson

Sis. Denise Jones

Bro. Rufus Kelly

Sis. Lashia Levins

Bro. Phillip Lyde

Sis. Sylvia McClain

Sis. Cynthia Price

Sis. Sharonda Price

Bro. Richard Raglin

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Sis. Marian Russell

Bro. Fred Samuels, Jr.

Sis. Candace Scott

Sis. Rebecca Thedford

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*Beloved, I wish above all things that  
thou mayest prosper and be in health,  
even as thy soul prospereth.*

3 John 1:2

