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PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

Celebration

August 6, 2017

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

*“Great is Your
Faithfulness”*

II Chronicles 31:21



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 Brothers and Sisters:



48 years ago, *Sis. Barbara and I came home on vacation to visit family and friends. I was asked to preach at Antioch Baptist Church North, and while there is sweet rest, there is no vacation from God, I accepted the invitation to preach. I did not come as a candidate for the position of pastor; I was simply practicing my call to preach.*

Jeremiah 29:11 states, “For I know the plans I have for you” (NIV). I am eternally grateful that for the past 48 years, God’s plan has been for me to serve as under shepherd of this incredibly Spirit-filled, thoughtful, generous, and passionate Antioch family. God truly brought us together, and He has been faithful to increase the joy of this spiritual marriage through our many years together.

I was warmly welcomed here in 1969, and others I have welcomed into the fold recently. Know that each of you has a special place in my heart, for you have made it easy for me to serve God in this vineyard. You have cared for my family and me in an extraordinary manner; and we are grateful. As the Holy Spirit has directed me, you have responded with your time, talents, and treasures allowing us to impact this community and well beyond through our ministries. Souls have been fed through the Word, and people have been helped to overcome the ravages of poverty, drugs, alcohol, HIV/AIDS, helplessness, and hopelessness. Let’s not get weary in well doing; there are many more who need our services, and God is faithful to strengthen us to continue serve the least, the less, and the lost.

I offer a special thanks to the Pastor’s Anniversary Committee for your unique plans and hard work to honor my family and me. The Pastor’s Barbecue and Friday night’s “Evening Full of Surprises” were grand celebrations. There is no venue—not SkyZone, Six Flags, nor Disney Land—where we could have had more fun and genuine fellowship.

Words cannot express my gratitude to my son, the Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander for thinking it not robbery for the past four years to serve as the Co-Pastor of our beloved Antioch. His sacrifices and devotion to serving the church and my personal needs have been exemplary beyond words. To him I say “Thank You.”

I am humbled that my friend, the Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, has taken time away from his pastorate of Abyssinia Baptist Church in New York City and his multiplicity of obligations to join us in this celebration. His commitment to education, eradicating homelessness, uplifting youth and senior citizens, and his relentless fight for justice are evidence of his faithfulness in helping the underserved on the margins of this society.

48 years at 85 years: “How lovely is Your tabernacle, O lord of hosts” (Psalm 84:1NKJV). My cup is running over with blessings from my Antioch family, the Atlanta community, and others who have sent well wishes.



Reverend Cameron M. Alexander

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

Romans 10:14

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 48 years as Pastor or traveling throughout the country and abroad during 63 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.

WORSHIP SERVICE

48TH 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, #153.....**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**.....Congregation

The Pastoral Tribute From the Music Ministry

Combined Choir, Vessels of Praise Dance Ministry, Adult Hand Bell Choir, Wise Dancers, and Teen Dance Ministry

The Occasion.....Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....BWT Verse Speakers

The Announcements & Recognition of Visitors

Special Tribute.....Youth Ministry, Sis. Rachel Henderson, Bro. Nathan Speed

Tribute From AUMI, Inc.....Bro. Robert and Sis. Diane Maddox

Tribute to Sister Barbara J. Alexander.....Sis. Myra Reeves

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.

Instrumental Tribute.....The Band of Antioch
The Tithes & Offerings.....Deacons' & Ushers' Ministries
Introduction of the Speaker.....Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander
Co-Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church North
The Sermon Hymn.....*Amazing Grace*.....Congregation
The Anniversary Message.....**Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, Pastor**
Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, NY

The Invitation to Discipleship

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

(Please refrain from walking during the Invitation to Discipleship)

'Til We Meet Again

All gifts for the pastor will be received in Burden's Rest by the Anniversary Committee after the service.

Our Anniversary Speaker

Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III



**Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, Pastor
Abyssinian Baptist Church
New York, NY**

The Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, is Pastor of the internationally renowned Abyssinian Baptist Church in the City of New York, and President of the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Old Westbury. His sincere commitment to enhancing the Kingdom of God on Earth is evidenced in a loyal attention to the daily activities and services of the congregation, as well as the pervasive impact of the church on community development initiatives: homelessness, senior citizen and youth empowerment, cultural awareness, and ecumenical outreach.

Under Dr. Butts' leadership, The Abyssinian Baptist Church is committed to the expansion and maintenance of the Christian mission. The Reverend was founder, and is currently Chairman of Abyssinian Development Corporation, a comprehensive, community-based not for profit organization, responsible for over \$600 million in housing and commercial development in Harlem. He was also instrumental in establishing Thurgood Marshall Academy for Learning and Social Change a public, state-of-the-art, intermediate and high school in Harlem, and is the visionary behind Thurgood Marshall Academy Lower School, which opened in September 2005.

Dr. Butts is a native New Yorker. He spent a few years in the South, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. He returned to New York, and earned his Master of Divinity Degree in Church History from Union Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate of Ministry Degree in Church and Public Policy from Drew University. Further, the Reverend was conferred with honorary degrees from Morehouse College (Atlanta, GA); The City College of New York (New York, NY); Tuskegee University (Tuskegee, AL); Claflin College (Orangeburg, SC); Dillard University (New Orleans, LA); Muhlenberg College (Allentown, PA); and, Trinity College (Hartford, CT).

Reverend Butts was an Urban Affairs instructor, and served as Adjunct Professor in the African Studies Department at City College, New York. He also taught Black Church History at Fordham University, and continues to give lectures and speeches to colleges, universities, and various organizations throughout the United States and abroad.

In addition to his professional and religious avocations, Dr. Butts was formerly Chairman of National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (NBLCA), and a founding member of its Board of Commissioners. He remains a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA), and on the Board New Visions for Public Schools.

Dr. Butts has spearheaded numerous boycotts against institutions practicing racist policies and employment discrimination. He led a nationally acclaimed and most effective campaign to eliminate negative billboard advertising in Central Harlem and New York City communities, and was joined in this effort by religious leaders and prominent officials around the country, who implemented similar campaigns with equal success. He was also at the vanguard of exposing rap music with violent and negative lyrics targeted at women. Rev. Butts' boycott efforts have helped sensitize this nation to the evils of exploitive advertising, and he continues on a mission to uplift the ethical standards of the human community.

The recipient of numerous commendations and honors, Reverend Butts has received the Man of the Year Award from Morehouse College Alumni Association; The Morehouse College Candle Award; The William M. Moss Distinguished Brotherhood Award; and The Louise Fisher Morris Humanitarian Award. He is a Lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, The Prince Hall Masons (33rd final degree in Masonry), and was recognized as a Living Treasure by the New York City Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Dr. Butts is consistently invited to preach in distinguished pulpits throughout New York, America, and internationally. He has traveled to Africa, China, Cuba, Europe, the Middle East, the Netherlands, South America, and the Caribbean Islands.

Reverend Butts is married, and has three children, and six grandchildren.

From the Members

On a hot, summer night in August 1969, the Congregation gathered to vote on a new Pastor. As it has been expressed for years, Reverend Cameron M. Alexander was a "Write In" Candidate because he was not on the original list of Pastors. I had the opportunity to help the late Deacon Clinton Robinson, Chairman of the Deacon's Board, count the votes. Eighty-eight (88) members voted unanimously in favor of Reverend Alexander. I also had the privilege of working with him as his first Secretary since I was already working evenings on a part-time basis. So Reverend Alexander allowed me to remain until he was able to assemble his own staff. It took 2 years for him to find someone to take my place. After getting his personnel together, in 1970, he appointed me to be in charge of the Bereavement Committee and to also be the Church Clerk. I am proud to have held these positions for 47 years! To work in these capacities with Reverend Alexander has been a pleasure and quite an experience. Therefore, on his 48th Anniversary, I want to thank him for his trust in me and for the knowledge I have gained from working with him in these positions. Happy Anniversary, Reverend Alexander!

Mother Ellen Magby Wilborn

In the agricultural industry, greenhouses are known for nurturing, transforming, and restoring a variety of plants in preparation for fulfilling their called purpose. Through the leadership of Reverend Dr. Cameron M. Alexander, Antioch Baptist Church North has been that "spiritual greenhouse" for me. The LORD has truly used him as a Laborer for God's Kingdom by way of his sermons to nurture, teachings to transform, and counsels to help restore me on countless occasions. I am not all I should be, but I thank God I am not what I used to be. And the good news is that God is not finished with me yet because I am still being prepared at this greenhouse for fulfilling my called purpose. Thank you, Sir for pouring into my life. I am a better man, husband, and father by way of your contribution. I am privileged and honored to call you my Pastor. Congratulations on your 48/63 Anniversary Years!

***Rev. Darrell M. Arnold, President
Antioch Ministerial Alliance***

A funny thing happened on the way from a meeting at a bank. We met with the bank officials who stated that they would be glad to lend the Church money if we would stop funding some of our Outreach Ministries. Of course, that idea was out of the question, so Reverend Alexander told us to get up and leave. We went to a restaurant and ordered food, only to discover that no one in the group had brought a credit card or had enough money to cover the bill. We had to call the Church Secretary to bring us a card to cover the expense. Thank you, Rev. Alexander, for allowing me to share special memories with you.

Deacon Benny Williams

Pastor Alexander, thank you for giving me 35 of the best years of my life under your leadership here at Antioch! Please write your book! You are not only the best Pastor "on the top side of the earth," but you are also an historian with invaluable information which must be passed on to future generations. Happy 48th Anniversary!

Deacon Joe Beasley

48 *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 48 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 63 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 \$1,416,261 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 48 years at Antioch. Sadly, within this tenure, the "Amen Corner" has lost four (4) servants with many dedicated years of service to our beloved Antioch. Also, Antioch holds three (3) In Memoriam due to their deaths prior to final ordination.
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, 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 recognizes 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’s 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 the 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. Reverend Alexander 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 an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degrees from the United Theological Seminary in 1978, the Interdenominational Theological Center in 1991 and from 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.

Sister Michelle Baker Williams

(Some of the factual information contained within was derived from an article, "Our Leader for 47 Years," previously written by the late Brother Barney Simms.)



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

*by the late Rev. Levi Terrill**

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-eight 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 2017 by the Antioch Staff

Tribute to Mrs. Barbara J. Alexander

Mrs. Barbara Jackson Alexander, wife of Antioch's illustrious pastor, is still impacting lives for the better. Pastor Alexander's face lights up when he talks about "Honey" as he dispenses well-founded marriage advice from the pulpit. After 63 years of marriage, when he tells women, "Don't let yourself go. Put on some mascara and lipstick, so when your husband comes home, all he sees is you," he knows whereof he speaks. He often shares a story about the time when he arrived home, "Barbara was looking all good and I forgot everything I was supposed to do." He is still enamored with the woman who caught his eye as a major-ette at Washington High School.



For 48 years during his Antioch pastorate and his 63 years of preaching, Mrs. "A", as she is affectionately called, has co-labored with her husband as they have exemplified Isaiah 61. She has sought to "bind up the brokenhearted" by reaching out to all of the AUMI Ministries, including Ruth's Place, giving unto them "beauty for ashes" and her unwavering outreach to the men of Luke's Place. She has also nurtured The Ministers' Wives with practical advice undergirded with the Word of God, in continuing the mantle of service by assisting in the Food and Clothing Bank. Most importantly, she is an example of how to love your husband, nurture your children and provide a well-ordered home that is a place of refuge and peace for the family.

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

Her special touch, business savvy and impact can be felt well beyond the walls of Antioch. Mrs. Alexander has helped many people, organizations and ministries. The Antioch Christian Entrepreneurs (ACE) has benefited from her years of experience as a prominent businesswoman and owner of the acclaimed Barbara J. Alexander Realty Company, Inc. In everything, she has set a pattern of excellence, engaging in every endeavor "heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."

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



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

July 20, 2017

Rev. Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander
Antioch Baptist Church North
540 Cameron M Alexander Blvd
Atlanta, GA 30318

Dear Pastor Alexander,

As Georgia's Fifth Congressional District Representative, I am pleased to extend congratulations as you celebrate your 48th Pastoral Anniversary at Antioch Baptist Church North as well as 63 years of preaching.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many contributions you have made to our community. Under your exemplary leadership, your church continues to be a great place to worship. As you celebrate this anniversary, take time to reflect upon your many accomplishments.

You have my best wishes for continued success in your role as Pastor of this great church.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Lewis".

John Lewis
Member of Congress



STATE OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
ATLANTA 30334-0900

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

August 6, 2017

To: Pastor Alexander

GREETINGS:

It is a pleasure to join with the congregation of Antioch Baptist Church North in extending best wishes as you celebrate 63 years in the ministry and 48 years as pastor. On behalf of the State of Georgia, I thank you for your shining example and public outreach.

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Nathan Deal

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KASIM REED
MAYOR



CITY OF ATLANTA

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August 6, 2017

Greetings:

As 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 *48th Pastoral Anniversary*.

As you mark your *48th Pastoral Anniversary*, I salute Pastor Alexander and the congregation of Antioch Baptist Church North for your steadfast commitment to building God's kingdom. For over 60 years, Pastor Alexander has made an everlasting impact on the countless people he has served. Your generous efforts and contributions are never in vain because you demonstrate God's loving nature to those around you.

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

We are proud to honor Reverend Dr. Cameron M. Alexander and his congregation for faithful service and recognize the generous contributions they have made in the lives our residents. On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I am proud to extend best wishes for an auspicious occasion.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kasim Reed



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

DR. JERRY YOUNG, PRESIDENT

August 6, 2017

Reverend Dr. Cameron Alexander
Antioch Baptist Church North
540 Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard
Atlanta, GA 30318

Dear Dr. Alexander,

It is a both a joy and a privilege to extend to you the warmest congratulations as you celebrate your 48th anniversary as Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church North in Atlanta, Georgia. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend your celebration, however, I join with your family, church members and friends in wishing you a spirit-filled time of reflection and rejoicing over the innumerable ways that our God has used you in faithful and fruitful service to Him!

Within the city of Atlanta, you have led your ministry in being a beacon light, a shining example whose aim was to light the path to salvation through Jesus Christ. You have labored well, clothed in Christian love and cloaked in captivating leadership! Undoubtedly, you have made a profound impact upon the Atlanta community.

On behalf of the officers and members of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., I offer words of felicitations and best wishes to you. We pray that you will enjoy each memory and each moment as you look, expectantly, to what the future holds for you and Antioch.

Be richly blessed today, tomorrow and always as you continue in service to our God and for His people.

Yours in the mission and ministry of Christ,

Jerry Young

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July 11, 2017

**Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander
Antioch Baptist Church North
540 Cameron M. Alexander Blvd., N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30318-7099**

Dear Pastor Alexander:

Upon the celebration of your 48th Pastoral Anniversary with the Antioch Church Family on July 21, 2017, and the observance of your 63 years of preaching the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ on August 6, 2017; President Jerry Young, the members of the Executive Committee, the members of the Board of Directors, and the constituent members of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., pause with Antioch and the entire Baptist denomination of 8.5 million witnesses in blessing the name of our God for you, Sis. Barbara and your entire family!

Your many years of committed witnessing for the cause of Christ, highlighted by not only your pastorates, but marked by your service as President of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, as well as serving as a vice president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., is a testimony to God's having delighted in using you to His glory and honor.

We are the witnesses we are to date because of the stalwart faith evidenced in and by your life.

Thank you for your "being steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

Truly yours, Envisioning the Future Exceptionally,

Dr. Jerry Young, President

Dr. Calvin McKinney, General Secretary

P.S. On a personal note, thank you for all that you've meant and been to me in life and ministry!

"Envisioning the Future Exceptionally"



Rev. Dr. Kenneth B. Martin



August 6, 2017

Greetings, Reverend Dr. Cameron M. Alexander,

The General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. congratulations you, Pastor Alexander for forty-eight years of leading, teaching and preaching at Antioch Baptist Church North.

You have spent a lifetime serving the Lord and mankind. You have labored in the vineyard, sowing seeds, and telling all who would listen about a man that can save us all.

You have been a beacon light and hope in dark places. Because of who you are, we love, honor and respect you. May the grace of God continue to shine upon you as you spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Alexander you demonstrated your dedication to the church, community and convention, with distinction and grace, bringing great wisdom, integrity and spiritual leadership to many.

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

Yours in God's service,

Kenneth Martin

Kenneth B. Martin, D.D.
President

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Greetings

August 6, 2017

Antioch Baptist Church North
540 Cameron Madison Alexander Blvd, NW
Atlanta, GA 30318

Dear Antioch Baptist Church North Family & Friends:

It is a pleasure to welcome all those attending the 63rd and 48th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration of the Rev. Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander of Antioch Baptist Church North. Today's events provide a wonderful opportunity to reunite with old friends, colleagues and members while honoring your fine pastor's service and achievement.

For sixty-three years, Rev. Alexander has been a tremendous and source of support to our community. The church has played a prominent role in promoting and strengthening the lives of individuals and families through love and compassion. This year's celebration is an apt tribute to the life-long dedicated work of Rev. Alexander as an outstanding faith and community leader.

On behalf of Fulton County, I am pleased to recognize the Rev. Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander, Antioch Baptist Church North, and all those associated with the 63rd and 48th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

John H. Eaves, Ph.D
Chairman
Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Rev. & Mrs. Alexander



The Alexander Family



10th Annual *CMA* Golf Classic



10TH ANNUAL CMA GOLF CLASSIC

The 10th Annual CMA Golf Classic will be held on August 19, 2017, at Legacy at Lake Lanier Golf Course in Buford, Georgia. Please contact Dea. Benny Williams or Dea. Rodney Floyd at the church office, 404-688-5679, or www.antiochurban.org for further information.

REV. TURNER ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, August 13, at 3:00 p.m., the Antioch Family will worship with the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Rev. Rodney Turner, Pastor, in the celebration of Pastor Turner's 14th Pastoral Anniversary. The Antioch Adult Choir, Deacons, Mothers & Ushers are asked to be on duty. Members and friends are encouraged to attend and help celebrate this momentous occasion.

TERRY WEST BIBLE CLASS

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

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 29, 2017, 470 bags of food were distributed. A total of 10,608 pounds of food was distributed.

CLOTHING BANK

Thirty-nine (39) families received goods through the Clothing Bank.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The lesson for today, August 6, 2017, is "**Meeting Needs**," and the scripture is **Acts 6:1-8**. Next week's lesson is "**Reaching Out**," and the scripture is **Acts 8:26-39**. Please join us and be renewed by the teaching of God's Word.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

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

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

Members in Hospitals

Bro. Joshua Williams – Scottish Rite Hospital, Rm. 361

Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Bro. Daniel Michael Adams – Nursecare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 526
Sis. Alice Arline – Brightmoor Senior Living, Griffin, Rm. 310
Sis Robertine Bryant – PruittHealth of Decatur, Decatur, Rm. 216
Mother Virginia Hall – Christian City Rehab Ctr, Union City, Rm 412-A
Mother Annie Harris – Douglasville Nursing & Rehab Ctr, Douglasville, Rm. 222
Mother Bettye Harris – Nursecare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 205
Mother Mary Hood – Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 408-B
Bro. Noah Respress – Virginia Gardens Assisted Living, Fort Valley, Rm. 7094
Bro. Dallas Tucker – Sadie G. Mays Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. C-9
Sis. Annette Webb – Manor Care Rehab Ctr, Decatur, Rm. 238

Members Convalescing at Home

Sis. Barbara J. Alexander	Bro. Melvin Harris
Sis. Zeporia Alexander	Sis. Pearla Holmes
Sis. Evelyn Battle	Bro. Roy Houston
Mother Emma Broomes	Bro. Donald Hutson
Bro. Robert Brown	Sis. Elizabeth Johnson
Bro. Henry Claybrook	Mother Gwendolyn Johnson
Sis. Miriam Crawford	Sis. Denise Jones
Sis. Doris Dennis	Bro. Rufus Kelly
Sis. Margaret Edinburgh	Bro. Phillip Lyde
Bro. Calvin Favors	Sis. Sylvia McClain
Sis. Catherine George	Bro. Henri McTerry
Sis. Minnie George	Mother Effie Nalls
Sis. Niaciene George	Sis. Cynthia Price
Bro. Randall Griffin	Rev. Raleigh Ragland

Bro. Richard Raglin
Dea. Mark Roberts
Bro. Fred Samuels, Jr.
Sis. Candace Scott
Sis. Catherine Smith
Sis. Lucille Spears
Bro. McKenzie Thomas
Mother Willie "Cookie" Tuggle
Sis. Vivian Walker
Sis. Mae Weaver
Mother Lenora Williams
Sis. Sallie Williams
Sis. Lillie Willis

Worship Service Coordinator

Bro. Rodney Thompson

Security Chiefs on duty

Bro. Julius Simmons

Trustees on duty

Bro. Jeff Reeves

Health Professionals on duty

Sis. Marie Thompson

Videographer on duty

Bro. Michael Williams

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

3 John 1:2

