



47th PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

“God’s Messenger...Proclaiming the Word of the Lord”

Romans 10:14

August 7, 2016 • 10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Antioch Baptist Church North

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

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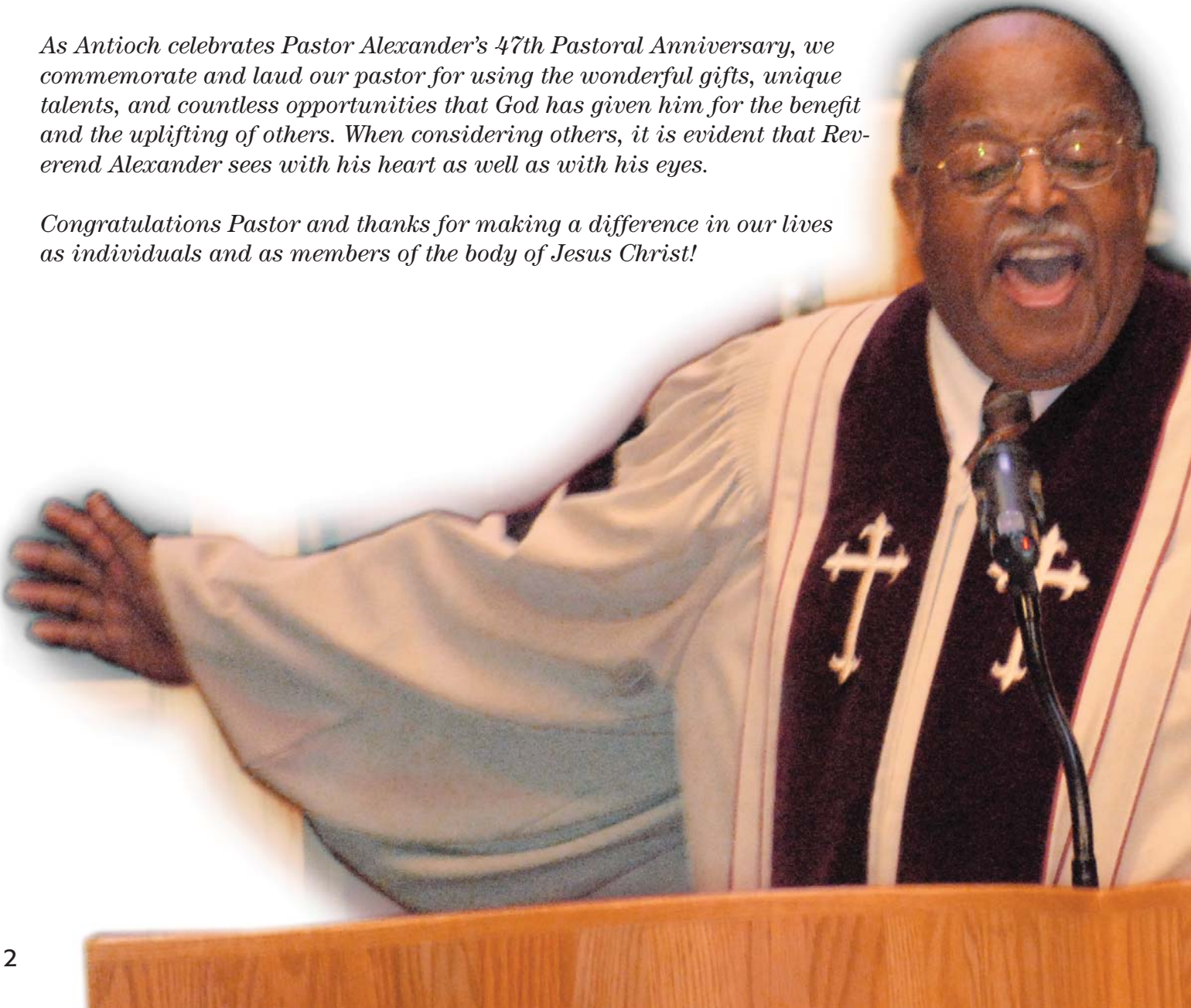
The Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander is an Atlanta hero! For the past forty-seven years, he has been a man of relentless courage...a fearless fighter... in addressing the holistic needs of so many of our city's disenfranchised people who are too often counted among the least, the less, and the lost.

Unlike most modern heroes idolized because of position and status, Reverend Alexander is revered for his extraordinary courage, leadership and commitment in responding to the needs and to the sufferings of God's people, regardless of their status or position.

As a nurturing pastor and charitable community leader, Rev. Alexander has a tender heart when responding to crises impacting our city or struggles that impact our city's people. Throughout his long and distinguished ministry at the Antioch Baptist Church North, Rev. Alexander has worked zealously to empower people and to heal the brokenness of society.

As Antioch celebrates Pastor Alexander's 47th Pastoral Anniversary, we commemorate and laud our pastor for using the wonderful gifts, unique talents, and countless opportunities that God has given him for the benefit and the uplifting of others. When considering others, it is evident that Reverend Alexander sees with his heart as well as with his eyes.

Congratulations Pastor and thanks for making a difference in our lives as individuals and as members of the body of Jesus Christ!



A Message from the Pastor

My Brothers and Sisters:

My Forty-seven years as pastor of Antioch has been a “foretaste of glory divine.” Like Peter, James and John on the Mount of Transfiguration, my years with this great cloud of witnesses has given me the opportunity to see the glory of God’s Kingdom here on earth.

One of the most momentous occasions in the history of our nation occurred in the summer of 1969, the year the Lord called me to pastor Antioch—Apollo 11 had landed on the moon, and Neil Armstrong stepped out onto the moon’s surface proclaiming, “one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind.” The Lord landed me here at Antioch and told me to take a small step, a step of faith, and He would make the giant leaps. Throughout these Forty-seven years, this congregation of sincere, baptized believers has made many “giant leaps” following me as I have been guided by the Holy Spirit. I came to a church family that was spiritually well grounded in the Word through her previous pastors, so as your undershepherd, I have had fertile soil in which to plant the Word. I pray that the seeds of sermons and Bible studies have taken root, so that as God continues to shower His blessings upon us, we will continue to grow in grace and love spreading beauty and light throughout this community, the city, and beyond.

Your generosity throughout the years has overwhelmed me. Although Mrs. Alexander is unable to join us physically, she is with us spiritually. Mrs. “A” knows when I leave the house and return whether I have been at our beloved Antioch, for she glows from the inside when I talk about you. More than that, Antioch shows up for her—and for our entire family—through many acts of love and kindness.

I thank the Anniversary Committee and everyone who helped in any way to make this a grand celebration of our pastorate. The food, fun, and fellowship doesn’t get any better than what we shared at The Pastor’s Barbeque and the Night of Fun and Fellowship. Who knew such a range of creativity could show up in the table decorations; they were all unique in their representation of the various ministries here at Antioch.

My heart is especially warmed today as we welcome one of our daughters of Antioch, Dr. Margaret O. Weaver, to bring the message at my Forty-seventh Pastoral Anniversary Worship Service. Margaret is a spirit-filled Woman of God with a unique gift of presenting God’s message and a genuine heart of love for all people.

As we join our Antioch family in one service, let us move forward as one, appreciating our past as we envision an extraordinary future in serving God’s people as...*“God’s Messengers...Proclaiming the Word of the Lord!”*

Yours in God’s service,



Reverend Cameron M. Alexander

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WORSHIP SERVICE

I like the silent church before the service begins.
By Emerson

The Call to Worship

The Devotion.....Deacons' Ministry

The Special Anniversary Processional.....Pastor and Family, Ministers, Special Guests,
Choir, Dancers, and Pastoral Anniversary Committee

The Morning Hymn, #411.....Lift Him Up.....Congregation

The Pastoral Tribute From the Music Ministry

Antioch Choir, Vessels of Praise Dance Ministry

Adult Hand Bell Choir and Teen Dance Ministry

The Occasion.....BWT Verse Speakers

The Announcements & Recognition of Visitors

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 thanksgiv-
ing, 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 DOXOLOGY.....Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Special Tribute.....Youth Ministry, Bro. Colby Morton

Tribute to Sister Barbara J. Alexander.....Womanhood Ministry, LLC

Instrumental Tribute.....The Band of Antioch

Parade of Gifts.....
Deacon's Ministry
Mother's Ministry
Auxiliary/Ministry Leaders
Sons of Antioch

The Offertory Prayer

O God, our Father, we gather this morning to thank you for sending to our congregation a strong and compassionate pastor, the Reverend Cameron M. Alexander. We ask, O Lord, that you will forgive our indifference and neglect and make us responsive to thy call to serve. Help us, Lord Jesus, to remember your blessings to us as we share them cheerfully for the building of your Kingdom on earth. It's in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we ask it all. Amen.

The Tithes & Offerings.....Deacons & Ushers' Ministries
Introduction of the Speaker.....Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander
Co-Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church North
The Sermon Hymn.....*Amazing Grace*.....Congregation
The Anniversary Message.....**Dr. Margaret Weaver**
Doctor of Psychology & Director of the Evangelistic Task Force - ABCN

The Invitation to Discipleship

The Late Tithes and Offerings.....Deacons' and Ushers' Ministries

(Please refrain from walking during the Invitation to Discipleship)

'Til We Meet Again



Our Anniversary Speaker

Dr. Margaret Weaver

Dr. Weaver has been a member of Antioch Baptist Church North for over 32 years. During that time, she has served on several committees, played for the choirs, chaired church anniversaries, spearheaded several church-wide retreats, and been the guest speaker at several Antioch events. Dr. Weaver currently serves as the Director of the Evangelistic Task Force, a program designed to train Christians to become more effective witnesses. She provides ETF training classes for the membership twice a year. An excellent and inspirational speaker, Dr. Weaver continues to serve as the workshop, retreat, and conference speaker for churches and various religious groups.

Dr. Weaver has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; a Masters of Arts in Psychology, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA; conducted her Clinical Internship at Pine Rest Christian Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and has obtained a PhD in Counseling Psychology, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.

Currently, she is a licensed psychologist in private practice at Keystone Counseling Center, a Christian counseling center. She has supervised and taught in a joint graduate counseling program offered by Georgia State University and the Psychological Studies Institute in Atlanta, GA. She has been a part time instructor at Atlanta University and Clayton State.

She is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Dr. Weaver is the daughter of the late Rev. George Weaver and Mrs. Mae Weaver. Rev. Weaver was the pastor emeritus of the New Mount Olive Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Mrs. Mae Weaver is a retired teacher who now resides in Jonesboro, Georgia.



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Dear Pastor Alexander:

You preach so many times. You have been a great pastor. You are so good at it.

Love, Blake Kirkland, 5 years old, 1st grade @ Lewis Elementary

Dear Pastor Alexander:

You are a great pastor. Thank you for being our pastor. You have been doing awesome the 47 years you have been at Antioch Baptist Church North. Keep on going!

Love, Logan Kirkland, 8 years old, 3rd grade @ Lewis Elementary

To My Pastor:

"Happy Anniversary, Pastor Alexander. Thank you for being a leader for us kids. I like it when you say special prayers for us at the altar and tell us stories about what it was like in the olden days when you were a boy. It's too bad that you did not have technology. I am grateful for the youth activities, especially the game truck and trips."

Eli V. Washington, Future Engineer, 10 years old, Bryant Elementary School

Dear Reverend Alexander:

There are so many things that I love and appreciate about you. You have dedicated yourself to the Lord and have made it your mission to spread his Word and touch the lives of many people, especially young people like me. My family has felt welcomed since the moment we joined Antioch. From visiting my father at the hospital after his fatal accident to being among the many who laughed and smiled when I had a little attitude before doing my Easter speech because my dress was accidentally ripped by a boy named Adam.

Your compassion for others and your desire to help those in need and through services provided by Antioch Urban Ministries Inc. are truly inspiring. But the most amazing thing of all is the way you connect to every member of the church, no matter man or woman or child. Your sense of humor, words of wisdom, and eloquent sermons continually encourage and strengthen me and make me able to help others as you have helped the community nearby.

You don't just minister the Word, you truly live by it. Even though I am away from home for a majority of the year, I am always empowered by your words through my mother and grandmother. I want to thank you for all that you do for me, the congregation and the surrounding community to ensure that we live good lives through a strong connection with the Lord and love for you as our pastor.

Jillian Carroll, age 16 attending Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, MA

To My Pastor:

Rev. Alexander you are a great role model to me and my sister. You are one of the greatest men in my life. You have known me all of my life and have always showed love for me. I wish you a great "47th" Pastor's Anniversary and many more to come.

James Tartena Rencher

Tribute to my Pastor:

I really appreciate that Rev. Alexander has made the youth of the church a priority. He makes sure that we always have activities that we can be involved in, such as Congress of Christian Education, MADD for Christ Choir, the Youth Achievement Banquet and social activities at the 590 building. These are just a few of the things that Rev. Alexander has put in place for us, but it really shows that he cares about us and all aspects of our lives.

David Wilson, age 14

Tribute to my Pastor:

From the time that I can remember, Rev. Alexander has shown the youth that we are important and that he wants the best for us. There are so many different things that the youth can be involved with, so there is something for everyone. I especially enjoy when Rev. Alexander has events where he spends time directly with us, getting to know us and allowing us to get to know him. A couple of years ago I was asked to give a short speech about what Reverend Alexander means to me. I said that I see him having a very close relationship with God and that I can follow him and know that I am being led to God. Years later, I still feel that way.

Rodney Wilson II, age 18

Our Leader for 47 Years

The Leadership Legacy of Dr. Cameron Alexander at the Antioch Baptist Church North
By Brother Barney Simms

As a Church Family, we have been blessed for the past forty-seven years to have as our beloved pastor, the Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander. His long and lasting legacy of Christian Service to our congregation and to the greater Atlanta community has been both magnificent because of his many accomplishments and awe-inspiring because of his tireless efforts to bring new converts to Christ. Today all of Antioch is extremely overjoyed to commemorate this historic milestone and also the 61st Anniversary of his preaching ministry.



During the late spring of 1969, the Antioch Congregation was ending an extensive pastoral search and had focused on five final candidates from which to select a pastor to fill the vacant Antioch pulpit. The young Reverend Alexander was invited as a “guest preacher” that Sunday Morning so none of the final candidates would have an edge on the voting process to be held the following Monday evening. His first sermon at Antioch was entitled “There is a Man in Town!”

In retrospect, no one knew then that God in His infinite wisdom had already chosen and brought “the man” to town to fill the void in His pulpit at Antioch. After forty-seven remarkable years of servant leadership, the “man” is still in town...still preaching the Gospel, baptizing new converts, marrying couples, dedicating babies, celebrating home goings, and caring for “the least of these,” while developing and mentoring ministers, church leaders, and feeding God’s flock.

Always following the lead of the Holy Spirit, Pastor Alexander has led our congregation on an incredible spiritual journey during the past forty-seven years. That journey thus far has been astounding in its spiritual rewards, extremely beneficial to the causes of Jesus Christ, and to the building of God’s kingdom on earth.

Pastor Alexander’s servant leadership, steeped in strong traditional Baptist values that are Bible-Based, Christ-Centered, Holy-Spirit Led and Mission Bound, has had a profound impact upon the growth and the vitality of our congregation. Born in Atlanta, the son of an “old-fashioned” preacher, Pastor Alexander was educated in the Atlanta Public Schools; graduating from Booker T. Washington High School. He attended Florida A & M University and graduated from Morehouse College where he earned his baccalaureate degree and the Morehouse School of Religion where he earned his Masters of Divinity Degree. When he accepted the Call to Antioch in 1969, he was well prepared for the myriad of difficult challenges that he would face at a church of historical significance faced with a decline in membership.

Even as a young minister, Pastor Alexander knew if Antioch was to be restored into a healthy, strong church, he had to spend time retooling and strengthening its foundation; clarifying in the minds of everyone involved—deacons, trustees, lay leaders and members—exactly why the Church exists! The healing power that our congregation gained from Pastor Alexander’s teachings and preaching during his first five years of leadership were phenomenal. It united us in purpose and prepared us for the most ambitious growth and building programs in our church’s 138 year history.

Pastor Alexander's impact at Antioch was felt immediately upon his arrival! He wasted little time in reuniting the Church's dwindling membership; fostering morale, instituting numerous innovative and varied programs to enlist the entire congregation in Christian works appropriate to interests and specializations. During the early 1970's, he provided leadership for the congregation to amass parcel after parcel of land surrounding the church building for future growth and to accommodate the vision for his exemplary outreach ministry that would holistically address the needs of the congregation and surrounding Fifth Ward Community.

In 1986, when he believed the congregation was ready to build a new worship center, Pastor Alexander commissioned a demographic study which recommended the relocation of Antioch to a more suburban community away from the challenges of the inner city. The study underscored facts that the majority of the membership, which had grown from less than 500 that were here when he arrived to more than 6,000, now resided away from Atlanta's urban core. However, Pastor Alexander decided then that for Antioch to be effective, the Church had to be near the people in need of help and not down some shady tree-lined suburban lane.

To the chagrin of the demographers, Pastor Alexander accelerated his building plans by acquiring 42 additional parcels of land, demolished the existing houses on the properties, and led the congregation in building Antioch's current multi-million dollar worship center and adjoining administrative wing at its same location at 540 Kennedy Street (now named Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard), the very location that the demographers had deemed economically depressed. The new worship center was dedicated in 1990, twenty years after the promise that he made to the congregation shortly after his arrival as pastor. He had made believers of those who were his naysayers.

Pastor Alexander understood clearly that the city and community knew Antioch as "a rock in a weary land" and as a catalyst for change. Since Antioch believed in the intrinsic value and future vitality of its neighborhood location, other viable corporate entities have been built in the area including the Georgia Dome, the enlargement of the Georgia World Congress Center, and the international headquarters for The Coca-Cola Company. Additionally, Antioch has partnered with the Atlanta Development Authority to develop the Northyards Business Park. The City's leadership has since thanked Pastor Alexander for spurring redevelopment in what is often called a depressed area so close to downtown Atlanta.

Under God's direction, Pastor Alexander has been blessed to grow Antioch into a wonderful example of a strong Church that stands as a beacon of hope and an anchor in its community. His ministry combines the trained eye of the academician, the imagination and resourcefulness of the missionary, and the empathetic understanding of the loving pastor. His pulpit style has been described as captivating! Our pastor has both the power and gift of persuasion. The Atlanta Tribune Magazine has described his theology as a "possible collaboration between Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X, from a fusion of their respective emphasis on divine love and divine justice."

Since the early days of his ministry at Antioch, Pastor Alexander has been serious about healing what he calls "the broken society." His compassion for the poor and overlooked has been chronicled and praised in local and national publications. He has been fearless in his efforts to serve those who are all too often counted among the least, the less, and the lost.

In 1991, Pastor Alexander provided visionary leadership for Antioch to acquire the 12-story Walton Hotel in downtown Atlanta for one million dollars and transformed it into apartments for the working homeless. Originally called the Walton House, it has since been renamed the Madison House as a tribute to Pastor Alexander's works for the poor and the disenfranchised. Also in 1991, Pastor Alexander established his nationally acclaimed Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. as the cornerstone of his outreach ministry. A non-profit, charitable organization inspired by the six ministries in the Book of

Matthew, AUMI has provided housing and a variety of supportive services for recovering addicts, and persons with AIDS or who are HIV positive and persons with noninfectious tuberculosis.

Committed to the revitalization of the English Avenue Community where the Antioch congregation has worshipped for the past 138 years, Pastor Alexander established the Bethursday Development Corporation in 1994 as a community development extension of the Antioch Baptist Church North. This non-profit, named to commemorate the Bethursday Prayer Band that was founded by eight former slaves that evolved into our beloved Antioch Baptist Church, has become a major stakeholder and real estate developer in the English Avenue community. The corporation provided leadership in the building of the Gateway Apartment complex, 261 affordable units which features fantastic views of downtown Atlanta, an Olympic size swimming pool, fitness center, and a business center with a 400 car parking deck. Other Bethursday developments and partnerships addressing the affordable housing shortage are scattered across the city.

In 1997, Pastor Alexander led the congregation in purchasing the Selig business plaza (located on Northside Drive adjacent to the worship center) to house the offices and administrative staff for AUMI, the Bethursday Corporation and the Church's Human Services Department.

In 1999, Pastor Alexander encouraged the congregation to purchase surrounding property and a multi-purpose building at 590 North Avenue. Known to the congregation as "the 590," the building hosts a variety of events and is used most frequently for youth activities.

In 2001, Pastor Alexander provided leadership for Antioch's purchase of an additional eleven "prized" acres of land located between Simpson and Kennedy Streets. The purchase was considered a prize inasmuch as several major developers wanted the property. Also, four additional adjacent acres were purchased from the CSX Railroad. These additional acres have expanded the immediate Antioch campus holdings into 38 valuable downtown acres that will support future church growth and prevent the Church from becoming land-locked in the community where the Church has called home for 138 years.

While many congregations, especially those that are as old as Antioch, often split and reorganize for a variety of reasons, under Pastor Alexander's leadership, Antioch has successfully established nine missions, two of which have become strong, thriving congregational churches. These new congregations serve as living testimonies that Pastor Alexander's commitment to the spread of the Gospel and God's teachings are important to him as a person and especially to him as a minister.

Pastor Alexander has become one of the nation's best known Pastors—a pastor's pastor. He is a former Vice President of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and is the President Emeritus of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. where he served as the body's illustrious president for 29 years. During his long and distinguished legacy of leadership with the GMBC, he served as Host and the General Chairman for the 1985, 1992 and 2005 National Baptist Conventions that were held in Atlanta. In 1994, he served as the Co-Chair for the Reverend Billy Graham's Atlanta Crusade. Also in 1994, Pastor Alexander was a key player and major sponsor in bringing former South African President Nelson Mandela to Atlanta, his first American visit following his release and long ordeal from a South African prison. As his official host, Antioch honored Mandela with a special luncheon in fellowship hall with a guest list that included national and international dignitaries from all walks of life from around the world.

Pastor Alexander played a key role in working with the campaign to elect Atlanta's first African American Mayor, the Honorable Maynard Jackson, who appointed him to serve as the Chairman of the Atlanta Religious Mobilization Against Crime in 1978. Pastor Alexander has served as President of the Operation PUSH, now know as Rainbow Coalition in Geor-

gia, and President and treasurer, respectively, of the Morehouse School of Religion and a trustee of the Morehouse School of Medicine. To celebrate the advent of the new millennium, Pastor Alexander implemented the Community of Faith March through downtown Atlanta (1999) which brought together diverse religious communities.

In recognition of his illustrious ministerial career, Pastor Alexander has been awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity Degrees from the United Theological Seminary (1978), the Interdenominational Theological Center (1991), and from the Carver Bible College (2007). In 2000, his alma mater, Morehouse College, honored him with its prestigious Bennie Award, the highest recognition that the College gives to its most distinguished alumni. His portrait hangs in the Hall of Great Preachers in the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel on the Morehouse College campus. On July 22, 2008, the Atlanta Business League inducted Pastor Alexander into its Legends Hall of Fame. The distinguished honor recognized the significance of Reverend Alexander's influence, good deeds and trailblazing impact on Atlanta's vitality as a great city.



During 2009 a variety of well deserved major recognitions were given to Pastor Alexander as further testament to his influence on the quality of life for citizens in Atlanta and all across Georgia and the nation. In January 2010, he was inducted onto the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame. In February 2010, the Georgia General Assembly honored him with a Resolution. In March 2010, two of his sermons were placed in the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

In April 2010, a documentary on Pastor Alexander's "Spiritual Journey" was profiled by the Atlanta Interfaith Broadcast. In July 2010, our own Brother Hank Stewart honored Pastor Alexander during his Eighth Annual White Linen Affair. In September 2010, he was inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame. In December 2010, the Atlanta City Council approved the re-naming of Kennedy Street to Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard to recognize Pastor Alexander's historical legacy of leadership within the city. Most recently, he was appointed to the Global Advisory Board for the National Center of Civil and Human Rights. As in years past, presidents, governors, senators, mayors and other elected officials continue to seek his counsel and wisdom regularly.



Looking back on his forty-seven years of servant leadership at Antioch, Pastor Alexander says he is proud of the loyal and consistent support that he has received from his family; especially his beloved wife of 62 years, Barbara (affectionately called "Mrs. A"), and their four children. And of course he dotes on his nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Pastor Alexander is keenly aware of the historical record of strong pastoral leadership that preceded him at Antioch. He is quick to give special recognition to all of the courageous pastors who preceded him as trailblazers upon whose shoulders he proudly stands. He is careful and always vigilant to give God the credit for the wonderful opportunity to serve as His under shepherd at Antioch; saying passionately, "It wasn't me. It was God working through me. God deserves the credit and To God be the glory!"



Tribute to Mrs. Barbara J. Alexander

Mrs. Barbara Jackson Alexander, wife of Antioch's illustrious pastor, is still impacting lives for the better. Pastor Alexander's face lights up when he talks about "**Honey**" as he dispenses well-founded marriage advice from the pulpit. After 62 years of marriage, when he tells women, "Don't let yourself go; put on some mascara and lipstick, so when your husband comes home, all he sees is you. The other day, I went home, and Barbara was looking all good, and I forgot everything I was supposed to do." He is still enamored of the woman who caught his eye as a majorette at Washington High School.



For forty-seven years during his Antioch pastorate and his 62 years of preaching, Mrs. "A", as she is affectionately called, has co-labored with her husband as they have walked out Isaiah 61. She has sought to "bind up the brokenhearted" by reaching out to all of the AUMI ministries, especially Ruth's Place, giving unto them "beauty for ashes." The Minister's Wives, whom she has nurtured with practical advice undergirded with the Word of God, have continued the mantle of service assisting in the Food and Clothing Bank and reaching out to the men of Luke's Place. Most importantly, they have learned by example to love their husbands, nurture their children, "and provide a well-ordered home that is a place of refuge and peace."

Always well dressed, Mrs. Alexander's first article of clothing is "the garment of praise." Her praise has always been active, certainly singing the songs of Zion and saying "Amen" to the truths that her husband preached, but more than that living out her faith and thankfulness to an Almighty God. The Barbara J. Alexander Women's Transformation Conference and other events and activities developed out of the Women's Ministry, is a testament to Mrs. "A" as women's lives are daily transformed. More than an advisor, Mrs. Alexander has inspired, enlightened, empowered, and motivated women to be their best selves. Through the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit, Mrs. "A" has drawn out of women more than they knew they had in them. No one could say "No" when the slow, southern drawl stating, "You're going to handle that," tapped someone. Through her keen insight and gentle guidance, she has developed leaders and extracted gifts and talents that women she has touched did not know they had.

There are so many people, organizations, and ministries that Mrs. Alexander has touched, such as the Antioch Christian Entrepreneurs, which has benefited from her years of experience as a prominent businesswoman and owner of the acclaimed Barbara J. Alexander Realty Company, Inc., that the list could fill many pages. In everything, she has set a pattern of excellence, engaging in every endeavor "heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."

It is with hearts full of gratitude that we honor our Leading Lady—a stellar example of a servant of God, simultaneously humble and noble, distinguished yet commonplace, renowned yet down-to-earth. Her children and grandchildren "arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her," Antioch's exemplar, the "quintessence of femininity."

T H E P A S T O R A T E

*by the late Rev. Levi Terrill**

Roman 10:15 states: “And how shall they preach, except they be sent?” as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” This lyrical scripture states eloquently the mode of transportation of the early preachers. Our pastor, cut from the same mold, has served the pastorate well by bringing the good news to us in our sick rooms, during our lonely hours, during moments of despair, and during our times of confusion.

In Psalms 66:9, God is praised for not suffering our feet to be moved. Those who occupy the pastorate must forever be “steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” Reverend Alexander has stood in the gap for forty-seven years resisting the wiles of the devil while teaching us to be strong in the Lord. His feet have not moved.

Isaiah 52:7 states: “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth!”

The man who sits in the seat of the pastorate must always bring the good news and keep the peace and lead the way to heaven. Our pastor has certainly done that! Reverend Alexander’s forty-seven years at Antioch North have been years of peace, joy, prosperity, and obedience for those who dwell herein. His sounding of the good news has pointed the way to salvation for thousands. Our pastor has kept his “feet” shrouded with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

The Pastorate requires strong feet, for the shepherd must lead the flock on the long journey. May the feet of this occupant of Antioch’s Pastorate remain strong, steady, straight, and solid. As his strong voice continues to proclaim God’s Eternal Truth, may his feet forever remain in the “paths of righteousness.”

From today’s vantage point, it is extremely difficult to imagine where our beloved Antioch would be if it had not been for the Lord sending one of His best under shepherds to our pulpit at a time when we needed him most. Just like a tree planted by rivers of water, Reverend Alexander has nurtured within the hearts and souls of the Antioch congregational family a strong belief and persistence that everything having to do with “Church” must be Bible-based, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led and Mission-bound. Having abided by that basic principle, today, Antioch stands tall as a place of refuge, a stalwart and an uncompromising beacon of hope that sheds a true light of promise in Atlanta at the corner of Northside Drive and Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard.



Rev. and Mrs. Cameron M. Alexander



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August 7, 2016

To: Pastor C.M. Alexander

GREETINGS:

It is a pleasure to join with the congregation of Antioch Baptist Church North in extending best wishes as you celebrate 47 years in the ministry. On behalf of the State of Georgia, I thank you for your shining example and public outreach.

You have influenced the lives of many through your witness, and I respect and appreciate the qualities you have demonstrated. I am confident that the same enthusiasm and dedication that have characterized your ministry thus far will continue to mark your future service.

May you be blessed with much joy and happiness in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Deal".

Nathan Deal

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MAYOR



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Greetings:

As Mayor of the City of Atlanta, I am pleased to congratulate Reverend Cameron M. Alexander and the entire congregation of Antioch Baptist Church North, as you celebrate your *47th Pastoral Anniversary*.

The faith community symbolizes a tower of strength in our city. Your commitment to service and dedication helps others fortify the spiritual heritage of Atlanta. I want to thank Rev. Cameron M. Alexander and Antioch Baptist Church North for their unrelenting efforts.

As you mark your *47th Pastoral Anniversary*, remember that your generous contributions are never in vain because you symbolize shining examples for all to follow. While you work collectively to inspire the youth, the elders, and the communities around you, be encouraged and know that we appreciate your labor of love.

Galatians 6:9 states, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Reverend Cameron M. Alexander and Antioch Baptist Church North have sown the seeds of the Gospel and your congregation continues to reap the harvest of growth, stability and God's love.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I am proud to extend best wishes for an auspicious occasion.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kasim Reed



Rev. Dr. Kenneth B. Martin



August 7, 2016

Greetings, Reverend Dr. Cameron M. Alexander,

What a joyous occasion! The General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. are so delighted to share in your celebration of forty-seven years of outstanding pastoral leadership at Antioch Baptist Church North, Atlanta, GA. Your commitment to God's people is evident by your powerful preaching, your teaching, your guidance and your vision for sixty-two years.

You are a Pastor who is compassionate, naturally caring, and impartial to all, which is truly a gift from God.

We appreciate the untiring work that you have done for the convention, and during this time, you have remained steadfast and dedicated encouraging us to reach higher heights.

Your teaching has helped all of us to realize that following the path of the world is not our option, but making a righteous path is our obligation, and making it so inviting that the world will turn to it is our goal.

It is our prayer that God will continue to bless you and cover you with His strength and love so you will continue to be a blessing to others.

Yours in God's service,

Kenneth Martin

Kenneth B. Martin, D.D.
President

The Alexander Family



9th Annual *OMA* Golf Classic

AUGUST 20, 2016

Stone Mountain Golf Club
1145 Stonewall Jackson Drive
Stone Mountain, GA 30383

Registration 8:00 a.m.
Instructions 8:45 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.
Shotgun Start 9:00 a.m.

Visit antiochnorth.org for more info.

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 July 30, 2016, 626 bags of food were distributed. A total of 9,107 pounds of food was distributed, and 139 meals were served to AUMI residents.

CLOTHING BANK

Forty-seven (47) families received goods through the Clothing Bank.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Ministry requests your presence at Sunday School. Today's lesson is **"We Can Conquer"** The scripture comes from **Romans 8: 28-39**. We have classes for every age group, so we look forward to seeing you in Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. today. All college students are encouraged to attend the College Student's class in room 4. The lesson for next Sunday will be **"To Know Self", Romans 9: 6-18**.

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 Burden's Rest. 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.



THE WOMANHOOD MINISTRY

The Womanhood Ministry of Antioch cordially invites you to attend the 2016 Sundress and Sandals Soiree. The event will be held on Friday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Brawner Event Hall located at 3180 Atlanta Road in Smyrna, GA. Women of Antioch, please make plans to wear your favorite Summer dress and sandals as we fellowship with one another. The donation for this event is only \$10.00, and you are encouraged to RSVP with your donation today after each service. We are planning a lovely evening for all and in an effort to do so, there will be advance ticket sales only.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

Weekly Prayer Meeting and Bible Study is held at the Church every Wednesday evening. For your convenience, dinner is served at 5pm 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 7pm, 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.

Care & Comfort Ministry *Sick & Shut-In List*

Members in Hospitals

Dea. Ronald Smith – Dekalb Medical North Decatur, Rm. 4232

Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Bro. Daniel Michael Adams – Westminster Commons, Atlanta, Rm.104

Sis. Alice Arline – Brightmoor Senior Living, Griffin, Rm. 310

Bro. Thirus Brinkley – ManorCare Rehab Ctr, Decatur, Rm. 149

Sis Robertine Bryant – UniHealth Post-Acute Care, Decatur, Rm. 216

Mother Mattie Chivers – Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Rm. 401

Mother Virginia Hall – Christian City Rehab Ctr, Union City, Rm 316-A

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

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

Sis. Billie Hartley – College Park Healthcare Center, Atlanta, Rm. 205-D

Mother Mary Hood – Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 406

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

Bro. Dallas Tucker – Sadie G. Mays Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. C-9

Sis. Lula West – Traditions Health and Rehab, Lithonia, Rm. G-11

Members Convalescing at Home

Sis. Barbara J. Alexander

Sis. Zeporia Alexander

Sis. Evelyn Battle

Mother Emma Broomes

Bro. Robert Brown

Sis. Margaret Buckholt

Dea. Nesby Cain

Bro. Henry Claybrook

Sis. Debra Cleveland

Sis. Miriam Crawford

Sis. Doris Dennis

Sis. Catherine George

Sis. Minnie George

Sis. Niaciene George

Bro. Randall Griffin

Bro. Melvin Harris

Sis. Pearla Holmes

Bro. Donald Hutson

Sis. Elizabeth Johnson

Bro. Rufus Kelly

Sis. Deborah Lowe

Bro. Phillip Lyde

Sis. Sylvia McClain

Mother Effie Nalls

Sis. Cynthia Price

Bro. Richard Raglin

Dea. Mark Roberts

Bro. Fred Samuels, Jr.

Sis. Candace Scott

Mother Rosa Smith

Sis. Lucille Spears

Sis. Regina Tyrene Stone

Mother Willie "Cookie" Tuggle

Sis. Vivian Walker

Sis. Mae Weaver

Sis. Annette Webb

Sis. Lillie Willis

Worship Service Coordinator

Bro. Rodney Thompson

Security Chiefs on duty

Bro. Larry Parks

Trustees on duty

Bro. John Daniels

Health Professionals on duty

Dr. Dorothy Wiggins

Videographer on duty

Bro. Michael Williams

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

3 John 1:2

