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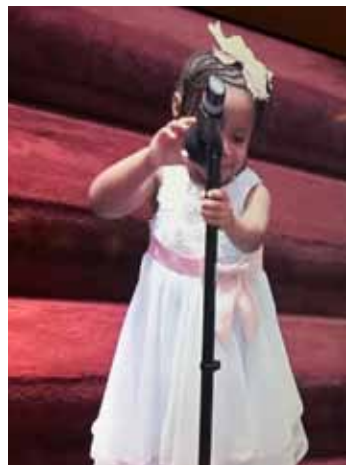


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*In keeping with the Easter tradition, dozens of Antioch youth offered speakers celebrating the day.*

## “I know who you’re looking for”

Every week, the gospel story takes center stage at Antioch Baptist Church North. Easter Sunday was no different.

Because it can’t be told in one setting, we keep coming back, the Rev. Kenneth Alexander said at the start of day’s sermon taken from Matthew 28:2-9.

Then beginning with the creation, the co-pastor walked the congregation down through 42 generations to the reason for the annual celebration – Jesus the Christ.

He took note of God’s last

creation, woman, and said that was best. He reminded us that Noah got drunk, proof, he said, that the flood didn’t wash all sin away; the story of Moses and the plaques, including the death angel that finally convinced pharaoh to let the children of Israel go.

“Any time we can go into a hotel or sit on a bus, we ought to pause and remember how far God has brought us,” Alexander said. “God sent the law to guide man back to Him, but it wouldn’t take long before man turned again.”

So God sent his only begot-

ten son. He was all God and all man, destined to shed his blood and pay our sin debt.

“We try to tell you about his death every week,” Alexander said.

Jesus was observing the Passover with his disciples. He knew his arrest was pending and the hand of his betrayer was with him on the table.

Jesus prayed that the cup pass but not his will but the father’s will be done.

Later, when he was taken before Pilate, no fault was found in him. Unable to rea-



*Rev. K. L. Alexander*

son with the people who wanted him crucified, Pilate washed his hands of the matter.

Hanging on the cross, Jesus asked forgiveness for those

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## A Message From The Pastor



Dear Antioch Family,

Every time I think the Antioch North family has reached the highest height, I am amazed when we go another round higher. The Barbara J. Alexander Women's Transformation Conference reached new heights under the leadership of Sisters Rene Baker, Lacreteria Gay, LaTanya Robinson and Johnnie Thomas and the entire team of women who labored to make it a success. I am still hearing from our Antioch sisters about how they are walking taller and more regal, like the queens they are as a result of the workshops, the keynote message, my daughter-in-law's heartfelt testimony, and the true fellowship of kindred minds. Thank you for once again honoring my wife and embodying her legacy of excellence.

Passion Week, the very core of our Christianity, fulfilled its name. Passion ruled as we prayed around the clock, brought people into the fold to journey to heaven with us through baptism and the right hand of fellowship, lit candles representative of how we let our lights shine during our Candlelight Communion, listened to seven dynamic sermons from seven impassioned sons and learned the true meaning of Easter through our youth play. As we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday morning, we experienced a true taste of glory divine.

The family is intact. Mothers and sons, fathers and daughters danced the night away in our 590 Building. It was a pleasure to see the generations enjoying themselves in a healthy Christian atmosphere. We do not have to go worldly to have fun!

Our ushers are stepping livelier and our health professionals are hyper vigilant as a result of the training received at the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. Ushers and Health Professionals Conference. Over twenty years ago, Dr. Brenda Eason approached me, as President of the GMBC, with the idea of implementing the training she brought to the Antioch Usher's Ministry across the state. Her excellent leadership has resulted in ministries that are the epitome of biblical service in local churches and communities, statewide and nationally.

Thank you, Antioch for being all that you are. One of the children who gave an Easter speech - or perhaps even the one who looked out and got too scared - is a future Northeast Region Coordinator of Christian Education or President of the National Society of Black Physicists!

Yours in God's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. M. Alexander".

Reverend C. M. Alexander, Pastor

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who were responsible for his crucifixion. He even saves one of the two men crucified with him and charges the disciples to take care of his mother.

Jesus, knowing all things had been accomplished, said it is finished. He bowed his head and gave up the ghost.

As he hung there, the sun refused to shine, the veil of the temple was ripped in two. He stayed dead all day Friday, all day Saturday, but early Sunday morning, Jesus got up with all power.

## Youth Ministry presents drama production

"The eBunny...Silly Rabbit, Easter is for Jesus," written by Youth Director Homerzelle Gentry was performed March 30 by the Youth Ministry.

The play captured a phrase that has been popular on t-shirts and other items, but with a twist—eBunny.

As the title suggests, the message of the play is not to get lost in the commercial aspects of Easter but understand that Jesus Christ is the center of Easter and, therefore, Christianity.

# Antioch honors Dr. King with a day of service

The Antioch Baptist Church North family joined in several service opportunities on Jan. 15, the day we set aside to remember slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King.

The Rev. King would've been 89.

With schools and many businesses closed on the National Holiday commemorating the life of Dr. King, many Antioch members, from youth to the elderly, came out to help others.

Bro. James Godard, who serves in the Sign Language Ministry and teaches sign language interpreting at Antioch, rendered service at the annual commemorative service held at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Some members assisted in volunteer activities through Westside Works, sorting and packaging school supplies at Washington High School, refreshing the Salvation Army Bellwood Boys and Girls Club and packing meals at the Arthur M. Blank Family Youth YMCA for the many children who depend on free meals at school and go hungry when school is out unless individuals and organizations step in.

At the AUMI Food and Clothing Bank, volunteers unpacked and organized food and clothing donations. People in need come to AUMI every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday to get food and clothing.



# Care and Comfort volunteers celebrated

For every member of Antioch Baptist Church North who is blessed each Sunday morning or Wednesday night to make it to church, there is likely someone who is unable to make the journey to God's house.

When they can't, members of the Care and Comfort Ministry are there to stand in the gap, offering support. Sometimes, it's through a telephone call or delivering a DVD of the service and other times showing up at their bedside or offering comfort during the loss of a loved one or some other life-changing experience.

Volunteers were recognized for their efforts Jan. 27, during an appreciation brunch in Fellowship Hall.

"It is when people are suffering through illness, bereavement, poverty, hunger, loneliness, and other trials and tribulations in life, that the Care and Comfort Ministry steps in," said the Rev. Terry Hightower. "When you speak with any volunteer, however, each is quick to say, 'I get much more out of the outreach than I give.'"

The ministry, now in its seventh year, was the brainchild of the Rev. Cameron Madison Alexander and prides itself with keeping Antioch's spirit and commitment to serve GOD and the diverse needs of His people.

Each week, for instance, the Monday Night Prayer



Band and the Thursday Mid-Day Mission journey throughout metropolitan Atlanta and twice a year to Griffin to visit and pray with our sick and shut-in. They arm themselves with prayer, the word of GOD, hymnals, tissues and hearts filled with praise. Bro. Bob Brown provides transportation for the visitations.

On Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm, the Sick and Shut-in Calling Ministry gathers at the church to pray over

the phone with members who are in the hospital, nursing homes, convalescing at home and those going through bereavement. And when members are unable to get to the church, the DVD Ministry takes the church service to them.

But that's not all.

The Mothers, Matrons, Fisherman and others who make up the Mission Ministries, serve at places like the Carrie Steele Pitts Home for Children, making

Easter baskets and providing other acts of kindness to needy families and the men and women who seek help at Antioch's Food and Clothing Bank on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

For members who would like to listen and share their testimony, the Good Grief Ministry is available from 6:15pm to 7:00pm Wednesdays in room 3.

The highlight of the year is "SHUT IN's SUNDAY," held the second Sunday of December, when the entire Antioch Baptist Church family is invited to join the Care & Comfort Ministry visiting the sick and shut-in.

If you're interested in joining one of the ministries under the Care and Comfort umbrella or would like more information, contact the church office at 404-688-5679 or come to a monthly meeting held at 6:30 p.m. in Room 3 every second Tuesday of the month.

# Antioch ministers and wives gather for food and fellowship



Over 40 sons of Antioch Baptist Church and their wives gathered Jan. 12 for fellowship at the Milk & Honey Restaurant at Cascade.

The evening was organized by Antioch Ministerial Alliance President Darrell Arnold and Minister's Wives President Jean Byrdsell.

The ministry deliberately chose a black-owned business for the fellowship as a way to honor the memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"He fought to give everyone a chance to realize his or her dreams," Min. Arnold told the crowd.

Co-Pastor Rev. Kenneth Alexander called the fellowship unique and said that "as much as we laugh and kid one another, we are also there for one another."

# NBC votes to place youth ministry into its own division

The National Baptist Convention U.S.A. voted in January to move the Youth and Young Adult Ministry from under the Woman's Auxiliary into a division of its own.

The move was one of several taken during the convention's Mid-Winter meeting held Jan. 8- 11 at the Arthur Outlaw Convention Center in Mobile, AL.

The Woman's Auxiliary is "On the Move for Christ" under the leadership of Dr. Cynthia Perkins Smith, who

just finished her first year as President. The World Day of Prayer was celebrated globally as Baptist women prayed for their sisters in need. The Spiritual Journey to Israel in November of 2017 deepened the understanding and faith of the women as they traveled the paths where Jesus walked.

The NBC, through the Disaster Management Office, continues its outreach to areas across the country ravaged by Hurricane Harvey

and other natural disasters.

NBC President Dr. Jerry Young expressed his sympathy and offered prayers on behalf of victims, including delegates unable to attend because of storms.

"We're in response mode and will provide tangible support to our pastors, churches and communities that are affected," Young said.

Work to reduce crime and the number of people falling victim to the criminal



justice system is also underway by the Criminal Justice Commission.

## FEBRUARY

### Antioch Women In The News



#### Leona Barr-Davenport

Leona Barr-Davenport, president and CEO of the Atlanta Business League, has spent years working to increase opportunities for African-American owned businesses. That work recently garnered her much deserved recognition.

Not only was Barr-Davenport selected by the *Atlanta Tribune* and *Atlanta Daily World* to receive one of their 2018 Women of Excellence awards, she also received Clark Atlanta University's Pathways to Excellence Award in late March.

This year marked the tenth that Clark Atlanta has held its annual Spirit of Greatness Gala. The event, hosted by CAU and its alumni association, raises scholarship funds and recognizes distinguished alumni and pioneers who have made positive contributions to the University and society.



#### Princeanna Walker

Sis. Princeanna Walker was named Northern Regional Coordinator of the General Missionary Baptist Convention, Inc.'s Department of Christian Education. Sis. Walker serves as Dean of the Antioch School of the Bible and Director of the Christian Education Ministry at Antioch. She is also a member of the Finance Ministry at Antioch.

Sis. Walker is familiar to all Christian Education teachers at Antioch as she provides teacher training presenting interactive techniques with which teachers can engage their classes. She is also responsible for facilitating and teaching Bible Study, Vacation Bible School and Christian Education workshops and seminars.

For more than 25 years, she had also been active on the district, state and national levels of the Congress of Christian Education with certifications as a teacher and dean.

Sis. Walker, a Certified Health Education Specialist and research assistant at Georgia State University, specializes in Adult Education.

She is currently a doctoral student in the Department of Educational Psychology, Special Education, and Communication Disorders.



#### Dr. Jocelyn Curry

Dr. Jocelyn Curry, a long-time member of Antioch Baptist Church North and board-certified podiatrist, recently graced the cover of *People You Need To Know* magazine.

The mother of three, including twins, is married to Fred Curry, whom she credits with helping her juggle being a wife, mom and physician in private practice.

"My husband is amazing," she was quoted as saying in the article. "He is truly my helpmate, a shoulder to cry on, a fun travel companion, and an awesome father."

Curry, who was voted Atlanta's Top Woman of 2018 by *People You Need to Know* magazine, earned her medical degree from Temple Podiatry School of Medicine before completing her residency at the Atlanta Department of Veteran Administration Medical Center.

Medicine and motherhood were lifelong dreams of Curry's, but she admits struggling after giving birth in 2010 and 2015. "In private practice, if you don't treat patients, then you don't make money," she said. "I loved being home with my newborns, but I also thoroughly enjoyed surgery and treating patients. I battled with the guilt of wanting to go back to work sooner than most people."

Like a pro, she manages to balance work and family and still leave time to do the things that are most important to her.

She wakes early to work out. She participates in the dance ministry at church. And most importantly, she makes time for family.

# Rev. Rockward named NSBP president

The Rev. Dr. Willie S. Rockward, a Son of Antioch Baptist Church North, was elected president of the National Society of Black Physicists, the largest association devoted to the African-American physics community. He is Chair of the Department of Physics & Dual-Degree Engineering and Associate Professor of Physics at Morehouse College, producing the largest number of underrepresented minorities with Bachelor of Science degrees in Physics and the most productive Dual Degree



*Rev. Dr. Willie S. Rockward*

Engineering Program in the United States.

For the past 20 years, he has also served as the Research Director of the Mate-

rials and Optics Research & Engineering Laboratory.

Founded in 1977, the NSBP is the largest organization devoted to Black physicists and seeks to “promote the professional well-being of African-American physicists and physics students. The NSBP works to increase the numbers, opportunities and visibility of their scientific work within the international scientific community and within society at large.”

Rev. Rockward is a member of and has been a leader

in several professional organizations, but his work with young people is his most rewarding. Upon his arrival at Morehouse in 1998, one of his first missions was to create a new physics lab. Working with another professor, he wrote grant proposals that resulted in the Micro Optics Research and Engineering Lab (MORE Lab). The research focuses on combining the uses of light and nanotechnology, providing students the opportunity to use the scientific process and not just read about it.



## 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)



# Mt. Vernon hosts GMBC session

The General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. held its 147th Adjourned session February 19-21 at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Atlanta.

The session opened with the Rev. Rodney K. Turner, a son of Antioch Baptist Church North and pastor at Mt. Vernon, preaching from Acts 3:1-8 “We Have the Answer.”

Major emphasis will be placed this year on assisting ex-offenders returning to their homes—and churches. Rev. Thurmond Tillman, pastor of First African Baptist Church in Savannah, has been working with juvenile offenders and ex-offenders for more than a decade and has started a prisoner re-entry program.



*Rev. K. L. Alexander*

He is working with other pastors in the GMBC to establish similar programs

Quoting Antioch Co-Pastor Rev. K. L. Alexander’s sermon on the difficulties the ten lepers experienced as outcasts,

he said that “the majority of prisoners who report a religious affiliation are Baptist.”

“We must help them reintegrate into society,” Tillman said. “Many just need an address to return to when they complete their sentences. Gov. (Nathan) Deal has initiated a program for churches and non-profits who want to establish transitional residences.”

Mr. Julius Spears, former CEO of Grady Hospital, announced a partnership with the Black church to help impact research trials on new drugs for diabetes, which disproportionately affects African Americans.

“The drug companies develop new drugs, but because

we (African Americans) don’t participate in the trials—many of which are free—we don’t know how the drugs will affect us,” Spears said. “There is a lot of money available for these trials, and as part of our stewardship for the health of our members, we need to take advantage of what’s available to help improve our health.”

In other Late-night Service, Rev. K.L. Alexander preached from Luke 17:11-19 in which the 10 lepers were healed.

“Jesus saw the ten men, not their condition as lepers, and we need to do the same,” he said. “We must see people and not what they’re going through.”

Special guests included Min. Otis Byrd and Adoration.

## Passion Week

# The Last Seven Words of Christ

Seven Antioch Baptist Church North sons preached on the seven last recorded sayings of Jesus as he hung on the cross. A brief synopsis of each follows:

**Rev. J.J. Walker**, pastor of Live Oak Baptist Church, Ailey, GA and Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Tarry Town, GA

Scripture: Luke 23:34

Word: Forgiveness

Summary: Jesus spoke many words during his ministry, but the people didn't really pay attention to him. Instead they made fun of him, abused, heckled, cursed, betrayed, tortured, slapped him, and spit in his face. When he spoke these first words on the cross, the soldiers listened to him but didn't understand him as he forgave my sin debt and your sin debt, throwing them into the sea of forgetfulness, which unlike the Pacific Ocean, has no bottom.

**Rev. Ervin Richards**, pastor of Antioch Loving Spirit Baptist Church, Mableton, GA

Scripture: Luke 23:42-43

Word: Salvation

Summary: Calvary held the greatest battle of all ages: the battle when redemption and righteousness won over sin and Satan. The "Cross Talk" between the two malefactors crucified with Jesus is the battle between hell and eternal victory. The thief wasn't a sinner because he was a thief; he was a thief because he was a sinner. He looked at Jesus as perfect righteousness and made an incredible request; he asked Christ for hope for the future, for forgiveness, for salvation. It is never too late to turn to Jesus.

**Rev. Craig Johnson**, pastor of Calvary Hill Baptist Church, Ellenwood, GA

Scripture: John 19:25-27

Word: Affection

Summary: In his dying hour, Jesus expressed that family is a gift from God. No matter what the circumstances, we must take care of the family, and he provides care for his mother. Obedience is better than sacrifice; on the cross, the sacrifice himself is undergoing the most excruciating act of obedience ever to take place. Jesus talks to his mother Mary in code language, not Morse code, but Crucifixion code. He sees her pain and explains that he is a conscientious objector in the war against sin, the Prince of Peace voluntarily laying down his life. In the divine strategy, love overwhelms sin at the cross.

**Rev. Ken Jelks**, Pastor of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Columbus, GA

Scripture: Matthew 27:46

Word: Anguish

Summary: How does the answer to and for everything have a question? Like every Black boy whose father is not in his life, he suffers abandonment issues as he asks why he is forsaken. If ever there was a challenge to salvation, it's separation. On the cross, Jesus took on sin, which tore his relationship with his Father in two, and he had to experience the sting of separation from God. Thank God the trinity called a truce, and Jesus went from affliction to elevation and sits on the right hand of his Father. God sent His son for us.

**Rev. Willie Rockward**, son, Antioch Baptist Church North, Atlanta, GA

Scripture: John 19:28

Word: Suffering

Summary: "Suffering is not good, it's great." God has to separate us to make us better. The saying is, "No pain, no gain." Suffering is not about you; it gives you the opportunity to be like Jesus by suffering with Him. "When you are converted, suffering brings about salvation, which gives hope, help, and healing, not necessarily physical, but spiritual."

**Rev. Sean Smith**, pastor of New Horizon Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA

Scripture: John 19:30

Word: Victory

Summary: Victory is not about finishing first but about finishing best. All of the biblical personalities are found wanting, flawed no matter how much good they did. No longer do animals have to be sacrificed; there is no need for a scapegoat to symbolically carry our sins away. It took the best to be the ultimate sacrifice and achieve true victory.

**Rev. Rodney K. Turner**, Pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA

Scripture: Luke 23:46

Word: Contentment

Summary: There is no mystery as to why there are seven last recorded sayings because there are over 700 times when the word seven is used in the Bible, so it is significant. Seven means fulfillment, and while Good Friday looked like utter defeat, Jesus laid down his life for the final victory over sin, death and hell. "True contentment comes from trusting Jesus."





## Antioch holds annual street corner preaching

Sons of Antioch Baptist Church North, the Saints with a Testimony, and members fanned out into the community Mar. 31, for church-wide Evangelism and Street Corner Preaching held annually.

Although there were not many people on the street, and in some cases no one on some of the street corners, the sons preached knowing that the Word never comes back void. In fact, there were people in cars that passed

by, slowed down and opened windows and people peeping out from slightly opened doors or windows.

“Seeds were planted even though we may not see them blossom,” said Min. Darrel Arnold, president of the Sons Ministerial Ministry.

When everyone reconvened at the corner in front of the stone A.M.E. church, no more than a shell but still standing, Rev. John Byrdsell preached a powerful message exclaiming, “You

must be born again,” and clearly explaining the meaning of being born again.

As everyone joined hands and formed a circle, a man named Freddy and a lady came forward for prayer. Before everyone dispersed, Robert came forth for rededication.

“I used to go to church,” he said. “I need to start going again. I want to sing in the choir.”



## Youth Spotlight

# Girl Scouts name Rikki Allen their ambassador

Rikki Kaye Allen is an Ambassador in Greater Atlanta Girl Scout Troop #505 where Ms. Andrea Austin is the Troop Leader.

Rikki received the Girl Scout Gold Award (the highest award in Girl Scouts) on Sunday, 25 February 2018, at the Rialto Theatre. Rikki's Gold Award project's topic was Music Therapy for Seniors.

She went to Wesley Woods Retirement

Home and Newnan Chapel United Methodist Church in Newnan, GA, and taught Seniors how to play small instruments with music.

She also presented IPOD shuffles to seniors with Dementia/Alzheimer's with their favorite tunes downloaded.

One of her honorees for her project was our very own Sis. Barbara J. Alexander.

Rikki's parents are Ricky and Regina Allen.



# Terry West Bible class visits Hebrew Temple

For the past few months, the Terry West Bible Class has been studying the Psalms and the Hebrew language under the tutelage of Dea. Jerome Trimble, chairman of Antioch Baptist Church North's Deacons' Ministry.

When members of the Wednesday morning class decided that a trip to The Temple, the first official Jewish institution in Atlanta and the site of a devastating Civil Rights-era bombing, would enhance their studies, well, they hit the road.

Their guide, Ms. Reza Ezell, related Jewish beliefs to Christian beliefs as she reviewed Jewish history through the Pentateuch, explaining culture and life in Old Testament times and modern practices.

They learned, among other things, that the Torah scroll is unveiled each Shabbat or Sabbath and remains open at the point where the reading for each Sabbath stops, and resumes there on the following Sabbath or Holy Day until the entire Torah is read - in Hebrew - by the end of the year.

The Torah scroll is housed in a special enclosure called the Aron HaKodesh or Ark of the Covenant and has a special covering thought to be in the style of Old Testament days. When it is unveiled, the congregation stands throughout the entire reading.

The service litany is similar to our own,



including prayers, songs, the reading of the scripture (Torah) and a sermon by the rabbi. Most congregations do not have a choir but a cantor sings Psalms for the particular service, and the congregation joins in. A prayer book or siddur includes traditional prayers and interpretive readings similar to our responsive readings. The sermon is about the portion of the Torah read in the service, and in smaller congregations, there may be discussion, similar to our Sunday school classes.

Led by the senior rabbi at the time, The Temple played a significant role in the civil rights struggles during the 1950s. Despite the bombing by white supremacists in 1958, the Temple remained active in civil rights throughout the 1960s. The Temple and its bombing figured prominently in the movie *Driving Miss Daisy*. The congregation continues to be heavily involved in the Atlanta community through volunteer efforts and the promotion of social justice.

## Jesus: The only one we can trust

Resolving to commit ourselves into the hand of God and extend the love of Jesus should be hallmarks of every Christian's life.

That message, beginning with Sis. Brenda Eason, was repeated often during the Fifth District Agape Breakfast held March 30 at Israel Missionary Baptist Church.

Eason, who offered the welcome, urged attendees to show unconditional love to everyone, not just those who shared their faith.

"Even the smallest outreach may make

the largest difference in someone's life," she said.

In one of four "sermonettes" based on Luke 23:46, the Rev. William Rollerson preached "Into God's Hands" stressing that each of us must put ourselves into God's hands by faith. Rollerson is president of the sons of Israel Baptist Church.

Noting there are good and bad hands, the Rev. Clarence Reed, son of Greater Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, reminded the audience to emulate Jesus and commend their spirit into the best hands, the Father's hands.

Then in similar fashion, the Rev. Mark Seals, director of Christian Education at Beulah Baptist Church, said that when "you place yourself in the hands of someone else, you give up all control and trust that person."

The only completely trustworthy person, he cautioned, is Jesus.

"When you submit yourself to Jesus, He becomes the wild card in your deck that gives you the winning hand," preached the Rev. Jermaine Lane, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Antioch Baptist Church North's neighbor in the Bluff.

## GMBC Ushers and Health Ministries Conference

The 23rd Annual Conference of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. Ushers and Health Ministries convened at the Augusta Marriott and Convention Center from March 22nd through March 24th, 2018. Dr. Brenda Eason, Coordinator of the Usher's Ministry at Antioch, is the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. (GMBC) Statewide Coordinator of the Ministry of Ushers and Health Professionals.

Six of Antioch's Youth Ushers traveled to Augusta on Saturday to participate in the Closing March Ceremony. Each had attended the Youth Ushers' Conference in October for two years and received their second-year attendance pin along with adult ushers. Miss Rachael Henderson was presented with the Ushers' 3rd Annual Scholarship.

Sis. Redelle Doyle, along with State Coordinator Rev. Ronald Gantt, is the Saints with a Testimony (S.W.A.T.) Evangelism Leader. She coordinated the outreach program on Wednesday afternoon, when the ushers, including the delegation from Antioch, went out to evangelize on the streets of Augusta. Sis. Mildred Scott stated, "I knew I couldn't attend the entire conference, but I didn't want



to miss the opportunity to witness and encourage lost souls to come to know the Jesus I know and love." The Ushers and Health Professionals also continue to collect Dial Soap to be distributed to female prison inmates across the state of Georgia and shoes for the Haiti Mission.

Minister C. Anthony "Tony" Wardlaw, who grew up in the GMBC and with his brothers is a member of the celebrated gospel group, TWB (The Wardlaw Brothers), brought the opening sermon on Thursday. Using the subject "Keep on Standing," based on Ephesians 6:10-13, he gave an impassioned personal testimony that touched the souls of all present and inspired them not to give up no matter what trials and tribulations of

life beset them. Other preachers included Rev. Karlton Howard, 10th District President and pastor of Noah's Ark BC, Keysville, Rev. Willie J. Coombs, pastor of Greater New Fellowship BC, Cartersville and Dr. James Potts, Vice President at Large and pastor of Mt. Prospect BC, Villa Rica.

Attendees progress through classes throughout their years of attendance, beginning with the Level 101 classes for first-year attendees, progressing through level 201 and then entering the Seminar Level. Similarly, health professionals enroll in classes and move through the levels year by year. Revs. Craig Johnson, Ervin Richards, Melvin Adams and Clarence Moore, Sons of Antioch, are among the outstanding instructors.



*The internationally recognized University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Vesper Choir, under the direction of Dr. Michael J. Bates, visited Antioch during its March 17-26 tour, which stopped in Atlanta March 17th and 18th. The 80-member ensemble, founded in the 1940s by Professor Ariel Lovelace and conducted for more than 40 years by Professor Shelton J. McGee, has a rich choral tradition that includes numerous performances on radio and television, as well as performances in Italy and Spain.*

## Rev. Kenneth Alexander speaks at state capitol

Antioch Baptist Church North Co-pastor Kenneth Alexander received a resolution from Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle for his work with AUMI and drug abuse programs. Rev. Alexander, who addressed lawmakers Feb. 21, was received warmly as he spoke from I Corinthians 13: 1-13.



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