

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH NORTH  
REV. C. M. ALEXANDER, PASTOR • REV. K. L. ALEXANDER, CO-PASTOR

# CELEBRATING 138 YEARS

*"I Care"*

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

1 Peter 5:7



**Sunday, November 8, 2015  
10:00AM Anniversary Service**

*"Serving The Least of These..."*

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

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# An Anniversary Message From the Pastor

November 8, 2015

My Brothers and Sisters,



This is a wonderful day that the Lord has given us and in it, we will be glad and rejoice in the celebration of our 138th Church Anniversary. Such a special day as this deserves our collective praise, prayer, and participation because God has truly blessed our Church Family. Since 1877, He has allowed our fellowship to thrive in our efforts to help build His kingdom on earth.

As pastor, I especially want to thank our church staff, the Anniversary Team, and our culinary crew for their exemplary energy and enthusiasm in making certain that this anniversary celebration is both a memorable and a worthy expression of Antioch's thanks to God for His abundant generosity since the inception of our fellowship.

My heart is warmed by the presence of my good friend, the Reverend Calvin McKinney, who so graciously agreed to preach our anniversary worship sermon. It is great having him on a return visit to Antioch.

For six generations, our Church Family has held strong and true to the basic principles of the Bible. Our unquestioned obedience to God's Great Commission and to the move of the Holy Spirit have kept our fellowship grounded and irrefutable as a great spiritual vessel for the growth of God's church. So as we celebrate today, I pray that we will remain faithful to the essential character of our fellowship.

That characteristic has been our long standing and genuine concern and our need to care for all of God's people; especially the least, the less, and the lost. In so doing, Antioch will remain as stated in I Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

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 large loop at the end.

Reverend Cameron M. Alexander  
Pastor

**C E L E B R A T I N G 1 3 8 Y E A R S !**

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# **ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015 • 10:00AM**

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

The Call to Worship

The Devotion.....Deacons, Mothers and Youth Ministries

The Processional...Vessels of Praise Dancers, The Pastor, Guest Preacher, Ministers, Deacons, Mothers

The Morning Hymn #153.....*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*.....Congregation

## **138th Church Anniversary Music Ministry Tribute**

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.*

### **The Offertory Prayer**

*O Heavenly Father, we thank you for allowing us to worship together this morning. We thank you for this opportunity to return a portion of what you have given unto us. We pray this prayer in the name of our Lord Amen!*

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The Tithes & Offering.....Deacons & Ushers' Ministries  
The Sermon Hymn.....*Amazing Grace*.....Congregation  
**The Anniversary Sermon**.....**Reverend Dr. Calvin McKinney**  
*Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey, Garfield, NJ*  
*General Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.*

**The Invitation to Discipleship**  
*(Please refrain from walking during the Invitation to Discipleship)*

*'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. (Hebrew 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

## OUR 138TH ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER



# Reverend Dr. Calvin McKinney

Calvin McKinney is Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey, Garfield, New Jersey, where he has served since June, 1972. While administering an ever-expanding ministry, Dr. McKinney enjoys a full preaching ministry that has taken him throughout this country, as well as the continents of Africa, Europe, Asia, Central America, and the Caribbean Islands. In addition to being honored to preach in many of the Famed Pulpits in at least 30 of these 50 United States, one of his most memorable opportunities came during the Centennial Session of his beloved National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., in Birmingham, Alabama in 1980.

In September, 2009, Dr. McKinney was elected General Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. He served as the youngest Moderator in the history of the North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association from 1986 to 1990; and served from 1996 through 2000 in an unprecedented tenure as one of the youngest Presidents in the history of the 300,000 member General Baptist Convention of New Jersey, Inc. That exemplary leadership was rewarded by declaring him President Emeritus. In 2015 he was elected to serve on the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance.

In addition to his role as a Pastor and a denominational leader in the Baptist church, Pastor McKinney has served the community in a wide-ranging number of capacities. He presently serves on the Governor's staff as Chair of the Commission on Faith-Based Initiatives for the State of New Jersey. He serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the U.C.C. Day Care Center #100; former Trustee, Passaic County Community College; a board member of the Bergen County Urban League, NJ; an Executive Board member NAACP New Jersey State Conference and a member of Mt. Zion Lodge #50, F. & A.M. (PHA) of Hackensack, NJ.

Pastor McKinney's undergraduate work was completed at the William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ, and his graduate studies were completed through the National Theological Seminary and College in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was also honored with a Doctorate of Humane Letters Degree.

In 2003, led by the vision given by God, Pastor McKinney guided the people of God called Calvary in the construction of a \$10M state-of-the-art edifice. Because of his visionary leadership, on March 19, 2006 the people of Calvary entered their new home, a 1,500 seat sanctuary, which includes educational, fellowship and administrative complexes; all to the glory of God, the edification of fellow believers and the salvation of humankind.

Under the visionary leadership of Pastor McKinney, Calvary is known for its humanitarian outreach to those in need. In 1998, the Calvary Community Development Center was established to bridge the economic, social and political gap, which exists in our community. The CCDC provides clothing, food and emergency assistance to those in need.

He and his wife Brendalyn are the proud parents of three children: Terence Lamar, Gina Lynelle, and Calvin James; and the proud grandparents of Terence Laquan, Timothy Lamar, Mason James and Myles David.

Pastor McKinney prides himself as a Pastor, Teaching and Growing a Praying People of God.



*Happy  
61<sup>st</sup>  
Anniversary*



*Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Alexander*

# *'Tis the Season "I Care" of Giving*

*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 Brother Barney Simms*

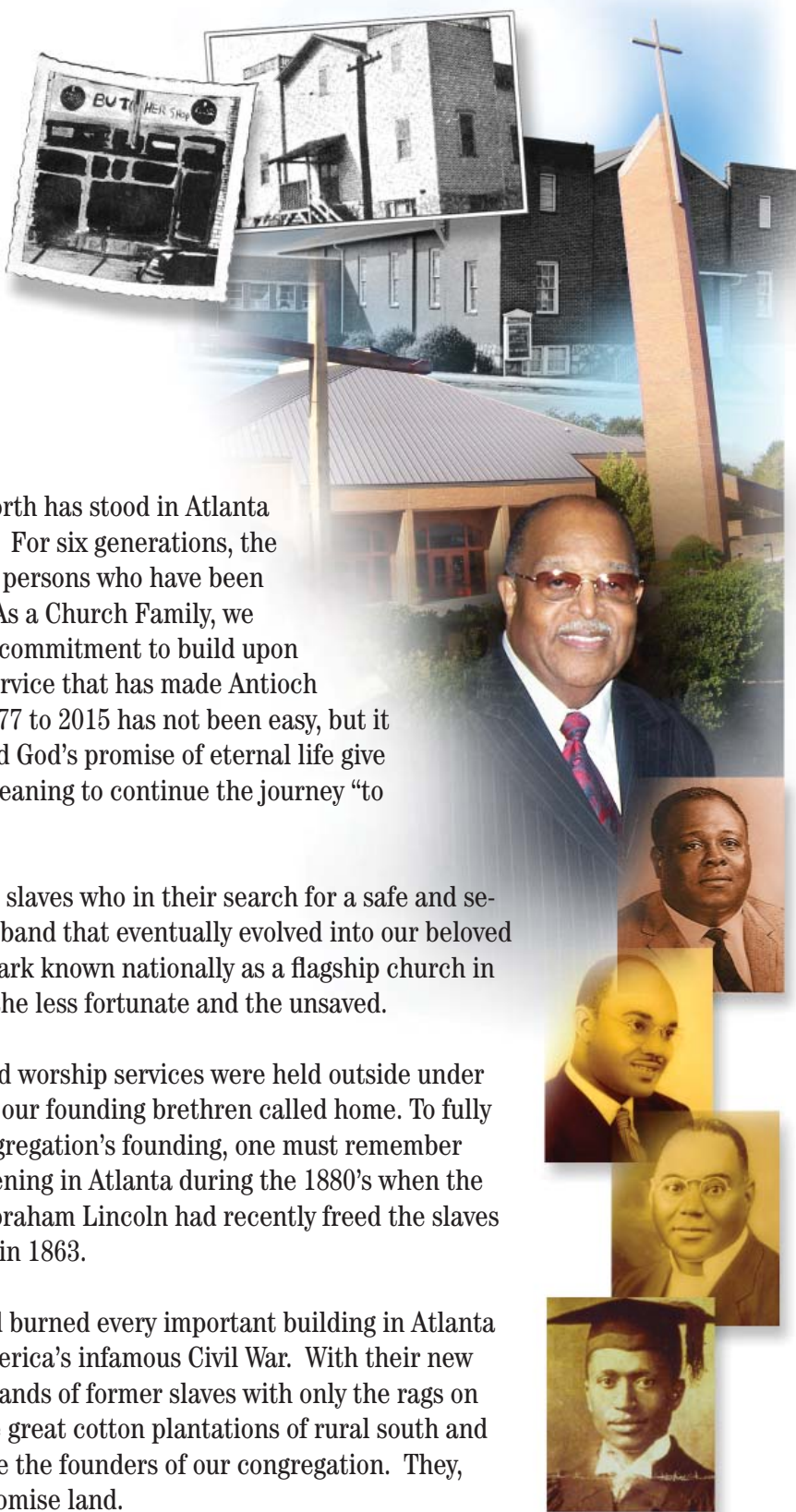
Since 1877, the Antioch Baptist Church North has stood in Atlanta as a beacon of hope and a place of refuge. For six generations, the congregational family has nurtured thousands of persons who have been counted among the least, the last, and the lost. As a Church Family, we celebrate our 138th Anniversary 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 2015 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 1880's 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 promise land.

One hundred and thirty-eight 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, 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 congregation 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 2015. They wondered how would they 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 1920's, 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 1920's. 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 membership 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 their 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, the Progressive Garden Club. Choirs numbered 2 and 3, and the D.T. George Gospel Chorus have grown and merged into the Antioch 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 46 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 less than 500 persons to a membership that currently exceeds 12,000. The Rev. Alexander has been the driving force in the congregation's acquiring 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



1970's, 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 1980's under Pastor Alexander's leadership, the congregation began a strategic acquisition of additional properties and 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 1990's.

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 congregation 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 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 138th 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.

## 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. Adults must attend three classes and youth under 12 years of age must attend one class. For more information, Please contact Sis. Gwen Johnson in the church office at 404-688-5679.

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

Antioch's Pictorial Directories are being distributed from the bookstore down stairs for those that did not pick up their copy. The distribution deadline is November 15th to pick up your copy. For additional information, please contact Deacon Benny Williams at the church office 404.688.5679 for more details.

## NEW AND ADDED MEMBERS

ATTENTION!! ALL NEW AND ADDED MEMBERS!! If you joined Antioch between 2012 and 2015, please meet with the Added Members Committee today in the sanctuary down front after the worship service. Plans are being discussed for an awesome Added Members Recognition Day on Sunday, December 14, during the 7:45 and the 11:00 a.m. worship services. Added Members will be asked to participate in several capacities as part of the Sunday morning worship services. Rehearsals for the Added Member's Choir are scheduled for November 3, 10, & 17, at 6:30 p.m. For more detailed information, please contact Sis. Elvetra Cossie or Sis. Marsha McCracken through the church office at 404-688-5679.



## Memorial Garden

If you have a recently deceased loved one who was a member of Antioch for 25 years or more with a record of service through one or more auxiliaries in the Church, we invite you to provide a memorial plaque as a lasting memorial for your loved one. The plaque can be purchased and mounted in the Antioch Memorial Garden located on the South Wing of the Church for a nominal fee of \$100.00 which covers the cost of the brass memorial plaque and its mounting. This opportunity is made available once annually to family and friends who wish to memorialize the memory of their loved ones. The Memorial Service is held in November of each year. Please contact the church office at 404-688-5679 to request additional information on this special opportunity. Payment is due when your application is submitted.

## TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Lesson for today is "**A New Way for a New Day**" The Scripture comes from **Acts 15:1-12**. You are invited to join us for study and be renewed by the teaching of God's Word. The lesson for Sunday, November 15, will be "**Ready, Set, Go!**" The Scripture is **Acts 16:1-5, 8-15**.



Youth (17 & under), parents, coaches and players interested in participating in basketball during the upcoming season are asked to register today after each service in the narthex. For more information, contact Coach Fred Devaughn or Coach James Thompson through 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. For your convenience, dinner is served at 5pm and Bible classes begin at 6:15pm. These classes provide instructional and training opportunities to gain deeper insights into the teachings of Jesus Christ. At 7pm, 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.

### **EMPOWERMENT OUTREACH**

The Empowerment Outreach Employment Ministry (E OEM) meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in Room 2 of the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM.

### **TERRY WEST BIBLE CLASS**

Members and friends are encouraged to join the Terry West Bible Class every Wednesday morning, from 10am to 12 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 Psalm. You are also invited to remain for the Noonday Worship Service.

### **SPECIAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

On Sunday, November 22, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., a special Thanksgiving Service will be held here at Antioch Baptist Church North. The Antioch Combine Choir will open the services. Members and friends are encouraged to attend as we thank God for the things He has done.

## *7 Care... 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 October 31, 2015, 509 bags of food were distributed. A total of 12,330 pounds of food was distributed, and 105 meals served to AUMI residents.

### **CLOTHING BANK**

Forty-one (41) families received goods through the Clothing Bank.

### **CALLING ALL PARENTS!!!**

The Youth Ministry is inviting you to a Parents' Meeting on Saturday, November 21st, in Fellowship Hall from 10:30 am - 12:00 noon. Come share in the fellowship and hear about the many opportunities available for you and your children to get involved with Antioch's Youth Ministry. Parents will have the opportunity to talk to the leaders of various youth programs and events and be informed of the plans for the year 2016. Information on the Youth Achievement Banquet, Malachi's Ministry, Vacation Bible School, MADD for Christ, Sunbeams, Youth Vessels of Praise will be given. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the meeting. Registration will be held today after the service in Fellowship Hall. For further information, please see Sisters Maria Hunter, Homerzelle Gentry, Athena Manning or Bro. Donovan Kirkland.

*Happy  
Anniversary  
Antioch!*

### **Worship Service Coordinator**

Sis. Regina Fuller

### **Security Chiefs on duty**

Bro. Edward Gilmore

### **Trustees on duty**

Bro. Lee Baker

### **Health Professionals on duty**

Sis. Felicia Jackson

# Care & Comfort Ministry

## Sick & Shut-In List

### Members in Hospitals

Bro. Mike Evans – Emory University Hospital, Rm. NCC-234

Dea. Ronald Smith – Atlanta Medical Ctr, Rm. ICU 259

### Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Sis. Alice Arline – Brightmoor Senior Living, Griffin, GA, Rm. 310

Sis. Rosa Ashe – A. G. Rhodes Health and Rehab, Rm. 25

Bro. Thirus Brinkley – Manor Care of Decatur, Decatur, Rm. 149

Sis. Robertine Bryant – UniHealth Post-Acute Care, Decatur, Rm. 216

Mother Mattie Chivers – Summerset Assisted Living, Atlanta, Rm. C-110

Sis. Lillian Edinburg – Genesis Healthcare, Upper Riverdale Rd, Rm. W-16

Sis. Bettye Harris – Nursecare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 205

Sis. Billie Hartley – College Park Healthcare Center, Atlanta, Rm. 215

Mother Mary Hood – Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Atlanta, Rm. 406

Bro. Dallas Tucker – Sadie G. Mays Rehab Ctr, Atlanta Rm. C-9

Sis. Vivian Walker – Sadie G. Mays Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. A-18

Mother Lula West – Traditions Health and Rehab, Rm. G-11

Sis. Lillie Willis – Rockdale Healthcare Ctr, Conyers, Rm. 409

### Members Convalescing at Home

Sis. Zeporia Alexander

Sis. Evelyn Battle

Bro. Robert Brown

Dea. Nesby Cain

Bro. Henry Claybrook

Sis. Miriam Crawford

Sis. Dora Dallas

Sis. Alice Debate

Sis. Doris Dennis

Bro. James Dowers

Sis. Minnie George

Bro. Paul Graham

Rev. Marion Green

Bro. Randall Griffin

Sis. Delores Harris

Bro. Melvin Harris

Bro. Michael Holmes

Sis. Pearla Holmes

Bro. Donald Hutson

Mother Elizabeth Johnson

Bro. Rufus Kelly

Bro. Phillip Lyde

Sis. Sylvia McClain

Mother Effie Nalls

Bro. Ronald Patterson

Bro. Alfred Pinkston

Sis. Cynthia Price

Bro. Richard Raglin

Bro. Fred Samuels, Jr.

Sis. Candace Scott

Mother Earnestine Shaw

Mother Rosa Smith

Sis. Regina Tyren Stone

Sis. Johnnie Thomas

Mother Willie Tuggle

Sis. Mae Weaver

Sis. Annette Webb

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

3 John 1:2

