

139th Church Anniversary



**"OUR CHURCH:
FOUNDED ON A FIRM
FOUNDATION"**

Luke 6:48

Fellowship

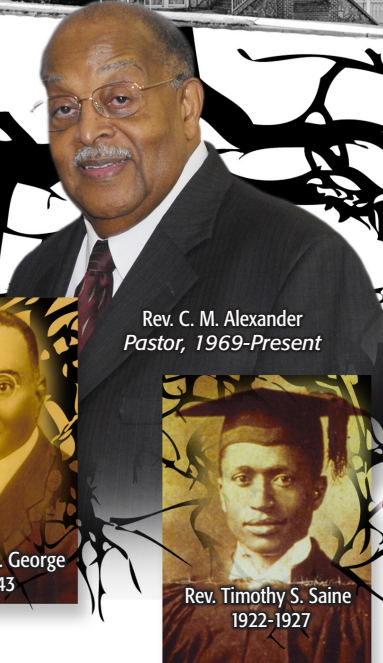
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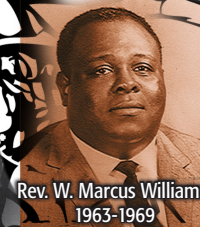
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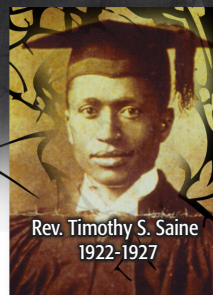


Rev. C. M. Alexander
Pastor, 1969-Present



Rev. W. Marcus Williams
1963-1969

Doctrine



Rev. Timothy S. Saine
1922-1927

Stewardship

**Sunday, November 13, 2016
10:00AM Anniversary Service**

Antioch Baptist Church North

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

**BIBLE-BASED • CHRIST-CENTERED • HOLY SPIRIT-LED • MISSION-BOUND
FELLOWSHIP • EVANGELISM • DOCTRINE • STEWARDSHIP**

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An Anniversary Message From the Pastor

November 13, 2016

My Brothers and Sisters,



As our Antioch family gathers today for the celebration of our 139th Anniversary, I am deeply humbled to be a part of her rich history. We have come together in one service for a grand family reunion to celebrate our past, rejoice in our present, and look with hope toward our future.

There is a saying that “the more things change, the more they stay the same.” The disputed election of 1876 that installed a Republican as President of the United States signaled the end of Reconstruction in 1877 when the federal troops were withdrawn from the South. The gains made by African Americans during Reconstruction were effectively erased, and racial strife overtook the hope of Reconstruction that racial equality would one day be achieved.

In that climate in 1877, eight former slaves believed Matthew 18:19-20, “That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” The Bethursday Prayer Band knew there was more prayer power when they came together, but there was no church in the Fifth Ward “colored quarters”. It was dangerous to travel through white quarters to other colored sections, so they committed to meeting on Thursdays to rejoice together for how God had kept them and ask the Lord to continue to sustain them.

Like the early church, the Bethursday Prayer Band met from house to house until they were given space in a butcher shop to hold their regular meetings. No doubt, their prayer meetings, after grueling days of hard labor, were much like our old-fashioned worship service on Wednesday night. Our deacons raising hymns echoed the call-and-response foundation of Oscar Young, Miles Crawford, Jordan Beavers, and Lem Wright. Surely, the four other former slaves gave testimonies of how God had brought them through, just as our members did on Wednesday, drawing strength from each other to go on for one more day.

139 years later, we are thankful that we are still digging deep to serve the least, the less, and the loss, and that no matter what storms arise, our house, Antioch North, cannot be shaken. We are blessed to understand that Jesus Christ is not up for re-election; He is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore.

As a testimony to God’s goodness for where we are today, I am asking each member to make a sacrificial financial gift of \$139.00, one dollar for each year that God has allowed us to grow and to give...to learn and to live by His grace. This sacrificial gift is above and beyond our normal tithes and offerings and will demonstrate our generational commitment to carrying out God’s plan.

Yours in God’s service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Cameron M. Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Reverend Cameron M. Alexander
Pastor

C E L E B R A T I N G 1 3 9 Y E A R S !

ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016 + 10:00AM

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

The Ringing of the Bell.....Naration by the Verse Speakers
The Entrance of the Word
The Call to Worship
The Devotion.....Deacons, Mothers and Youth Ministries
The Processional...Dance Ministries, Pastor, Co-Pastor, Ministers, Minister’s Wives, & Church
Anniversary Committee
The Morning Hymn #377.....*The Church’s One Foundation*.....Congregation
Antioch Adult Choir, BWT Verse Speakers, Adult Hand Bell Choir & Vessels of Praise Dance Ministry

139th Church Anniversary Music Ministry Tribute

Narrated by: BWT Verse Speakers

Selection – The Note Singers

ACT I

(Members portraying Pastor Alexander and former Pastors)

ACT II

(Member portraying Pastor/Dancers in scene)

ACT III

(Pastor Alexander with the Children - The Children will explain to Pastor the meaning of the Four Pillars and what they mean to them in their lives today)

Verse Speakers will end the act.

The Selection.....Antioch Adult Choir
The Announcements & Recognition of Visitors

THE LITANY OF PRAISE

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

MINISTER: *We are...*

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

MINISTER: *We stand on...*

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

MINISTER: *So, let us...*

ALL: *Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is GOD: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with 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.*

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The Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus, we gather this morning to say thank you for being the center of our lives. We thank you, O God, for another opportunity to return a portion of what you have given unto us. It's in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray.

The Tithes & Offering.....Deacons & Ushers' Ministries
The Sermon Hymn.....*Amazing Grace*.....Congregation
The Anniversary Sermon.....Reverend Dr. C. M. Alexander

The Invitation to Discipleship

(Please refrain from walking during the Invitation to Discipleship)

The Presentation.....The Anniversary Committee

'Til We Meet Again



Our Foundation-The Four Pillars

Fellowship is the union of Christian believers sharing their Christian experience, which is every Christian's responsibility. As Christians, we must assemble ourselves together to share, to learn, and to gather strength from one another. Members are asked to attend all activities such as workshops, special services, etc., during special days or special events. (Hebrews 10:25), "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Evangelism is the means for Christians to spread the news of God's goodness. Jesus commands us to evangelize and to be fishers of men. During special events and activities, members are asked to witness to at least one unchurched person and bring that person to our special activities. (John 15:16), "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it to you."

Doctrine is the system of teaching by which Christians must advocate the Word of the Lord. It is a set of Biblical principles and laws by which we are governed. As prophets, it is imperative for us to understand and proclaim the basic beliefs, practices, and principles that make us unique as Baptists. Revivals, special activities, and other learning experiences are available to strengthen our beliefs. In addition to our ongoing Sunday School and Nurturing Baptist Church classes (Baptist Training Union), other services are provided in an effort for us to learn more about Baptist Doctrine. (Mark 4:2), "And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in His doctrine..."

Stewardship reminds us that as Christians, we are responsible for managing God's property. Stewardship involves Christians contributing, managing their time, talents, money and resources in doing God's work. We must recognize the fact that (Psalm 24:1) "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." As owner, God will come back expecting us as Christians to give a report of our stewardship. As we wait for His return, we must demonstrate our commitment through our gifts of time, talent, and tithes. Members are encouraged to tithe consistently and cheerfully. (Luke 12:42), "And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?"

Antioch Baptist Church North works aggressively to serve this present age as a rock that is:

Bible-based: 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; Psalm 119:105

Christ-centered: John 14:6; Revelation 17:14; John 1:1; Matthew 28:18

Holy Spirit-led: John 16:7-14; Galatians 5:25

Mission-bound: Matthew 25:31-46

*Happy
62nd
Anniversary*



Rev. & Mrs. Cameron M. Alexander

A Tribute to Antioch Pioneers

by Chelsi Lester

To my Pastor Dr. Cameron Alexander, Co-Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Alexander, Our Great Pioneers, officers, members, and friends.

As youth, we often take things for granted. Antioch Baptist Church North has always been here for me, and when I come, the lights are on, the heat is working in the winter and the air in the summer. I have a clean space to practice with the Teen Dancers, allowing me to use the gift God has given me to His glory. Today, I want to say thank you to the Pioneers, for making it possible for me to enjoy a Bible-based, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led, and Mission-bound Church.

The Bethursday Prayer Band not only had a vision to establish a place to gather and worship, but they had the dedication and perseverance to make it permanent; they established "a firm foundation." They are no longer on this side of glory, but their spirit is carried by the Pioneers who are with us today. For 50 years—and longer—our Pioneers have supported our beloved Antioch, sometimes at great personal sacrifice.

50 years ago, Antioch was still in "the old church." There was no air conditioning, except the cool breeze that blew through curtains made by one of the members that covered the open windows. Church programs were printed on a mimeograph machine, and all church records were handwritten. There was no Debit Card Reader for giving your tithes and offerings, just seasoned saints, unwrapping a handkerchief wrapped around a few dollars and coins, giving out of the depths of their hearts.

Two Sundays ago, our choirs and M.A.D.D. took us on "a journey down through the years." Because our pioneers knew that they could "Go to God in Prayer" and "Have a Little Talk with Jesus," they had "A Closer Walk" with Jesus.

Our church was truly "Founded on a Firm Foundation," and our members of 30-plus years, and our Pioneers of 50-plus years have spent their lives digging deep into the Word of God. Pioneers, I have been watching you. I have seen that when the floods of life's trials arise and try to overwhelm you and the streams beat vehemently upon your physical house with health challenges, they cannot shake you because you are founded upon the rock-hard foundation of Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the youth of our church, and our members, and personally, I thank you for showing me how to worship, how to pray, how to study the Word and live it out. I thank you for providing a place where I could become rooted and grounded so that when this chaotic world tries to sway me, I can stand firm and upright because my house is built upon a rock; I have a firm foundation.



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139TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY PIONEERS › NOVEMBER 6, 2016

'Tis the Season of Giving

"I Care"

*Casting all your care upon
him; for he careth for you*

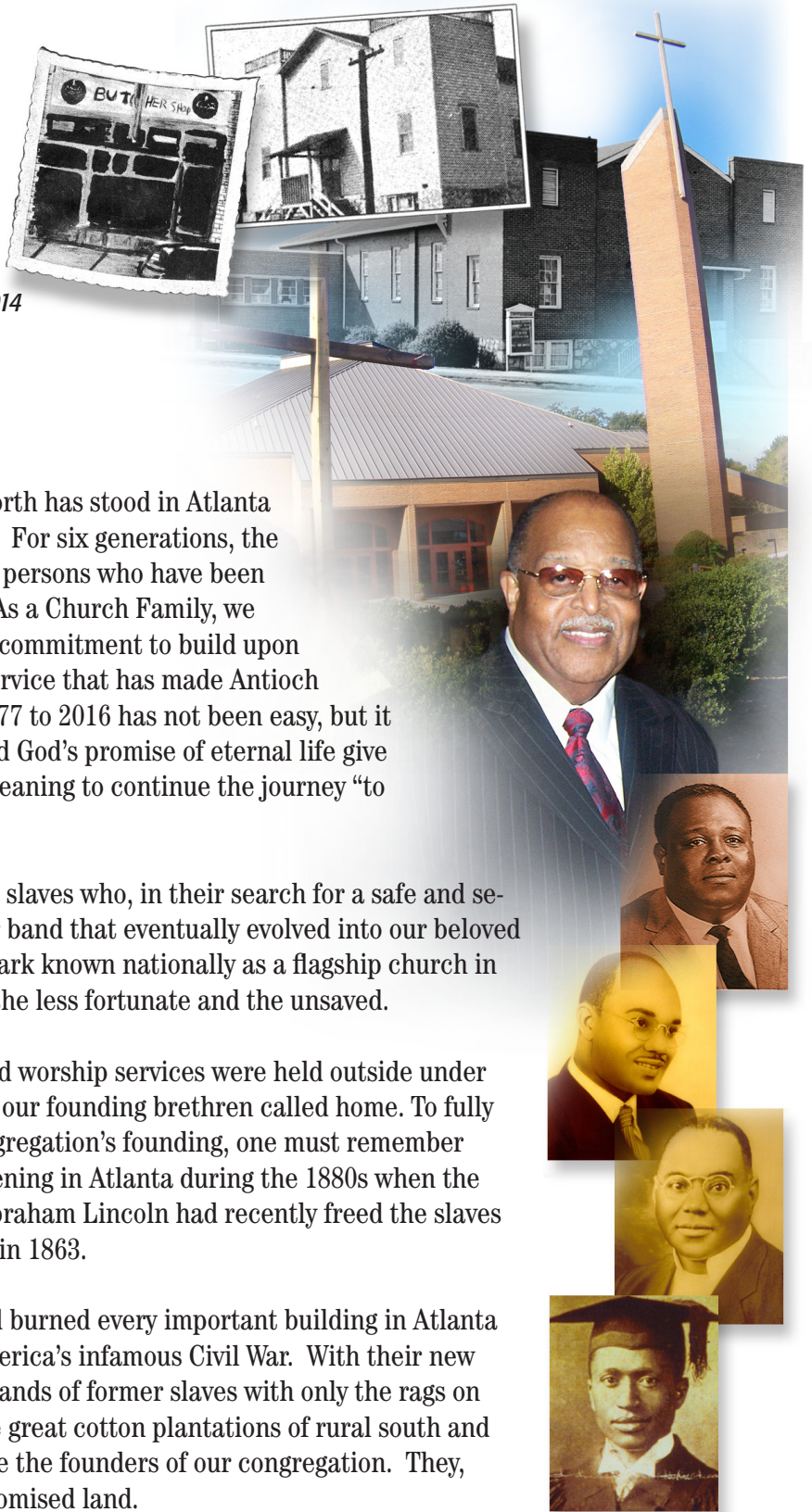
1 Peter 5:7

Please start bringing canned and non-perishable food items to fill our Thanksgiving boxes so Antioch can help those less fortunate to experience a joyful Thanksgiving. Receptacles will be placed around the church to receive the donations.



Historical Highlights of the Antioch Baptist Church North

By: *The Late Brother Barney Simms – 2009*
Bro. Simms updated *Highlights of History* from 2010-2014



Since 1877, the Antioch Baptist Church North has stood in Atlanta as a beacon of hope and a place of refuge. For six generations, the congregational family has nurtured thousands of persons who have been counted among the least, the last, and the lost. As a Church Family, we celebrate our 139th Anniversary with a renewed commitment to build upon the remarkable record of charitable Christian Service that has made Antioch one of God's best churches. The journey from 1877 to 2016 has not been easy, but it certainly has been rewarding! Those rewards and God's promise of eternal life give our ever growing congregation inspiration and meaning to continue the journey "to see what the end will be."

The Congregation remembers those eight former slaves who, in their search for a safe and secure place to praise God, loosely formed a prayer band that eventually evolved into our beloved Antioch Baptist Church North, an Atlanta landmark known nationally as a flagship church in the struggle for human dignity and the plight of the less fortunate and the unsaved.

The Antioch Congregation's earliest meetings and worship services were held outside under the stars and in shanty one-room structures that our founding brethren called home. To fully appreciate the historical significance of the Congregation's founding, one must remember all the unsettling circumstances that were happening in Atlanta during the 1880s when the Antioch Congregation was founded. President Abraham Lincoln had recently freed the slaves when he signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

In 1864, General William Sherman destroyed and burned every important building in Atlanta during his vivid march across Georgia during America's infamous Civil War. With their new freedom gained at the end of the Civil War, thousands of former slaves with only the rags on their backs began to relocate to Atlanta from the great cotton plantations of rural south and central Georgia. Included in those numbers were the founders of our congregation. They, too, were traveling north in search of the new promised land.

One hundred and thirty-seven years ago, Atlanta was not the important city that it is today. The city was beginning to rebuild from the ravages of the Civil War. It was certainly not a city too busy to hate. Atlanta merchants and builders took advantage of the cheap labor and services of black people; knowing that they had worked as slaves with no compensation, they would hire four to five blacks for the wages of one white person. As a

result, of this practice, Atlanta's poor white citizens were resentful and began terrorizing these former slaves for taking jobs away from them.

Adding to the confusion, the newly organized Atlanta newspapers began to distort and sensationalize feelings between Atlanta's blacks and whites. As a result, black people became too frightened to travel distances. By 1877, black people in Atlanta had become isolated in individual living wards and areas called "colored quarters." In the quarters that became known as Fifth Ward, there was not a church close to where our founding members lived for worship and rejoicing. A trip across town, through white quarters, to the nearest colored church was like putting one's life into the hands of the devil.

Out of this fear and the need to serve God, Oscar Young, Miles Crawford, Jordan Beavers, Lem Wright, and four other former slaves organized a prayer group, calling themselves the Bethursday Prayer Band because the "meetin' be on Thursdays." As the meetings grew in regularity, so did the number of persons attending. The meetings moved from house to house until the group was able to use space in a butcher shop where one of the members worked.

Eight years later in 1895, the members of the Bethursday Prayer Band borrowed \$200 from the Southern Home Building and Loan Association and purchased its first property, a dilapidated basement structure at number seven Wallace Street. It was a stretch, but the group agreed to pay back the loan at \$1.20 per month. While many of today's congregational members may get a smile from this fact, it was an unbelievable amount of money to be entrusted to uneducated, former slaves without any collateral.

The initial loan to purchase the Wallace Street property was paid off in record time in 1899. The congregation then, more than a century ago, faced the same challenge that the Antioch Congregation faces in 2016. They wondered how they would address and serve the needs of their growing membership in spaces that had become over-crowded and too small even though they had just purchased the property five years earlier.

Their dilemma in 1899 was a cause of great concern as they questioned their preparedness for serving God's people at the start of the 20th Century.

Today, the Antioch pastor, deacons, trustees, and membership face some of the same challenges and ask some of the same questions that the Bethursday Prayer Group asked. "How will we address the needs of an ever growing membership and a community challenged by economic restraints during a struggling economy?"

In 1899, at the dawning of the 20th Century, the Bethursday Prayer Band renewed that initial loan and remodeled its basement structure to adequately serve its members. In addition, they changed their name and identity from the Bethursday Prayer Band to Antioch Baptist Church and moved into the 20th Century with jubilant enthusiasm and great excitement.

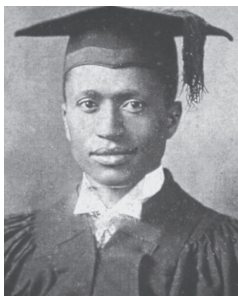
The founders should be commended on their choice of the name Antioch. It was a fine choice for it was at Antioch that the term "Christian" was first given to converts to the new faith, and it was Paul's point of departure on his missionary journey.

By the early 1920s, the Antioch membership had grown tremendously and now included a few property owners, skilled laborers, and a few other persons who had been exposed to education; some could even read and write. This was a time of rapid growth and expansion for our young congregation.

The names of the very early ministers who nurtured and served as pastors of the young Antioch congrega-

tion were never chronicled in written historical documents; however, oral histories and conversations with Antioch Pioneers identify the names of Rev. Jerry Davis, a Rev. Harris, a Rev. Briscoe, Rev. B. T. Harvey and Rev. Alfred C. Williams as early ministers who served at Antioch. These preachers are warmly remembered for courageously proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to our young congregational family.

Antioch: 1922-1927



In 1922, the Reverend Timothy Saine was called to Antioch and guided the young congregation through the 1920s. His leadership stressed the dignity of work and honest labor. He is especially remembered today for his leadership in the construction of Antioch's first "new" building. In 1924, the congregation borrowed three thousand dollars to build its "new" church using its recently acquired properties at Wallace and Gray Streets as collateral.

Antioch's first church building was no architectural wonder, but it was a fine example of civic architecture of the day wherein everyone in the congregation and community helped to build it. It was a stark clapboard structure housing the sanctuary atop a tall stone foundation that served as the first fellowship hall.



Having been trained at Hampton and Tuskegee Institutes, Reverend Saine encouraged the members to prepare themselves and their children for opportunities in teaching, railroad employment, carpentry and other skilled jobs. His teachings fostered at Antioch an atmosphere of encouragement and hope and accounted for a remarkable level of family solidarity and the upward mobility of the young church.

Antioch: 1927-1943



In 1927, Reverend Timothy George was called to lead Antioch. He provided guidance and leadership during the Great Depression when large masses of the congregational family found themselves unemployed following the famous stock market crash as Atlanta banks, businesses, and manufacturing companies closed. It is seldom talked about, but the young congregation could not meet its financial obligations and maintain the day-to-day financial operations of the church during this very difficult time. As a result, the church's property was foreclosed upon and sold on the steps of the Fulton County Courthouse. That was a sad time in the Congregation's history, but because of the membership's determined stewardship and faithfulness and the effective leadership of Rev. George, the property was quickly recovered.

By 1940 when the City of Atlanta proposed building federal public housing in the community, Antioch had regained its anchor and its voice as leader of the community. The congregation was elated about the idea of decent public housing for the area, not knowing at the time, however, that Herndon Homes would displace the church building.

By an act of easement, the Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta paid the congregation \$8,300 for its Gray Street property. Not wanting to relocate from the area where the Congregation had been conceived, nurtured, and allowed to grow, Rev. George, the deacons, and the trustees agreed to purchase available property beginning at the southwest corner of Kennedy and Lambert Streets for sixteen hundred dollars. Antioch moved its wooden sanctuary from its Gray Street stone foundation to a newly-built foundation on Lambert Street. With the remaining funds, the Church made a few minor cosmetic changes to the building, but the warm-spirited feeling of the congregation remained as it was.

Antioch: 1943-1963



Rev. T. H. George's son, the charismatic and energetic, Rev. D.T. George served as pastor of Antioch during the 1940's, 50's, and early 60's. During his pastorate, the church facilities were drastically renovated. Instead of relocating the Congregation during the Northside Drive expansion as the State Department of Transportation had suggested, Antioch remained at its location, turned its façade from Lambert Street, now called Northside Drive, to Kennedy Street, which has since been renamed Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard.

Rev. D. T. George restructured the organization of the congregation because he did not want just a church full of Sunday worshippers. He organized a number of auxiliaries to ensure the maximum participation from all segments of the congregation.

Many of those organizations are still in existence today and are important to the vitality of the Antioch Congregation. Included are the Deaconess, the Matronets, the Fisherman Club, the Service Guild, the Nurses Aid, the Male Chorus, and the Progressive Garden Club. Choirs numbered 2 and 3 and the D.T. George Gospel Chorus have grown and merged into the Antioch Adult Choir. Rev. George was impaired by a stroke and retired in 1963.

Antioch: 1963-1969



The Rev. W. Marcus Williams became pastor of Antioch in 1963. He was young, energetic, and only 36 years old when he became pastor of the church. Rev. Williams was an excellent, yet controlled speaker, but is most often remembered at Antioch for his magnificent tenor voice.

Having found the Church in sound fiscal health, and having a keen interest in sociology, Rev. Williams geared the congregation's attention toward social programs that would benefit the membership. He organized a church credit union and a daycare center.

In 1969, he resigned the Antioch pulpit and accepted a new challenge.

Antioch: 1969-Present



The Rev. Cameron Madison Alexander accepted the Call to Antioch in 1969. After 47 years of incredible service, his tenure as pastor has been the longest in Antioch's history.

Under Pastor Alexander's dynamic and visionary leadership, the congregation has grown from fewer than 500 persons to a membership that currently exceeds 12,000. The Rev. Alexander has been the driving force in the congregation's acquisition of more than 87 separate parcels of land to facilitate the daily operations of Antioch and to enhance future growth needs. Antioch's annual operating budget has grown from slightly more than thirty thousand dollars when he arrived as pastor to an excess of 5 million dollars based not on raffles, bake sales and gimmicks, but strictly upon the congregation's generous tithes, offerings, and gifts.

To maintain the many programs associated with Pastor Alexander's ministry and his vision for Antioch's future spiritual and economic development and growth, the Church staff has grown from the one part-time employee who worked when Pastor Alexander arrived to 45 full and part-time staff members. These employees manage church administrative services, plant operations, the transportation fleet, the Antioch Urban Ministries, the music program, the worship services, and the other various outreach activities and services that Pastor Alexander has organized to service the needs of the membership and community.

Pastor Alexander is credited with providing visionary leadership for the planning and the execution of the most ambitious building and land acquisition program in the Antioch Congregation's history. During the late

1970s, he led the Congregation to purchase 28 acres of beautiful, wooded land in Southwest Atlanta in the Adamsville Community.



It was to become the site of the Congregation's new worship complex. However, the Holy Spirit directed Pastor Alexander to change all of the relocation plans for moving the congregation to Southwest Atlanta when more pressing needs for serving God's people remained in our current inner city location where the congregation has served since 1877.

During the late 1980s under Pastor Alexander's leadership, the congregation began a strategic acquisition of additional properties, purchasing single parcels of land surrounding the church facilities. To the surprise of many, and especially to the Atlanta business community, Antioch built its new multi-million dollar worship center, which was dedicated in 1990, and its new administrative wing the following year at its current location. The land that the church purchased in Southwest Atlanta was eventually sold and became the site of a subdivision.

Most congregations experience membership decline during large building and acquisition programs, but under Pastor Alexander's guidance, the Antioch membership quadrupled causing him to expand his outreach ministries ten-fold to meet the needs of new members and those continually coming to Antioch for help and for directions.

Inspired by the six ministries in the Book of Matthew that outline the Church's responsibility to the less fortunate, Pastor Alexander established Antioch's Urban Ministries in the early 1990s.

In 1991, as Chairman of the Board for AUMI, Pastor Alexander provided leadership in acquiring the 12-story Walton Hotel in downtown Atlanta. Valued at the time of purchase for more than 15 million dollars, the hotel was transformed into apartments for the working homeless and persons with noninfectious tuberculosis. The hotel was renamed the Madison House as a fitting tribute to the pastor whose middle name is Madison. The Church sold the building in 2012 to expand its ever growing outreach ministries.



In 1992, the Ananias House was opened as a temporary home for recovering addicts, and in 1994, Ruth's Place was opened for women dealing with similar problems. Also in 1994, Matthew's Place was opened as a home for those who are HIV-positive or living with AIDS. Pastor Alexander provided the leadership for the establishment of Project Redirection as an alternative to incarceration for first-time offenders, and Project Youth Redirection, a ministry to youth who struggle and live within at-risk environments.

In 1997, Pastor Alexander led the Congregation into purchasing the Selig business plaza located adjacent the worship center to house the offices and administrative staff for the Antioch Urban Ministries. In addition, the old Danzig Motel that was located in Northeast Atlanta on Chapel Road was purchased, renovated, and at one time served as the home for Matthew's Place to better serve more persons who are HIV-positive.

In 1999, again under Pastor Alexander's leadership, the Congregation purchased a multi-purpose building at 590 North Avenue. Known to the Congregation as "the 590," the building hosts a variety of congregational events and is used most frequently for youth activities.

In 2001, Pastor Alexander, as Chairman of Bethursday Development Corporation, provided leadership in the purchase of more than eleven "prized" acres of land located between Joseph E. Boone Boulevard and Jett

Street. The purchase was considered a prize inasmuch as several developers wanted the property and its proximity to the Georgia World Congress Center. Four and a half acres of railroad right of way were later purchased from the CSX Railroad. These acquisitions would become the canvas for redeveloping the English Avenue community.

In 2004, Antioch joined in celebrating the opening of the wonderful Gateway Apartment Community, a neighborhood development partnership opportunity spearheaded by Bethursday Development Corporation. The apartment community provides 261 units of quality affordable housing fronting Northside Drive. The complex is welcomed as the precursor for continued and aggressive development of the English Avenue Community. Complementing the apartment homes is a 400-car parking deck, an 8,000 square foot retail component, full sized swimming pool, and interior courts with wonderful green spaces.

In 2008, Bethursday Development Corporation completed the first phase of twenty-eight town homes on Elm Street, just two blocks west of the Church.

While many congregations as old as Antioch often split and its members and leadership reorganize or struggle with leadership directions, under Pastor Alexander's vision, Antioch has successfully established eight missions: New Hope Mission, the Viking Mission, Lakemont Mission, Antioch Lakewood Mission, Antioch Madison House Mission, Antioch North Baptist Mission, Antioch Lithia Springs Mission, and the Antioch Community Mission at John's Creek; five of which have become strong, thriving congregational churches: Lakemont Missionary Baptist Church, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Loving Spirit Missionary Baptist Church, and New Horizon Baptist Church.

During his long tenure as the illustrious president of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., Dr. Alexander provided the leadership for the establishment of the Land of Promise Mission. All of these new church congregations serve as living testimonies that Antioch's commitment to Christian Service is as strong, as dedicated, and as much needed today as it was in 1877 when eight former slaves came together for the first time in what would eventually evolve into our beloved Antioch Missionary Baptist Church North.

In 2010, the City of Atlanta changed the name of Kennedy Street, NW to Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard as a tangible way for the City to honor Pastor Alexander for his long and dynamic legacy of community service and civic leadership to the vitality of the City of Atlanta.

Today, no one can predict all the challenges that the Antioch Congregation will face during the 21st Century. But as members of the body of Christ known and loved as Antioch, our Congregation will use the observance of its 136th Anniversary to reflect upon our past and make a collective pledge that our membership will stand strong on God's promises and remain receptive to the move of the Holy Spirit. We will continue to pray that our beloved Antioch will remain anchored to the traditions of our founding brethren in our spirit and in our commitment to God's Word.

As a congregation, we will all work aggressively to keep Antioch as a symbol of hope...a place of refuge...and a living testament to the greatness and goodness of God. In so doing, we will continue the journey and build upon a legacy of strong Christian Service worthy of continued emulation as a very special place close to our Savior's throne.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be held today at 9:00 a.m. The lesson is "*Eternal Beauty*," and the scripture comes from **Revelation 21:9-14, 22-27**. The lesson for next Sunday is "*Life and Healing*," and the scripture is **Revelation 22:1-7**. Please join us and be renewed by the teaching of God's Word.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Today after the 10:00 a.m. worship service, the Antioch Family is invited to a SCRUMPTIOUS DINNER, which will be held in the Fellowship Hall. You do not want to miss the delicious delicacies' that has been prepared especially for you. Come share in the fellowship and ENJOY!

*Happy
Anniversary
Antioch!*

Luke 6:48

He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Sunday November 20, 2016, at 3:00 p.m., a special **Thanksgiving Service** will be held at the Beulah Baptist Church on Griffin Street. Our Pastor, the Reverend C. M. Alexander, will be preaching and our Choir will sing before and after he preaches. Dinner will be served at 2:00 p.m. Members and friends are encouraged to attend as we thank God for the things He has done!

BAPTISM

Baptism will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2016, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Candidates are asked to meet downstairs at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 11-12 for instructions.

ATTENTION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

As of Sunday, December 4, 2016, announcements will not be read from the booth during the 7:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Copies of the announcements will be distributed to members at the end of each service as you leave after the Benediction. They will be a keepsake for you to have during the week, so you will remember the date and time of each activity at the church. For additional information, please contact Sis. Lenora Williams in the church office at 404-527-5144.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Starting January 2017, the Wedding Anniversary Recognitions will only be observed on the 1st Sunday of each month during the 7:45 a.m. worship service. Please save the date and time in your special month to be recognized. For more information, please contact the church office at 404-688-5679.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

Weekly Prayer Meeting and Bible Study is held at the Church every Wednesday evening. 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 7:00 p.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.

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.

ORIENTATION CLASSES!

Orientation Classes! Members who joined Antioch in the past several months and have not completed the required orientation are asked to attend classes on Sundays after the 7:45 a.m. worship service in the rear of the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact Sis. Gwen Johnson in the church office at 404-688-5679.

Worship Service Coordinator

Sis. Regina Fuller

Security Chiefs on duty

Bro. Edward Gilmore and Bro. Charlie Williams

Trustees on duty

Sis. Gloria Parham and Sis. Ollie Cooper

Health Professional on duty

Sis. Tiffany Burgess

Videographer on duty

Bro. Michael Williams

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Serving the Least of These

TELEPHONE HOPE LINE MINISTRY offers prayer and confidential support. The phone number is 404-522-HOPE(4673).

HUMAN SERVICES MINISTRY

For the week ending November 5, 2016, 542 bags of food were distributed. A total of 9,231 pounds of food was distributed, and 128 meals served to AUMI residents.

CLOTHING BANK

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

BABY DEDICATION

Baby Dedications are held every 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at the 11:00 Worship Service. The Baby Dedications are for infants from birth to six months of age. To schedule a date, please telephone Sister Lenora Williams in the church office at 404-527-5144.



If you have a loved one who has recently passed away and was a member of Antioch who had at least 25 years of service in the Church, we invite you to provide a lasting memorial in the form of a Memorial Plaque that will be mounted in the Antioch Memorial Garden located on the South Wing of the Sanctuary. A nominal fee of \$100 covers the cost of the Memorial Plaque and its mounting. This opportunity is made available once a year to family and friends who want the memory and legacy of their loved ones to live on. The Memorial Service is held the fourth Sunday in November of each year. If you would like to purchase a plaque for a loved one, please contact the church office at 404.688.5679 as soon as possible to request additional information.

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

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 – UniHealth Post-Acute Care, Decatur, Rm. 216
Mother Mattie Chivers – Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 401
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
Sis. Billie Hartley – College Park Healthcare Center, Atlanta, Rm. 205-D
Mother Mary Hood – Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 406
Dea. Ronald Smith – Golden Living Ctr., Decatur, Rm. 21-A
Mother Earnestine Shaw – Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 205
Bro. Noah Respress – Virginia Gardens Assisted Living, Fort Valley, Rm 7094
Bro. Dallas Tucker – Sadie G. Mays Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. C-9
Sis. Lula West – Traditions Health and Rehab, Lithonia, Rm. G-11

Members Convalescing at Home

Sis. Barbara J. Alexander	Bro. Donald Hutson	Bro. Fred Samuels, Jr.
Sis. Zeporia Alexander	Sis. Diane Johnson	Sis. Candace Scott
Sis. Evelyn Battle	Sis. Elizabeth Johnson	Mother Rosa Smith
Mother Emma Broomes	Bro. Millard Johnson	Sis. Lucille Spears
Bro. Robert Brown	Sis. Denise Jones	Sis. Jessie Stafford
Sis. Margaret Buckholt	Bro. Rufus Kelly	Sis. Regina Tyrene Stone
Bro. Henry Claybrook	Sis. Debra Lowe	Mother Willie "Cookie" Tuggle
Sis. Deborah Cleveland	Bro. Phillip Lyde	Sis. Vivian Walker
Sis. Miriam Crawford	Bro. Andre Mackey	Sis. Mae Weaver
Sis. Doris Dennis	Sis. Sylvia McClain	Sis. Annette Webb
Sis. Margaret Edinburgh	Sis. Sharon Mott	Sis. Lillie Willis
Sis. Pat Ellis	Rev. Mumin Muhammad	
Sis. Catherine George	Mother Effie Nalls	
Sis. Minnie George	Sis. Shameia Petty	
Sis. Niaciene George	Sis. Cynthia Price	
Bro. Randall Griffin	Bro. Richard Raglin	
Bro. Melvin Harris	Sis. Olivia Richardson	
Sis. Pearla Holmes	Dea. Mark Roberts	

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

3 John 1:2

