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Scholarship Sunday

## Educating Antioch's youth

More than 60 Antioch members were awarded scholarships last year totaling more than \$45,000.

Nineteen high school seniors and 44 college upperclassmen and graduate students received 2010 scholarships, Sis. Wendy Harding announced during services March 13, Scholarship Sunday.

"You are helping continue the hopeful legacy Antioch began in 1971," Sis. Harding told the congregation.

Since that time, she said, the Scholarship Ministry has awarded more than \$1.2 million for students' college expenses.

Despite the current economic downturn, Harding said that the Antioch has continued giving, evidence of its commitment

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*The Women's Culmination dancers*

## Women's culmination service

### 7:45am Service

Lisa Borders has a background in marketing, and so she knows the power of repeating a message in order for your audience to understand it and apply it in their lives.

Her message for the Antioch congregation for the women's division culmination 7:45 a.m. service lies in Luke 12:48.

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him much shall be required."

It was a message she heard first from her grandfather, the late Rev.

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### 11:00am Service

Ask most people about the Civil Rights Movement and they'll talk about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

King's sister said he knew better.

Dr. Christine King Farris told the Antioch congregation that her brother understood and frequently spoke about the help and sacrifices his wife, Coretta Scott King, made during that transformative period in American history.

"My wife was always stronger than I through the struggle," Dr. Farris quoted her brother.

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## A Message From The Pastor



My Brothers and Sisters,

Spring always reminds me of the great privilege and grand gift that God gives to each of us: **Life**. God provides for us in such a beautiful world... a world filled with excitement and variety. I pray that you thank Him often, just as I do, for His generous gift of life as you enjoy the wonders and majesty of His world; especially during spring, a season of rebirth and renewal.

After all that the Lord has done for us as individuals and as a Church Family, we should want to honor Him by dedicating our lives to the building of His kingdom on earth. If we dedicate our lives to Him, we would welcome every opportunity possible to demonstrate our continued Stewardship for that which He has entrusted unto us.

Just as we have learned to trust God to supply all of our needs, can He trust us to give back as good stewards for what he has given to us? As pastor, I want to encourage every member of Antioch to become disciplined and obedient to God's instructions on giving and specifically biblical stewardship as is recorded in Malachi 3. As a consistent, cheerful tither and giver, we demonstrate our thankfulness to God for His goodness in our lives.

This wonderful edition of our popular newsletter, *The Church at Antioch*, covers many of the exciting events that galvanized our Congregational Family around **Vision 2011** during the first quarter of this year. Led by our Women's Division under the skilled leadership of Sister Barbara J. Alexander, the activities of the quarter certainly served to strengthen our resolve to be good "stewards" of that which God has entrusted unto us.

I certainly hope you enjoy reading the newsletter. It captures in a great way some of the fun and fellowship that our Church Family enjoyed during January, February, and March. There are also some very interesting highlights on some of our members who are making a difference in their communities and on our church campus. I am very proud of the quality of this publication. The editor, Sister Gracie Staples, and her team of volunteers do an incredible job.

Enjoy the simple joys of spring and other little things that the world has to offer. In so doing, your heart will be truly enlivened.

Yours in God's Service,

Rev. C. M. Alexander, Pastor

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to the education of her youth.

Twice a year, she said, the ministry awards scholarships first in May to high school seniors and then in the fall to the upper classmen.

Any Antioch member who is enrolled in an accredited college or university may apply.

Sis. Harding urged members to continue their giving, especially since requirements for the state Hope Scholarships have changed and will essentially weed out many African-American students.

"In spite of the bad news all hope is not gone," Sis. Harding said. "We must keep hope alive."

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Dea. & Sis. Milton & Jacque' Dodson

Rev. & Sis. Willie & Michelle Rockward

*Happy Anniversary!*

## New Members

### Baptism Candidates

Name	Birth Month
Nicole Herrin	Dec
Christian Colter	Nov
Samuel Hardin	May
Miracle Hardin	Dec.
Mariah Hardin	Dec

### Christian Experience

Name	Birth Month
Adrian Williams	Sept
Dorothy Hardin	Nov
Simeon Hardin	Dec

Source: Sis. Bonita Hammond

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William Holmes Borders. He was the former pastor of Wheat Street Baptist and best known for pushing the city of Atlanta to integrate its police force.

Borders learned early the importance of using your talents to help others. She encouraged Antioch to do the same, using the example of heralded women who have done the same.

“Each one of us has a gift,” Borders said from the pulpit. “You have to figure out what it is. Not just for you, but for all of us.”

Borders, proud to be 53, is one of the most influential women in the city, and is trying to exert her influence on issues important to her. The former Atlanta City Council president is now president of Grady Health Foundation, the fundraising arm of the only hospital many Atlantans can afford to get medical treatment.

She noted that Georgia has the fifth highest mortality rate for women and children in the nation, worse than some poverty-stricken Latin American nations.

“I can’t tolerate that, so that is why I work at Grady,” said Borders, dressed in all white, like most of the women at Antioch that Sunday.

Borders talked about several women who have used their talents to help others. Harriet Tubman, the abolitionist. Sandra Day O’Connor, the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court. Mae Jemison, the first black woman to travel in space. Shirley Franklin, Atlanta’s first female mayor.

Of these women and others, Borders said, “they did not tolerate injustices.”

Borders concluded her speech by sharing a story about her son, Garry. On three consecutive weeks, while a student at Georgia State University, Garry asked his mother for \$100. The first two weeks, she gave him the money. The third week, she wanted an explanation. Garry was using the money to help feed the homeless in Atlanta’s Woodruff Park. Borders told her son he should find a way to help the homeless through the system. Garry told her the system wasn’t working. He had a point, she concluded.

“We have been given much,” Borders said. “And much is required of us.”



*Sis. Lisa Borders*

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Dr. Farris talked about the role of women in the church and the world during the 11 a.m. women’s division culmination service. She noted how some accomplished women have been “written out of history” and others are held back by a glass ceiling that still hovers over much of America.

“I don’t see how America can compete,” said Dr. Farris, wearing a gleaming white hat with small sequins around it. “We have to be better, much better, if America is about equal opportunity.”

She cited some statistics to highlight the disparity.

- Women make up less than 17 percent of the members of Congress. (Georgia has no women in Congress.)
- Less than 3 percent of Fortune 500 chief executive officers are women.

Dr. Farris spoke of her desire to someday see a woman president of the United States.

“We’ll get it right,” she said of that female president, drawing knowing laughter and applause from many women in the congregation.

Dr. Farris has worked at Spelman College for more than 50 years, as an associate professor of education and director of school’s Learning Resources Center. A trustee at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. Farris also said Christian women must hold themselves to a higher standard. She said the theme of Antioch’s women’s division -- “Christian women – doing it God’s way” – presented a “resonant challenge” for the women at Antioch. She spoke of the mindset of Jesus “tough, but tender,” and encouraged women to be the same.

She appealed to men to be “outspoken champions of equality.”

“When women are treated fairly, the entire family prospers and does much better,” Dr. Farris said to much applause.

Pastor Cameron Alexander called Dr. Farris’ speech a history lesson for Antioch.

After some teasing of Dr. Farris, Rev. Alexander spoke of the contributions her family – the men and women of the King family – made during the Movement and continue to make.

“We will always be indebted to her family,” Pastor Alexander said.

The congregation gave her a standing ovation.



*Sis. King Farris*



## JANUARY



*Sister Barbara J. Alexander was honored by the Trumpet Awards Foundation as one of this area's phenomenal first ladies!*



## PASSION WEEK

**Sunday, April 17, 2011-Triumphal Entry**  
Palm Sunday - Giving of the Palms

**Sunday, April 17, 2011, 5pm**  
Spring Concert, Antioch Music Ministry

**Monday-Thursday - April 18 - April 24**  
A Time for Prayer-At the Cross  
Chapel Open for Prayer - 9am-6pm

**Monday, April 18, 2011**  
Fast & Pray for our Church and Pastor  
Noon Day Service - 12pm-Chapel  
Evening Service - 6pm Chapel

**Tuesday, April 19, 2011**  
Fast & Pray for Family Unity  
Noon Day Service-12pm-Chapel  
Evening Service - 6pm Chapel

**Wednesday, April, 20, 2011**  
Fast & Pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti  
Noon Day Service-12pm-Chapel  
Baptism/RHF - 7pm-Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 21, 2011**  
Fast & Pray for Spiritual Growth  
Noon Day Service-12pm-Chapel  
Communion - 6:30pm - Sanctuary

**Friday, April 22, 2011**  
Fast & Pray for the President, Peace, and the End of War  
Good Friday, 7 Last Words - 12noon-Sanctuary

**Saturday, April 23, 2011**  
Easter Rehearsal - 9am  
Street Corner Preaching - 11am (Meet at the church at 10:15am)  
Easter Egg Hunt - 12:00Noon, 590 Bldg

**Sunday, April 24, 2011-The Risen Savior**  
Easter Worship Services - 7:45 & 11am,  
Easter Speeches - 10am

## ANTIOCH FAMILY!

*Proud of the job you do or want to nominate your sister or brother in Christ to be featured in an upcoming issue of The Church At Antioch? E-mail your story idea to Sis. Gracie Staples at [gstaples@ajc.com](mailto:gstaples@ajc.com).*

# Antioch educators making a difference

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.” Author William Arthur Ward

That quote is but one way to express the powerful significance of the teaching profession.

Antioch Baptist Church North is blessed to have many extraordinary educators who have been “called” to educate the mind and soul. These educators are making a positive difference in the lives of students all over the Atlanta area.

Here we highlight the accomplishments of a few of them:

GERALD GRAY, a fifth grade teacher at Fickett Elementary in Atlanta Public Schools, has been



*Sis. Karol Cain*

a teacher for 15 years. He was recognized recently for being highly effective in the classroom, consistently leading his students to high math scores. Gray said he uses a reward system to encourage perfect attendance, participation in answering complex questions, and he provides afterschool tutoring. As a “drum enthusiast,” 10 years ago he established a “Mentoring through Drumming” club for fourth- and fifth-grade



*Bro. Gerald Gray*

boys. The club has successfully encouraged the young men to strive for excellence in academics and their personal lives.

KAROL CAIN, who has taught for four years, is a leader in and out of the classroom. She has been named a team lead and a first-year teacher mentor. Her creative teaching techniques have led to these leadership roles.

Cain believes it is critical



*Sis. Cheryl Twyman*

to develop a relationship with each student to show them you truly care.

Her methods of not rushing the curriculum and varying the instructional styles based on student performance data has most recently led to a higher passing rate for her students.

She currently teaches seventh grade science at Renaissance Middle School in Fulton County Schools.

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## The National Baptist Convention meets

The Mid-Winter Board Meeting of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., was held January 17–20 in Nashville, TN.

The business session is one of two held during the year and incorporates reports from the various auxiliaries, outreach into the local community, work-

shops, and worship.

In attendance from Antioch were Sisters Brenda Eason, Vice President at-Large of the Ushers’ and Nurses’ Auxiliary, and Karen S. McKinney, director of the region’s youth. Several pastoring sons of Antioch, including the Rev. Ronald Terry and Rev. Clarence

Moore, also attended the session.

McKinney is the facilitator for the upcoming Southeast Region Youth Conference to be held July 28-30 at New Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Macon, GA.

She attended a Music Workshop presented by

Dr. Eleanore Goodman, of Flint, MI, on Incorporating Hand Bells into the Worship Service. McKinney said she was surprised and proud to learn that Antioch was the only church in attendance that already had both Children’s and Adult Hand Bell Choirs.

## FEBRUARY

# Women's Transformation: *Put on the garment of praise*

Antioch's own Sis. Margaret Weaver was the featured speaker, and her message, "Put on the Garment of Praise" was the proverbial icing on the cake of the women's transformation.

In an illustrative message, Sis. Weaver challenged the women present to not be swayed by situations and conditions. She urged women to reject the message of Frank Sinatra's popular song, "My Way" and replace it with God's way, for, "As we look back over our lives, most of the trouble that we got into is a result of our making a decision, 'I'm going to do it my way.'" Elaborating upon

the theme, "Transformation: Do It God's Way," she explained that although God had formed her, Eve experienced a malformation as a result of sin, trying to do things her way. She then framed her message around the woman in Luke 13:10-13 who had "a malformation for 18 long years" explaining that "God's way is one of persistence," and this woman refused to give up.

When Jesus healed her, "she glorified God"; your transformation might be waiting on your glorifying God and giving God some praise for what He's done in your life." She then demonstrated Isaiah 61:3 which

says we are to put on "the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." Having a jacket draped over her shoulders, Sis. Weaver said, "Some of you think I have this garment on, but it is around me, not on me. It is not enough for praise to be going on around you; you have to praise God for yourself."

Putting her arm in one sleeve of the jacket Weaver said that was not yet enough, for "It is not enough to praise God on Sunday; you've got to praise God on Monday in all situations." Then with the jacket fully on, she showed how even when people criticized her way



*Dr. Margaret Weaver*

of praising or tried to take away her praise, she would not relinquish her praise.

Instead, Weaver said that she continue to praise God in season and out of season for He is worthy to be praised.

## GMBC meets in Macon

The Minister's Conference of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. was held from February 7-10 at the Marriott Macon City Hotel in Macon, GA.

Two out-of-state guest preachers, Dr. Ralph West of Texas and Dr. H.B. Charles of Florida expounded upon the theme "The Centrality of the Cross" in lectures, workshops, and sermons.

The featured speaker opening up the Conference was our own Pastor, Rev. Cameron Alexander. Many

of the sons of the church attended and indicated that they had gleaned a lot to enhance their own preaching and biblical study.

The Adjourned Session of the GMBC was held at Bryant Theological Seminary, the Convention's School in Fitzgerald, GA, February 21-23. Antioch members in attendance included Sis. Peggy Cooper, Dorcas F. Doward, Brenda Eason, and Karen S. McKinney; Rev. Clarence Moore, a son of Antioch, is the President. Those in attendance who completed

the last session of the mission classes offered by the Women's Department were awarded certificates. Other workshops for the various auxiliaries, a business period, and worship services filled out the program.

On March 11, the GMBC Congress Faculty and Staff met and the Vacation Bible School Workshop was held at Lizzie Chapel Baptist Church, which is pastored by the Rev. Ronald Toney, a son of Antioch. Several of our members, Dea. Clarence and Dr. Mary Hicks, Sis. Dorcas F. Doward, Ja-

net Hill, Karen S. McKinney and sons Rev. James Walker and Rev. Rodney Turner teach courses in the Congress, which will be held in Kingsland, GA, July 18-22.

Sis. Dorcas F. Doward has been appointed Director of the Children's Rally. Chairperson of Christian Education, Sis. Brigitte Hill attended the VBS Workshop during which materials from a variety of publishers and workshops geared toward teaching different ages and using arts and crafts are presented.



## Images from Pastor Alexander's birthday party



### New Antioch officers installed

Inclement weather halted the installation of officers on the date originally planned; however, on Saturday, February 5, officers of every ministry of Antioch gathered to both be inspired and to be installed.

After an inspiring devotion by the deacons and mothers and a hearty breakfast, the church staff reviewed standard operating procedures and the church calendar. Antioch's pastor, the Rev. Cam-

eron Alexander thanked previous officers and encouraged the new ones to learn from the experiences of those who came before them.

A good leader, he said, "reads the Word, prays daily and loves people."

A candle lighting ceremony in which each officer pledged his or her commitment capped off the session.

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Bro. & Sis. George & Mickey Austin
- Bro. & Sis. Charlie & Dianne Williams
- Bro. & Sis. Kevin & Teresa Landry
- Rev. & Sis. Scott & Loressa Copeland
- Bro. Sis. Arthur & Pamela Starks
- Bro. & Sis Ronnie & Phyllis West

*Happy Anniversary!*

# Men gather at Land of Promise for one-day retreat

There was a tornado warning in the area and a noise like thunder could be heard near the lake.

The noise, however, was the sound of more than 200 men. Antioch men, gathered in a large circle, calling out to their spiritual master.

“Lord!,” they yelled.

Pastor Cameron Alexander thought they could do better.

“Don’t be cute,” he told them.

“Lord!!,” the men screamed.

Pastor Alexander chose The Land of Promise for the retreat, in part, because of its history. The men were told that during the Civil War, Union Gen. William Sherman used the site as a haven to heal wounded soldiers. They were told the slaves once toiled here, and now it is owned by the descendants of former slaves.

Some men from Antioch had been

here before, to overcome drug addictions. They were there for a day-long retreat to ask God’s guidance for improving their lives.

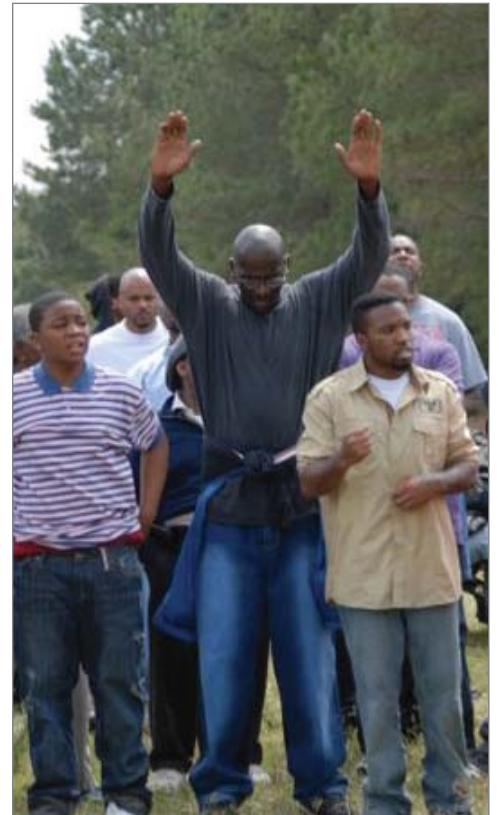
“We need to be better for our wives. We need to be better for our women. We need to be better for our children,” pastor told the men.

After the prayer and praise, the men chowed on spare ribs, barbeque chicken, hamburgers and fellowshiped. Some played cards, some sat around and talked, some explored the site, others played basketball and tossed horse shoes.

Then during the final hours, Pastor Alexander asked each man to find his own spot on the property to pray about what they needed from God.

“Did you get good news?” he asked when they gathered together again.

“Yes,” the men told him.





## MARCH

## Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander leads the Simpson Road Baptist Church revival

Rev. Kenneth Alexander served as revivalist March 17 and 18 at Simpson Road Baptist Church.

The two-day revival drew hundreds from across metro Atlanta, including many of the sons of Antioch and the Mothers' Board and the young pastor's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Cameron Madison Alexander.

In a setting reminiscent

of revival meetings of old, the congregation rose to its feet each night at the Rev. Alexander, presiding minister of the Lakewood Mission, completed his messages complete with practical advice for applying biblical wisdom.

He acknowledged his parents' presence on Friday and thanked them for their constant support.

"It is good to have my parents alive to see the change in me," the young Alexander said.

The Rev. Cameron Alexander, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church North, told those gathered: "I glory in seeing someone who looks like me up there preaching."

Simpson Road is pastured by the Rev. Charles Weems.



Rev. K. L. Alexander

## Antioch women tour Atlanta's African-American history

From the "Diamond Hill" to the stone streets of Auburn Avenue, the women of Antioch Baptist Church North recently got a chance to experience some of Atlanta's most historical landmarks.

The March 12 tour, attended by more than 100 women, traced the footsteps of some of the city's most prominent African-Americans and the homes, schools and neighborhoods they built.

We passed the Royal Peacock, Bethel Towers, Wheat Street Baptist Church, Haugabrook Funeral Home and the famous Fourth Ward. We gazed upon Ebenezer Bap-

tist Church, where slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., began his ministry and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was founded.

Some highlights from the tour included:

The home of Alonzo Herndon. Born into slavery, Herndon was the founder of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, one of the leading insurers in the American South. The old mansion is now a museum and National Historic Landmark.

Booker T. Washington High School, built in 1925, this was the first public high school for African-Americans in the City of

Atlanta. The school is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Vine City, home of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His oldest son M. L. King currently resides in the family home with his wife and young daughter.

Simpson Road, home of Joe's barbecue, the Rainbow Inn, Shrimp Boat and Echols Mortuary, owned by the late Ruby Echols, a long-time member of Antioch.

Big Bethel A.M.E. Church, founded in 1847, is the oldest predominantly African American congregation in metropolitan Atlanta, and was the first school for black children in Atlanta.

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Rev. & Sis. Eddie & Vivian Bright

Bro. & Sis. Derek & Karyl Clayton

Bro. & Sis. Ali & Kerri Danner

Dea. & Sis. Clarence & Mary Hicks

Dea. & Sis. Jerome & Virginia

Trimble

Bro. & Sis. Arthur & Pamela Starks

Bro. & Sis. Donald & Anita Farmer

Bro. & Sis. Preston & Shandra

Snowden

Bro. & Sis. Vernon & Laura Woods

Dea. & Sis. Johnny & Cathy Dudley

Bro. & Sis. Paul & Cora Graham

*Happy Anniversary!*

## Spotlight on Antioch Youth

*Antioch Baptist Church North is fortunate to have so many talented young men and women involved in church and school activities. This month we feature Corey Redwine and Kristofer Curtis who recently signed with colleges for the upcoming academic year.*



*Corey Redwine and his mother, Angela Redwine*



*Kristofer Curtis and his parents*

## Redwine signs with Tulane Green Wave

Corey Redwine, a senior at Creekside High School, is a member of the football team and a 2-star defensive tackle, as rated by scout.com.

During the recruiting process this past summer, he was invited to attend many college football camps including with the Auburn Tigers where he won Defensive MVP. He was selected to play in the Georgia High School All-Star football game last December in Columbus, representing the 4AAAA region. In

2009, he was selected 2nd team all-region 5AAAAA.

Corey recently accepted a full football scholarship to attend Tulane University in New Orleans. He made the decision after receiving offers from nine universities, including Vanderbilt University, Western Kentucky University, Indiana University-Bloomington, the University of Memphis, Troy University. He plans to major in Digital Media Production focusing on screen writing and plays.

## Kristofer Curtis signs with Syracuse Orange

Kristofer Curtis, a senior and three-year starter for the offensive line at Fayette County High school, has signed his national Letter of Intent to attend Syracuse University next year on a football scholarship.

Kristofer was named to the Region 3-AAAA 1st team and was a region 5-AAAA 2nd team player in 2009. He was also named to the Fayette Daily News 2010 pre-season super 12 & Fantastic 4. He also plays on the AAAA No. 4 ranked Tiger Basketball

team as a power forward/center.

“Kris has been the anchor on our offensive line for the last two years,” said Coach Tommy Webb. “Kris has worked extremely hard to get better each year and prepare himself for the next level. We are proud of his accomplishments.”

Kristofer is the son of Arnold and Denise Curtis. He plans to major in electrical engineering and continue to play football. His ultimate goal is to play for a NFL team.



## Antioch's rising star: Pianist Carlos Simon

It was one of those moments Sis. Wendolyn Harding isn't likely to ever forget.

As the Morehouse Glee Club performed the last chords of "Train's A 'Comin'" during its 100th anniversary celebration Feb. 20, the audience leapt to its feet.

"I was in awe," Sis. Harding remembered recently.

Morehouse was the place where she met her husband, the late William Harding, and the school her father attended.

But there was something else that made the moment special. That song, she said, had been

written and arranged by Antioch's young pianist, Bro. Carlos Simon., who was seated behind her.

When the applause finally ended, Sis. Harding said, the choir director was finally able to introduce Simon.

"He stood and they went into applause again," she said. "It was awesome. I could feel chills going down my spine."

A retired music teacher and director of Antioch's Anthem and Note Singer choirs, Harding said it is rare to see that level of talent in one so young.

Simons was a junior at Morehouse when he came to Antioch in 2007. He

graduated the following year, earning a degree in piano performance and music composition. In 2010, he earned his masters from Georgia State University.

Sis. Harding said that several of his pieces, including "Sanctus" have been performed by the National Church Music Conference Choir at Hampton University. In addition, he has arranged songs — "My Soul's Anchored in the Lord" and "Done Made My Vow" for Antioch Choirs.

Simon performs with a long list of artists, including Angie Stone, Raheem DeVaughn and Jaguar



Wright, and has toured throughout the U.S., in Japan, Europe, Nigeria and South Africa.

"He's an inspiration," said Sis. Harding. "I'm so proud of him."

## Antioch sports team on the move

The basketball season for Antioch's youth leagues may have ended, but the action is far from over.

The youth are participating in the city of Atlanta's track and field league. There's a planned bicycle ride at Stone Mountain during Spring Break. A tennis tournament is planned for the pastor's barbeque.

"You've got to stay healthy. You've got to be involved. There's nothing wrong with being a Christian and enjoying sports, too," said Bro. Fred

DeVaughn, who helps lead the Antioch sports ministry.

Indeed. Sports are growing at Antioch, as is fitness and the importance of better health. Bro. DeVaughn, a former professional basketball player, said he's noticed greater interest among Antioch's youth and their parents in living healthier lives.

The interest mirrors First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move!" health and fitness campaign. The first lady brought the message during a recent visit

to the Atlanta area.

As for how the children did on the court, each team played well and Antioch was a force in the playoffs. Antioch's most talented team, the 10-and-under squad, nearly went undefeated in the regular season. They lost their playoff game by one point.

"That was just a kicker," Bro. DeVaughn said.

The teams continued to play basketball in tournaments against an all-star team from South Carolina. There was also the Deacon William Harding basketball trophy game

between the youth against the deacon's ministry and minister's alliance.

The most important victory, Bro. DeVaughn said, was six young people came to Christ during the season. Others came to Antioch through Christian experience.

"It's always good to win (on the court)," Bro. DeVaughn said. "Our deal is we're winning souls."

\* Note: The Deacon William Harding trophy game and the contest with the kids from South Carolina were held in late March.

## *Continued from page 5 – Antioch educators making a difference*

CHERYL TWYMAN is principal at West Manor Elementary School, a 2009 Georgia School of Excellence.

A former classroom teacher, Twyman strongly believes that setting and communicating high expectations for students and faculty ensures a successful learning environment.

She encourages West Manor teachers to make learning fun and engaging and tries to give them the tools they need to inspire their students to excellence.

Giving a sincere compliment or a simple “thank you” is the best motivation of all, she said.

In addition to serving as a principal and teacher, Twyman has been a math coach, assistant principal and mentor teacher.

DEBRA, KEVIN, AND NIVEK ANDERSON make up a dynamic trio of family educators.

The Anderson siblings chose the same career path as their mother, Sis. Debra Anderson, who was the first in her family to attend college.

Advisor to the National Honor Society, she inspires her students to become leaders and to help others through a student-help-student tutoring program. Anderson doesn't just inspire



*Bro. Kevin, Sis. Debra and Sis. Nivek Anderson*

students to work, she works with them providing tutoring during and afterschool and helps students visualize themselves taking and successfully completing Advance Placement College courses such as Statistics and Calculus while in high school.

Anderson's proven abil-

ity to teach and lead, led to her promotion to Math Department Chair at Langston Hughes High School in Fulton County Schools.

Kevin, orchestra director at Greater Atlanta Christian Academy, and Nivek, orchestra coach and tutor, inspire students to achieve through music.

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