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PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

Celebration

**Sunday, August 5, 2018
10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

*"Shepherding
God's People"*

Acts 20:28



Antioch Baptist Church North

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

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A Message from the Pastor

My Beloved Antioch North Brothers and Sisters,



Acts 20:24 states. “the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God,” gives me great joy. Therefore, when I was asked to preach at Antioch Baptist Church North 49 years ago, when my wife, Sis. Barbara, and I had come home on vacation, I enthusiastically consented. Antioch was in the last stages of calling a pastor, but I was not preaching as a candidate. I accepted the opportunity to preach because God had called me to preach “in season and out of season” (2 Tim. 4:2), including on vacation.

I was both surprised and delighted when Antioch issued a call for me to come to serve as pastor. I was serving a thriving church in Savannah, but through much prayer, I was led by the Holy Ghost to accept this pastorate and come home to Atlanta. 49 years later, I thank God for marrying me to Antioch North, where we as a family of God have been able to “be fruitful and multiply” (Gen. 1:28).

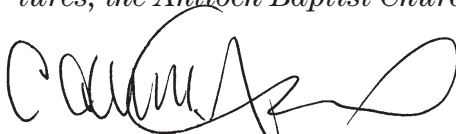
Through the years, our congregation has never had programs just to fill up the church calendar. Instead, we have tried always to reach up and reach out to serve the least, the less and the lost. You have consistently responded by giving of your time, your talents and your treasures, and I am truly grateful for your faithfulness in following me as I follow Christ.

As your under shepherd, I have been guided by the Holy Ghost as I have sought to feed this flock. “Serving the Lord with all humility of mind...I have kept back nothing that was profitable unto you” (Acts 20:19-20). As God has given me fellowship with excellent preachers and teachers across the nation, I have brought them to Antioch to help us all develop as Disciples of Christ. Our preacher this morning, the Rev. Dr. Edward Wheeler, President of the Interdenominational Theological Center, is a prime example of superior preaching, teaching and service. I thank my friend for accepting my invitation to share in this grand celebration.

I am grateful to my “double son”—biological and spiritual—the Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander, for serving as Co-Pastor for the past five years. He is not just a “chip off the old block,” but a man whose expertise and heart of service has provided unsurpassed support in shepherding this flock.

This year’s Pastor’s Anniversary Committee has left no stone unturned in providing a well-planned and well-executed celebration. You, along with the entire Antioch North family, have honored my family and me beyond measure. I especially appreciate your thoughtfulness toward my “Honey,” Sis. Barbara J. Alexander, who continues to express her love for our Antioch North family.

64 years of preaching, 49 of them here at my beloved Antioch, and “I Don’t Feel No Ways Tired!” I continue to look forward to “Shepherding God’s People” in this most ripe of pastures, the Antioch Baptist Church North. Selah! My, my, my, what about that!!



Reverend Cameron M. Alexander

God's Messenger... Proclaiming the Word of the Lord

Romans 10:14

by: *The Late Brother Barney Simms*

The Reverend Dr. Cameron M. Alexander's life and service would be a fitting biblical note as a human example of Lamentations 3:23. Jeremiah is speaking of the mercies which God bestows upon each of us every morning when he writes, "great is thy faithfulness." Knowing that there are many who do not read the Bible nor attend church, Rev. Alexander has made every effort to emulate the God he serves so faithfully wherever his path has carried him, whether home at Antioch for 49 years as Pastor or traveling throughout the country and abroad during 64 years of preaching.

2 Chronicles 31:21

And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, Rev. Dr. Cameron M. Alexander sought divine direction and followed through to establish ministries that would serve the least, the less, and the lost. Boards became ministries of outreach and in-reach so that every member could use his or her gift in service as well as be ministered to in his or her time of need. The neighborhood, the city, the nation, and the world have been impacted by Rev. Alexander's belief that he was required to fulfill Matt. 25:35-36. Through Antioch Urban Ministries (AUMI) and many other ministries, the hungry have been fed through the Food Bank; the thirsty have had their thirsts—physical and spiritual—quenched; the stranger has found a welcoming congregation as well as Luke's Place, Ruth's Place, and other places of abode and refuge; the naked have been clothed through the Clothing Bank; the sick have been visited, and those in all kinds of prisons—physical jails as well as mental and emotional strongholds—have received support and deliverance.

and in the law, and in the commandments, Rev. Dr. Cameron M. Alexander has taken the mandate in Matt. 28:19-20 seriously, exclaiming, "You cannot be casual with God." To that end, everything at Antioch has been done "decently and in order." The messages that are delivered, the classes that are taught, the songs that are sung, the meetings that are presided over, the prayers that are prayed, and the fellowships that are enjoyed all have one aim—to lift up the name of Jesus. Through fellowship, evangelism, doctrine, and stewardship he has led the congregation to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

to seek his God, Rev. Dr. Cameron M. Alexander has followed the move of the Holy Spirit. Filled with divine revelation, his sermons have provided for each member of the congregation just what was needed at the given time—assurance, hope, instruction, consolation, reproof, correction—moving everyone along the path of righteousness as he rightly divided the word of truth.

he does it with all his heart, Rev. Alexander's passion for God showing through in every endeavor. He has insisted that in every service, every workshop, every outreach, that Antioch remain Bible-based, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led, and Mission-bound no matter what the wind of culture was blowing her way.

and prospered. God being with him, Rev. C. M. Alexander has enjoyed the fruit of the spirit experiencing blessings "exceeding abundantly above all that [he] could ask or think, according to the power that worketh in [him]." Perhaps there is no greater example of this prosperity than the over 100 sons of the church that he has trained who have been called to pastor throughout the nation to proclaim with power what thus saith the Lord, impacting an innumerable cloud of witnesses.

Congratulations Pastor Alexander! There is no way we can truly express our gratitude for all that you have done for us as individuals and members of the church of Jesus Christ located here at Antioch.

W O R S H I P S E R V I C E

49TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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, #279.....***Standing on the Promises of God***.....Congregation

The Pastoral Tribute From the Music Ministry

The Occasion.....*Shepherding God's People* (Acts 20:28)BWT Verse Speakers

The Recognition of Visitors

Special Tribute.....Brother Nigel Walker
Sister Shannon Byrdsell

Tribute From AUMI, Inc.....Reverend Terry Hightower
Sister Joy Rollins
Reverend Lester Duncan

Tribute to Sister Barbara J. Alexander.....Sister Melody Thomas & Sister Rene Baker

THE LITANY OF PRAISE

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

MINISTER: *We are...*

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

MINISTER: *We stand on...*

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

MINISTER: *So, let us...*

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

Psalm 100

THE 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.*

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
Instrumental Tribute.....The Band of Antioch

Introduction of the Speaker.....Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander
Co-Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church North

The Solo.....Reverend Warren Landrum

The Anniversary Message.....**Reverend Dr. Edward L. Wheeler**
President of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC)

The Invitation to Discipleship

The Late Tithes and Offerings.....Deacons' and Ushers' Ministries
*Special Presentation from the Pastor's Anniversary Committee
All gifts for the Pastor will be received in Burden's Rest by the Anniversary Committee*

The Remarks.....Reverend Cameron M. Alexander, Pastor

(Please refrain from walking during the Invitation to Discipleship)

'Til We Meet Again



HAPPY
49th Pastoral
ANNIVERSARY

HAPPY
5th Anniversary
TO GO-PASTOR
REV. KENNETH L. ALEXANDER

&

Our Anniversary Speaker

Reverend Dr. Edward L. Wheeler



*President,
Interdenominational
Theological Center
(ITCC)*

Edward L. Wheeler, an ordained Baptist minister, was elected President of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia on January 21, 2015. He assumed his full time duties on April 6, 2015. He previously served as President of Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) in Indianapolis, Indiana for fourteen years before being named President Emeritus of CTS on July 1, 2011. He retired on July 1, 2012 after earning a one year sabbatical.

A highly regarded community leader and theological educator, Wheeler has served in numerous church and educational related positions. He was Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Religion and Society at Tuskegee University before going to CTS. He was Senior Pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Cincinnati from 1985-1991. While at Zion he was on the faculty at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio teaching in both the M.Div. and D.Min. programs. From 1982-1985, he served as Dean of Morehouse School of Religion.

He is the author of numerous articles, book reviews and the books *Uplifting the Race: Black Ministerial Leadership in the New South, 1865-1902* and *Black Pearls: Lessons from a Beautiful Black Mother*. As a dynamic preacher, lecturer and speaker, he continues to be in demand around the world.

Over the past two decades, He has served on several civic and professional boards including the Committee on Leadership Development of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee (Office of the Mayor) and 100 Black Men of Indianapolis. Dr. Wheeler has also served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada (ATS) and as Vice Chair of the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Intra Baptist Relations. He was a member of the joint Commission authorized by ATS and the Association of Hispanic Theological Education to strengthen Hispanic Bible Institutes.

He earned his B.A. from Morehouse College ('69) and his M. Div. (Magna Cum Laude) from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and holds a Ph.D. in Historical Theology from Emory University. He has been honored with several honorary doctorate degrees from leading colleges in Indiana, Christian Theological Seminary and Payne Theological Seminary. In 2011 Dr. Wheeler was named one of two Distinguished Alumni of the Year by Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School.

Wheeler and his wife, Mary Susan, have been married since 1969. They are blessed with three daughters and three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

From the Members

- Mother Frances Miles

It was a long time ago when I first met Reverend Alexander. One thing I do know... he has been so sincere throughout the years. He is the sincerest person that I have ever known. He started out sincere and he remains sincere—he does not change. I love his sermon, “The Valley of Dry Bones.” That sermon has stayed with me throughout the years. If you stop and think about the words that Reverend used in this sermon and all his sermons—then you would see just how sincere he is with God’s Word.

He is a faithful man, also I used to go to all the state conventions when Reverend was the President of the Convention. He used to really, really preach up a storm at those conventions. He was more faithful in that position than any other president. He remained faithful throughout the years. Now his son is coming up just like him—to be faithful with God’s word.

One more thing that I would like to say about Reverend Alexander—that man loved life itself. He liked to eat and have a good time. I used to cook for his family every second Sunday. He liked baked chicken but he loved my collard greens! He used to eat all the collards. **I love Reverend—that is all I have to say about him.**

- Mother Lenora Williams

During the year of 1979, I began to feel a terrible emptiness in my life and didn’t know what was needed to fill the void. I knew the Lord, because at an early age, I had given my life to Him. So, after years of straying, I began to pray about it. After giving it to the Lord, I decided that I needed to go back to church. A friend told me about Antioch, and one Sunday, I decided to visit. That was the day I met Pastor Alexander. I joined that same Sunday, and my life has never been the same.

In all of my days, I have never met anyone like this **Man of God!** I have been tremendously blessed by just knowing him, and I will be forever thankful to God and grateful to Pastor Alexander for all of the wonderful blessings that have been bestowed upon me since joining Antioch and having him as my Pastor. Through it all, he was always there for me, and I will always hold him close to my heart.

When I joined Antioch, I was ushered into an opportunity for service and so much hope for a useful and better life. I began to get an uplifting influence, and I learned how to use Spiritual weapons as I began to know Christ and get a vision of who and what He was and is. From Pastor Alexander’s preaching and teaching, I learned that Jesus would always steady me in the storm, keep me from the breakers, guide me in the strenuous times of life, hold me lest I drift and save me in the hour of temptation. Thank you, Pastor Alexander, for that and for also looking at me through the eyes of Jesus and doing just as He did...looked beyond my faults and saw my needs. **Pastor Alexander is not only my Pastor, but he has been my Boss for 38 years. I LOVE YOU PASTOR!**

- Deacon Randy Williams

Reverend Cameron M. Alexander, The Man, The Shepard, The Legend. In my 40+ years at Antioch Baptist Church North, there has never been a time that Reverend Alexander has not been there for me and my family. What I love most about our Pastor is knowing that he cares for each and every member in his own way, going over and above for the flock. He is truly my definition of A Great Leader!

- Brother William A. Clement, Jr.

Co-Chair of Pastor’s Anniversary Committee, Trustee Member and AUMI Volunteer

For the past 32 years, it has been my honor and privilege to call you my Pastor. You have made a real difference in my life. I am a better man, husband, and father, because of the spiritual growth, transformation and nurturing received from the “**Best Pastor in the World.**” I am truly blessed that God chose you to be my Under Shepherd. **Happy 49th Anniversary** and prayers for His continued blessings for you, Mrs. Alexander and your family.

Did you know?



1. Reverend Cameron Madison Alexander was a Saxophone Player before he became a Preacher.
2. The young Reverend Alexander was invited as the “Guest Preacher” the Sunday before the Congregation was set to vote on Antioch’s next Spiritual Leader. His first sermon was entitled “There is a Man in Town.” Now we know that God, in His Infinite Wisdom, had already chosen and brought “The Man” in town to fill the void in His Pulpit here at Antioch.
3. When Reverend Alexander arrived in 1969, there were fewer than 500 members. Since then, Antioch has grown to include over 12,000 members! Many of her members travel great distances each Sunday to hear God’s Words from the self-described “Paper Boy” as he proclaims the Goodness of the Lord.
4. In 1990, Antioch’s newly-constructed, multi-million-dollar Worship Center and adjoining Administrative Wing were dedicated and coined as “a Rock in a Weary Land.” Pastor Alexander had decided that for Antioch to be effective, the Church needed to remain within the community in need of help.
5. Reverend Alexander’s favorite scripture is John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
6. Now 49 years later, that same “Man” is STILL in town. Reverend Alexander is still preaching the Gospel, baptizing new converts, marrying couples, dedicating babies, celebrating home goings and always caring for “the least of these.”
7. Being led by the Holy Spirit each Sunday morning, Pastor Alexander asks three resounding questions, “Do you know Him?” “Have you tried Him?” “Has He ever done anything for you?”
8. Reverend Alexander and his beloved wife, Barbara, have been married for 64 years. This union has been blessed with 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren!
9. Over the years, Antioch has been an integral part of the revitalization and/or development of our surrounding community. In 1994, the Bethursday Development Corporation was established as a community development extension of Antioch Baptist Church. This non-profit was named to commemorate the Bethursday Prayer Band which originally founded Antioch and was led by eight former slaves. The corporation has become a major stakeholder and real estate developer in the English Avenue Community.
10. Reverend Alexander was educated in the Atlanta Public Schools system and graduated from the historic Booker T. Washington High School. As a teenager, Reverend Alexander’s sports interests included running track and playing football. His favorite subject in school was history, particularly slavery and learning about what our ancestors had to endure.
11. Reverend Alexander received his Masters of Divinity Degree from Morehouse School of Religion.
12. Under Reverend Alexander’s leadership, more than seventy-five (75) Ministries and Auxiliaries have been formed to assist our members and the surrounding community.
13. Because of Reverend Alexander’s vision, compassion and efforts, a number of Outreach Ministries have been established to serve the “least of these.” Some of these ministries include: Luke’s Place, Lydia’s House, Matthew’s Place and Ruth’s Place. Malachi and Miriam Ministries were put in place to assist the needs of our youth.
14. The Scholarship Ministry has provided more than \$1,432,761.00 to assist Antioch students and families each year with their educational achievements. The donated funds distributed through the Scholarship Ministry average out to be about 35 students per year, and this total includes high school and memorial/book scholarships.
15. Prior to Reverend Alexander receiving the call to become Antioch’s fifth Pastor, there were thirty (30) Deacons already in place and ready to welcome him into his new position.

16. During Reverend Alexander's watch, thirty-seven (37) Deacons have been ordained within his 49 years at Antioch.
17. Over the years, Antioch has acquired and/or developed over 38 valuable downtown parcels of land. These purchases include a business plaza, an apartment complex and multiple acres from the CSX Railroad, just to name a few.
18. Reverend Alexander was very instrumental in helping to elect Atlanta's first African-American Mayor, the Honorable Maynard Jackson, Jr., in 1973.
19. Mayor Jackson appointed Reverend Alexander to serve as Chairman of the Atlanta Religious Mobilization Against Crime in 1978.
20. Reverend Alexander served as President of the General Missionary Baptist Convention, Inc. (GMBC) for 29 years and is now President Emeritus. While with GMBC, Reverend Alexander also served as Host and the General Chairman for the 1985, 1992 and 2005 National Baptist Convention Annual Sessions, which were held in Atlanta.
21. In 1994, he served as Co-Chair for the Reverend Billy Graham's Atlanta Crusade.
22. In 1991, through our Pastor's vision, the nationally acclaimed Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. (AUMI) was established as the cornerstone of Antioch's Outreach Ministries. AUMI provides supportive services for men and women suffering from addiction, as well as those who are living with HIV/Aids.
23. Because Antioch cares, many low-income and disadvantaged persons continue to receive assistance with referrals for housing. Within the first 2 weeks of July, 2018, the Human Services Ministry reports that 992 bags totaling 34,054 pounds of food were distributed, and 138 meals were served to AUMI Residents and a total of forty-one (41) families received goods through the Antioch Clothing Bank.
24. Antioch acquired the 12-story Walton Hotel in downtown Atlanta and transformed it into apartments for the working homeless. In honor of our Pastor, the Walton House was renamed as the Madison House in tribute to Pastor Alexander's work for the poor and disenfranchised within the community.
25. In 1993, Reverend Alexander and the Antioch membership hosted South African and Anti-Apartheid Leader, President Nelson Mandela, on his first visit to Atlanta following his release from a South African prison. A 300-voice Antioch choir ministered in Dobbs Stadium at Georgia Tech as part of the ceremony.
26. In 1999, Antioch purchased a multi-purpose building at 590 North Avenue. It is affectionately known to Antioch as "The 590." The 590 Building is frequently used for youth and church-wide events.
27. Reverend Alexander received the Visions of Excellence Award in 2000 from the Atlanta Business League for the development and implementation of Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. (AUMI). The VISIONS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD recognized an individual within our community who creates a vision to improve the quality of life in Atlanta, and/or its surrounding communities, then uses his or her leadership and influence to realize that vision.
28. Because of Pastor Alexander's leadership, Antioch has successfully established over nine Missions and two thriving Congregational Churches (New Horizons Baptist Church and Antioch Loving Spirit Missionary Baptist Church). These congregations have served as a living testimony of Pastor Alexander's commitment to the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations.
29. Reverend Alexander was honored by Morehouse College with the "Bennie Award," the highest recognition that the College bestows to its Most Distinguished Alumni.
30. A portrait of Reverend Alexander hangs in the Hall of Great Preachers in the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel on the Morehouse College campus. Being in the "Hall of Great Preachers" is just another testament to his greatness and comes as really no surprise to the Antioch membership. Our Co-Pastor, Reverend Kenneth Alexander, always introduces Reverend Alexander as the "Best Pastor in the World," which is just another testament to his greatness!
31. Two of Reverend Alexander's sermons have been placed in The American Folklife Center (AFC) at the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress has, for many decades, documented everyday reactions to major events in history. In their efforts to continue that tradition, the AFC solicited interested persons and groups to partake in the Inauguration 2009 Sermons and Orations Project. Antioch submitted Reverend Alexander's January 18, 2009 sermon, entitled "Who He Is" (Romans 38, Luke 23:46). In his sermon, Reverend Alexander spoke on 3 Miracles: Miracle on the Hudson River, Miracle on Pennsylvania Avenue, and Miracle at Calvary.

32. For many years, the Atlanta Business League has recognized business owners, professionals, community and civic leaders in the Atlanta area. Because of his continued community influence and trailblazing impact on Atlanta, Reverend Alexander was inducted into the Atlanta Business League Legends Hall of Fame in 2008.
33. In December 2010, the Atlanta City Council renamed Kennedy Street to Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard in recognition of Pastor Alexander's historical legacy and influence within the city.
34. Reverend Alexander is known to be a jokester; one who loves to laugh and make others laugh as well. He has stated from the pulpit on many occasions that "those who do not laugh, stay sick all the time." This statement is just his way of letting the membership know that not all things are bad because "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).
35. Some of Reverend Alexander's favorite foods include neck bones, ham hocks, and a succulent rabbit smothered in gravy. But of course, we know, none of these foods, is he allowed to eat. Selah!
36. Reverend Alexander's favorite movie is *The Magnificent Seven*, an old American Western film. This movie is about an oppressed people looking to make a better life for themselves, but like Satan, a greedy industrialist comes to their village, "to steal, kill and destroy" (John 10:10). With their lives in jeopardy, the villagers turn to the "bounty hunter" and his recruited followers for help. As Reverend would say," by now, you should know where I'm going; One Friday...."
37. Pastor Alexander has become one of the nation's best-known pastors. He has been dubbed as "a pastor's pastor." He has mentored, trained and groomed nearly 150 ministers who are affectionately called "Sons of Antioch."
38. Over the years, countless numbers of wedding ceremonies have been performed here at Antioch. In the early years, during a counseling session, Reverend Alexander would serve couples chilled Red Rock sodas while discussing the importance of having three people in the marriage: Christ, Husband and Wife.
39. It is not uncommon for Reverend Alexander to come to the pulpit and deliver what is commonly known as a "Mini Sermon" even when he does not actually preach. He always leaves the congregation with a profound thought to ponder during the week.
40. Reverend Alexander served as President of Operation PUSH (now known as Rainbow Coalition) in Georgia.
41. He was President and Treasurer, respectively, of the Morehouse School of Religion and was also a Trustee of the Morehouse School of Medicine.
42. Based on Reverend Alexander's illustrious ministerial career, he was also awarded Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degrees from the United Theological Seminary in 1978, the Interdenominational Theological Center in 1991 and the Carver Bible College in 2007.
43. In January 2010, he was inducted into the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame located at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site.
44. The Georgia General Assembly honored Reverend Alexander with a Resolution in February 2010.
45. A profile of Reverend Alexander's "Spiritual Journey" was documented by the Atlanta Interfaith Broadcast (AIB) in April 2010.
46. Reverend Alexander was inducted, in September 2010, into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame.
47. He was recently appointed to the Global Advisory Board for the National Center of Civil and Human Rights.
48. Currently, Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. (AUMI), is assisting 134 students attending Atlanta Metropolitan State College with emergency food and clothing.
49. On April 7, 2018, the 5th District honored Reverend Alexander with the "Legend Award" for his 29 years of service as the President of the General Missionary Baptist Convention (GMBC) of Georgia, Inc. For over 126 years, the GMBC has provided educational and enrichment programs for thousands of Georgia Baptists.



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

*by the late Rev. Levi Terrill, Jr. **

Romans 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-nine 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-eight 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” shod 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.

*Updated 2018 by the Antioch Staff

Rev. & Mrs. Alexander



A Tribute to Mrs. Barbara J. Alexander



Mrs. Barbara J. Alexander has served the Lord “with all humility of mind” (Acts 20:19) alongside her husband, our pastor, the Rev. Dr. C.M. Alexander. She has never been self-seeking but has always been a vessel of God, ready to step in wherever needed to advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Quiet but resolute, “Mrs. A.” as she is affectionately called at Antioch, has blazed trails and set high standards in every endeavor to which she has been called. If you talk with her husband, her children, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren, you will know that her first ministry has always been her home. She has made it a refuge of peace and tranquility, where the trials and tribulations of the world can be laid aside as comfort and love reign.

The members of Lakewood Mission and the AUMI ministries, especially the women of Ruth’s Place, found her to be a rare combination of astute business woman, as she made sure that everything needed was available and all accounts were in order, and compassionate encourager. Non-judgmental, she reached out to the least, the less, and the lost and helped them find the best in themselves and move toward healing and wholeness.

Her business acumen propelled her to the top of the real estate business as the name Barbara J. Alexander Realty, Inc. became the go-to realtor in Atlanta for both residential and commercial properties. When she started the business in 1977, her aim was to apply biblical standards to the world of real estate. Because she remained true to those standards, the business soared as referrals poured in from people wanting honest, ethical, principled dealings. These same characteristics caused her to be chosen for leadership positions in many civic and religious organizations.

Pastor Alexander relates how Mrs. Alexander, President and high-powered executive, transformed into “Honey” in the short drive from the realty agency to their home. She did not stop on the way to pick up fast food but made delicious home-cooked meals that brought the family together. Pastor frequently states that Mrs. A. is “the quintessence of femininity.” The high-stepping majorette who caught his attention at Washington High School over 65 years ago, still takes his breath away. Her warm, inviting smile melts his heart and endears her to everyone who meets her.

Following her husband as he was called from pastorate to pastorate, Mrs. Alexander embraced each congregation with love. The love she has exhibited continues to be given back here at Antioch, in “good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over” (Luke 6:38).

We love you with an everlasting love, Mrs. A.



Dear Rev. Kenny,

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (NIV).

The plans for you, our Co-Pastor, Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander, included being a “double son” to our Pastor, the Rev. Dr. C.M. Alexander and Sis. Barbara J. Alexander.

Born on the 5th of August, the third son of the Alexanders, you followed both of your parents into their occupations. What a tribute!

As a licensed real estate agent, you provided shelter, a covering, for numerous families here on earth.

As a called man of God, you have illuminated the path for people to follow “the way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6) and be covered by the blood of the Lamb both here in their earthly home and eternally in their heavenly home.

*Joyous Natal Day!
Blessed Birthday!*



NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INCORPORATED™

DR. JERRY YOUNG, PRESIDENT

August 5, 2018

Reverend Dr. Cameron M. Alexander
Antioch Baptist Church North
540 Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard
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Dear Dr. Alexander,

Few other opportunities grant me as much excitement and overwhelming joy as congratulating you on 49 years of service as the Pastor/Preacher/Teacher at Antioch Baptist Church North in Atlanta, Georgia! On behalf of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., its officers and members, I delight in joining others who extend words of congratulations to you as you not only celebrate 49 years of faithful service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ, but 49 years of selfless service to the Atlanta community through your numerous initiatives and developments that promote the spiritual, civic and economic well-being of the community. What an awesome testimony to your diligence and steadfast commitment to service exemplified through your illustrious history as Pastor during these years! This accomplishment is not only noteworthy, it is indeed rare; seldom do we find pastors who have served the same church for nearly half a century! That your congregation saw fit to so honor you is indeed appropriate and a well-deserved honor for during these years, you have truly been "Shepherding God's People."

As you enter the next season of your life, my prayer for you, paraphrasing the words of the Apostle Paul in Colossians 1: 9-14, is that God will give you complete knowledge of His will as you look to the future, and that He will give you spiritual wisdom and understanding, that you will always honor and please Him, and that your life will continue to produce every kind of good fruit. May you grow even more daily as you learn to know God better and better and may you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father Who has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.

Yours in ministry and mission of Christ,

Jerry Young

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"ENVISIONING THE FUTURE EXCEPTIONALLY"



Rev. Dr. Kenneth B. Martin



August 5, 2018

Dear Dr. Cameron M. Alexander:

I pray that this letter finds you and the Antioch Baptist Church North Church Family enjoying the blessings and favor of the Lord. Let me be among the many to express my heart-felt congratulations to you on having reached the 49th year of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I thank you for your obedience and submission to the will of God, as you continue to yield yourself to be an instrument of grace and glad tidings everywhere you go. I thank you for your boldness and leadership at Antioch Baptist Church North. She is a shining beacon of hope and a spiritual home for the thousands you have led to Christ.

Thank you, Dr. Alexander, for being the exceptional example of fortitude, faithfulness, scholarship, and spirituality that is required of all who respond to the call to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.. Thank you for the time you have taken to provide me with the necessary personal counsel in doing the work of the ministry.

So, it is with the greatest of joy, and on the behalf of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia Inc., that I, and we, offer you words of celebration and congratulations on your 49 years of preaching the Word of God. May God forever keep you strong and able in delivering His Word to all during these challenging times.

Blessings and peace!

Yours in God's service,

Kenneth Martin

Kenneth B. Martin, D.D.
President



STATE OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
ATLANTA 30334-0900

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

August 5, 2018

To: Pastor Cameron M. Alexander

GREETINGS:

I join with the congregation of Antioch Baptist Church North in extending best wishes as you celebrate 49 years in the ministry. On behalf of the State of Georgia, I commend you for your commitment to your community and faith.

You have influenced the lives of many through your witness, demonstrating both character and compassion. 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 and your congregation be blessed with much joy and happiness in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan Deal".

Nathan Deal

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August 5, 2018

Greetings:

As the 60th Mayor of the City of Atlanta, I am pleased to congratulate Reverend Dr. Cameron M. Alexander and the entire congregation of Antioch Baptist Church North as you celebrate your *49th Pastoral Anniversary*.

I applaud Pastor Alexander and Antioch Baptist Church North for your dedication to building God's kingdom. For more than six decades, Pastor Alexander has transformed the lives of countless people through his profound wisdom and spiritual guidance. The City of Atlanta recognizes your sacrifice and service, and we thank you for building a spiritual foundation filled with love, unity and salvation. May your *49th Pastoral Anniversary* be a reminder that your efforts are never in vain and encourage you to continue moving forward in your mission to empower and inspire God's people.

Galatians 6:9 says, "*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*" Antioch Baptist Church North has sown the seeds of the Gospel and continues to reap the harvest of your growth and perseverance.

We are proud to recognize Pastor Alexander and his congregation for decades of faithful service and benevolent contributions. On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I extend best wishes to you for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

Keisha Lance Bottoms

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August 5, 2018

Reverend Alexander,

I am happy to congratulate you on your 49th year of pastoring at Antioch Baptist Church North as well as on your whole 64 years of preaching.

Your commitment to change in your community has touched the lives of so many, and your devotion to your faith has been an integral part of the Antioch Baptist North community and spirit.

Thank you for all you have given and continue to give.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robb Pitts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robb Pitts



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August 5, 2018

Dear Dr. Alexander,

On behalf of the citizens of Atlanta and my fellow members of the Atlanta City Council, I would like to congratulate you on your 49 years of steadfast service to the people of Antioch Baptist Church North and 64 tremendous years of unwavering commitment to preaching and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Under your leadership, Antioch has become a light in the darkness and a hospital for the hopeless, dispensing the balm of Gilead to a people rebuked, scorned, locked out, and let down. Thousands of congregants hear you bring the Word of God forth each week, and the ministries and outreach programs you have put into action have literally transformed the surrounding English Avenue community.

Your commitment, stewardship, leadership, and guidance to the parishioners of Antioch are unparalleled. You take your God-mandated charge of leading the church to heal society's brokenness earnestly, and because of it, Atlanta is a better city. With courage, you have challenged those of us with political power and prowess to do right by the citizens we serve, and with humility, you have built an enduring legacy. For all of that, I give you praise.

Reverend Alexander, thank you for all you do—for your patrons as well as for the citizens of Atlanta. We are truly blessed to have you.

Once again, congratulations.

All the best,
Michael Julian Bond

Post 1 At-Large, Atlanta City Council

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." — Isaiah 61:1



CITY OF ATLANTA

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July 25, 2018

Greetings:

On behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, I want to congratulate the congregation of Antioch Baptist Church North on this milestone occasion of Reverend Dr. Madison Alexander's 49th Pastoral Anniversary. Your congregation's growth and development are a testament to Rev. Alexander's leadership with the heart of God and spirit of excellence.

I give thanks for the leadership of Rev. Alexander which has ignited and renewed your congregation's commitment to a life-affirming and transformative evangelical ministry and excitement for witnessing, discipleship, and service.

Heartfelt congratulations to the entire Antioch Baptist Church, and Rev. Alexander on 49 years of healthy ministerial growth. I wish you all a very happy anniversary, and may you experience continued full engagement.

With all sincerity,

Andrea L Boone

Andrea L. Boone



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To Pastor Alexander and the Congregation of Antioch Baptist Church North-

It is with the utmost gratitude, praise, and admiration that I congratulate you on your remarkable 64 years of devoted leadership, and 49 years as Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church North. Your commitment to the faith, your dedication and devotion to God, and this great Congregation is truly an amazing accomplishment and a testimony to us all.

As a son of Antioch, I answered your call thru the grace of God to spread his word by assisting in the creation of New Horizon Baptist Church with Pastor Sean Smith. I understand the hard work, long hours, emotionally taxing commitment, and the value of the service you bring to your members.

On behalf of the Atlanta City Council, the citizens of Atlanta, and all of our neighbors here in the state of Georgia, I wish you warm congratulations, and a sincere prayer to God for many, many more years of service.

Yours In Christ,
Andre

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andre Dickens".

Andre Dickens
Atlanta City Council Post 3 – At Large

11th Annual CMA Golf Classic



11TH ANNUAL CMA GOLF CLASSIC

The 11th Annual CMA Golf Classic will be held on August 18, 2018, at Legacy at Lake Lanier Golf Course in Buford, Georgia. Please contact Dea. Benny Williams at the church office, 404-688-5679, or www.antiochurban.org for further information.

CELEBRATION AT MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, August 12, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., the Antioch Family will worship with the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Rev. Rodney Turner, Pastor. The Church will be celebrating their Pastor's 15th Pastoral Anniversary. The Adult Choir, Verse Speakers, Ushers, Mothers and Deacons will be on duty. Members and friends are encouraged to attend this momentous occasion.

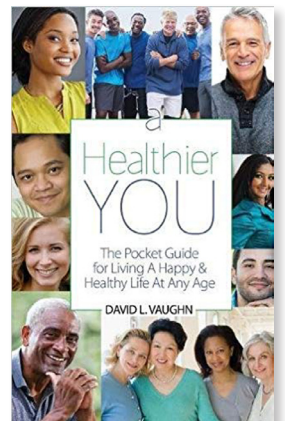
BOOK SIGNING FOR DAVID VAUGHN



A book signing for David Vaughn will be held on Sunday, August 26, 2018, immediately after the 7:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services in Burden's Rest.

**TITLE OF BOOK: HEALTHIER YOU...The Pocket Guide for Living a Happy & Healthy Life at any Age
LIVE YOUR LIFE – NOT YOUR AGE!**

It's Not the Years in your Life that Counts - It's the Life in your Years! The author of a Healthier You, David, holds nothing back as he reveals his own life's journey as he divulges to his audiences how he transformed his mind and body to increase his vibrancy, joy, and his ultimate health.



Welcome Visitors!

Our Pastor, Reverend C. M. Alexander, and our Antioch Church Family welcome each of you to our Sunday morning worship service. From your visit with us today, we hope you will feel the love of Christ and the sweet fellowship that comes from our love for Him. This is our special way of providing for you a rewarding and memorable worship experience. God bless you, and we thank you for your visit.

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 28, 2018, 517 bags of food were distributed. A total of 10,507 pounds of food was distributed.

CLOTHING BANK

Thirty (30) families received goods through the Clothing Bank.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The lesson for today, August 5, 2018, is "*Equity for All*," and the scripture is **Romans 2:1-12**. Next week's lesson is "*Charitable Equity for All*," and the scripture is **2 Corinthians 8:7-15**. Please join us and be renewed by the teaching of God's Word.

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

Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Bro. Daniel Michael Adams – Nursecare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 526
Sis Robertine Bryant – PruittHealth of Decatur, Decatur, Rm. 216
Sis. Miriam Crawford – Bonterra Nursing Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. 126
Mother Annie Harris – Douglasville Nursing & Rehab Ctr, Douglasville, Rm. 222
Mother Bettye Harris – Nursecare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 205
Sis. Debra Hodge – Northeast Atlanta Health & Rehab, Atlanta, Rm. 228
Mother Mary Hood – Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. B-408
Sis. Bessie Jones – A. G. Rhodes Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. 24
Bro. Noah Respress – Virginia Gardens Assisted Living, Fort Valley, Rm. 7094
Bro. Dallas Tucker – Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. C-19

Members Convalescing at Home

Sis. Barbara J. Alexander	Bro. Roy Houston	Bro. Fred Samuels, Jr.
Sis. Zeporia Alexander	Sis. Elizabeth Johnson	Sis. Candace Scott
Sis. Evelyn Battle	Mother Gwendolyn Johnson	Sis. Rebecca Thedford
Bro. Pleas Sonny Berry	Sis. Denise Jones	Mother Willie "Cookie" Tuggle
Mother Emma Broomes	Bro. Rufus Kelly	Sis. Vivian Walker
Bro. Lewis Brown	Bro. Phillip Lyde	Bro. Thomas Ware
Bro. Henry Claybrook	Sis. Sylvia McClain	Sis. Mae Weaver
Sis. Dora Dallas	Sis. Lillie Mungin	Sis. Annette Webb
Sis. Doris Dennis	Sis. Cynthia Price	Sis. Annie Wideman
Sis. Catherine George	Sis. Sharonda Price	Sis. Sallie Williams
Sis. Minnie George	Bro. Richard Raglin	Sis. Lillie Willis
Bro. Randall Griffin	Dea. Mark Roberts	
Sis. Pearla Holmes	Sis. Marian Russell	

Worship Service Coordinator

Bro. Rodney Thompson

Security Chiefs on duty

Bro. Larry Parks, Bro. Julius Simmons

Trustees on duty

Sis. Gloria Parham, 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 prospereth.*

3 John 1:2

