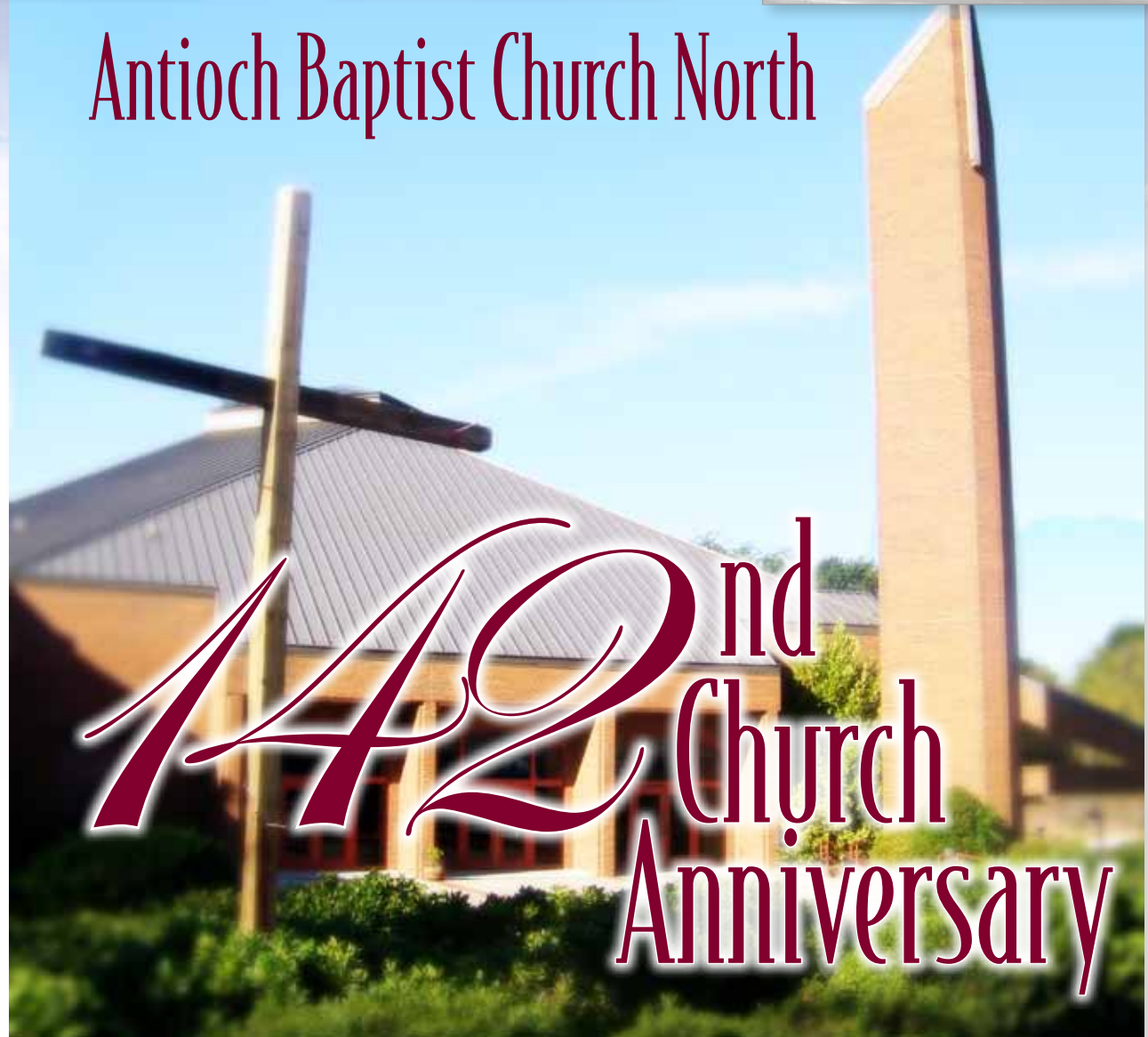




Antioch Baptist Church North



“Embracing Our History While Serving the Present Age”

Acts 2:17

10:00 A.M. • November 10, 2019

Antioch Baptist Church North
Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander, Pastor

BIBLE-BASED • CHRIST-CENTERED • HOLY SPIRIT-LED • MISSION-BOUND
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AN ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

November 10, 2019

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters,



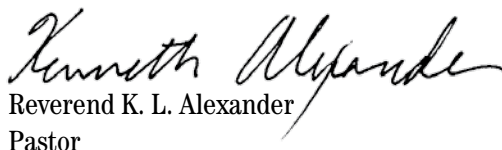
It is my honor to join you today in worship and praise as we celebrate 142 years as a church family. I am deeply honored to be a part of the rich history of Antioch Baptist Church North. Moreover, I am overjoyed with praise and thanksgiving for the sacrifices and commitment of eight former slaves – known as the Bethursday Prayer Band.

Our theme is *Embracing our History While Serving the Present Age*. As we *embrace our history*, I am reminded of an old saying, “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 and the withdrawal of federal troops 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, the Bethursday Prayer Band believed Matthew 18:19-20, “That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything 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.” Those eight former slaves knew that there was more power in prayer when they came together. There was no church in the Fifth Ward “colored quarters” and great danger in traveling through white quarters to other “colored” sections; They committed to meet on Thursdays to rejoice together for how God had kept them and to ask the Lord to continue to sustain them.

142 years later, as *we serve the present age*, we at times find ourselves seemingly in 1876 - with disputed elections, unrest in the Whitehouse and racial strife threatening the progress of our community. Thanks be to God; we are standing strong on the foundation established 142 years ago. We will not despair with the state of the broken world around us. Today we celebrate a legacy of charitable Christian service and rich traditions based upon vibrant worship services, zealous religious training, and sustained outreach services that have uplifted those who have found themselves counted among the least, the last, and lost. As we move forward, we will not break tradition of instilling within every generation since our founding, the Biblical duty to make certain that the next generation hears about the mighty acts of God and how to demonstrate our love of God through community outreach and support that fosters kingdom building.

Antioch, I love you and thank God daily for each of you. It has been such an honor to serve as your pastor and I feel blessed to stand on the shoulders of the five great pastors who served this church – especially Rev. Dr. C.M. Alexander. To our Pioneers and future pioneers, thank you for your stewardship, your love, and especially your support; but more importantly, thank you for your faithfulness to this church and the community we serve. May God continue to bless you and your family is my prayer.

Yours in God’s service,


Reverend K. L. Alexander
Pastor

C E L E B R A T I N G 1 4 2 Y E A R S !

ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019 • 10:00AM

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

The Ringing of the Bell

Jeff Reeves and David Henderson, Eric and Michael Henderson, Dr. Tim and William Simon, Olu Sr. and Olu Baker Jr., Rodney and David Wilson

The Entrance of the Word

The Call to Worship

The Devotion.....Deacons’ Ministry and Junior Deacons

The Processional & Morning Hymn #222...**We’ve Come This Far By Faith**...Dance Ministry, Pastor, Family, Ministers, Deacons, Mothers, and Anniversary Committee

The Morning Hymn #222.....**We’ve Come This Far By Faith**.....Choir & Congregation

The Occasion.....BWT Verse Speakers

The Selection.....Antioch Combined Choir

Tribute to Our Church History.....Sis. Sonya May Calvin
Solomon Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

The Selection.....Antioch Combined Choir

The Offertory Prayer

O Heavenly Father, you have blessed our Beloved Antioch with 142 years of praising and lifting up the name of Jesus Christ! So, we come humbly this morning O Lord, before your Thorne of Mercy, thanking you for bringing us this far by faith! Dear God, help us to remember your blessings to us as we joyfully share them this morning for the building of thy Kingdom on earth. It’s in the sacred name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

The Tithes & Offering.....**Bell Choir**.....Deacons’ Ministry and Junior Deacons

The Sermon Hymn.....**Amazing Grace**.....Choir & Congregation

The Anniversary Sermon.....**Rev. K. L. Alexander, Pastor**

The Invitation to Discipleship

(Please refrain from walking during the Invitation to Discipleship)

‘Til We Meet Again



Anniversary Dinner will be Served downstairs in Fellowship Hall

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

Historical Highlights of the Antioch Baptist Church North

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

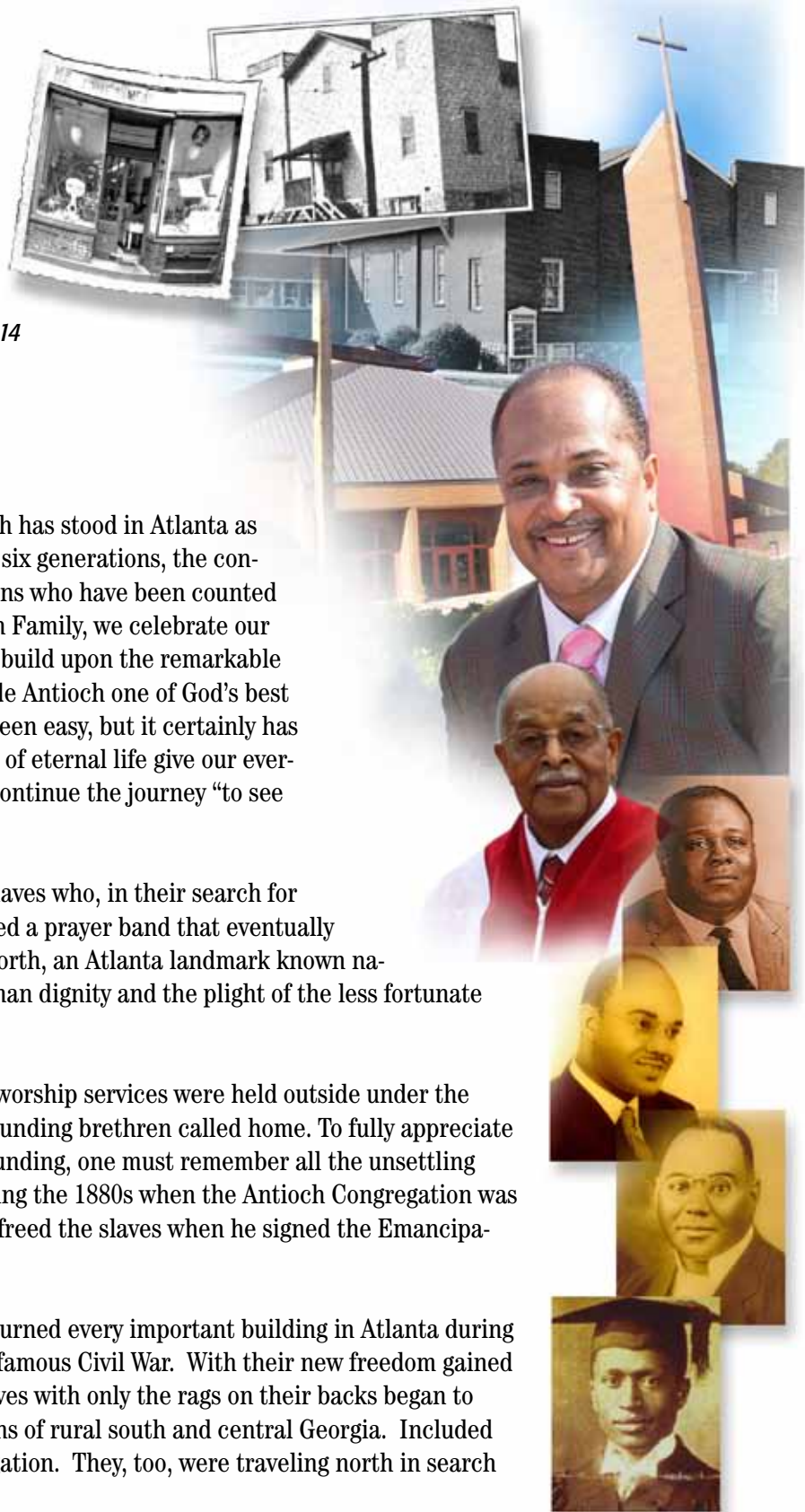
Since 1877, the Antioch Baptist Church North has stood in Atlanta as a beacon of hope and a place of refuge. For six generations, the congregational family has nurtured thousands of persons who have been counted among the least, the last, and the lost. As a Church Family, we celebrate our 142nd Anniversary 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 2019 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 forty-two 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 "meet-in' 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 2019. 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.

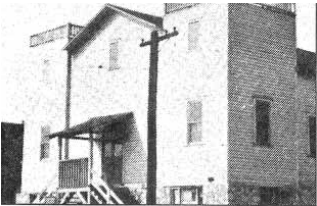
The names of the very early ministers who nurtured and served as pastors of the young Antioch congregation were never chronicled in written historical documents; however, oral histories and conversations with Antioch Pioneers identify the names of Rev. Jerry Davis, a Rev. Harris, a Rev. Briscoe, Rev. 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.

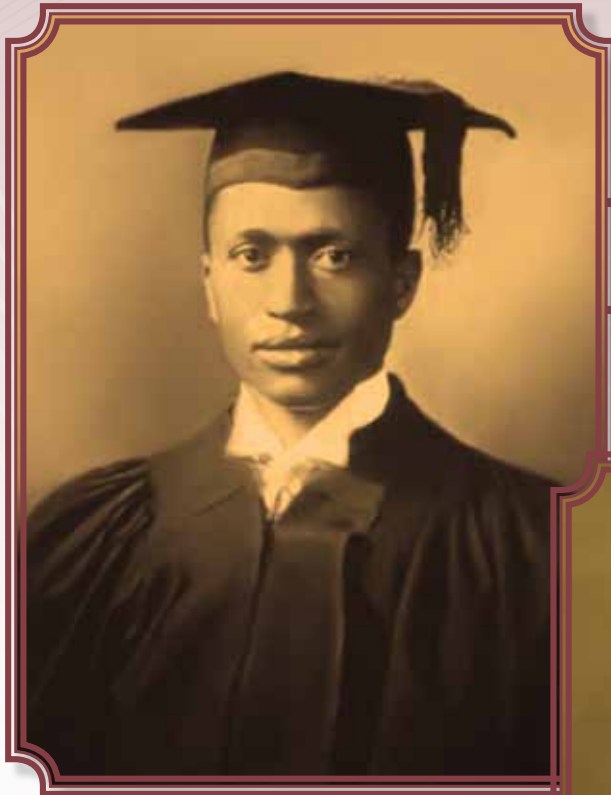
By an act of easement, the Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta paid the congregation \$8,300 for its Gray Street property. Not wanting to relocate from the area where the Congregation had been conceived, nurtured, and allowed to grow, Rev. George, the deacons, and the trustees agreed to purchase 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.

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REVEREND TIMOTHY SAINÉ
PASTOR: 1922-1927



REVEREND T. H. GEORGE
1ST LADY CAROLYN GEORGE
PASTOR: 1927-1943



REVEREND D. T. GEORGE
1ST LADY DR. CARRIE L.
PASTOR: 1943-1963

REVEREND KENNETH L. ALEXANDER
1ST LADY LISA KATHLEEN ALEXANDER
PASTOR: 2018-PRESENT



REVEREND DR. CAMERON M. ALEXANDER
1ST LADY BARBARA J. ALEXANDER
PASTOR: 1969-2018



REVEREND MARCUS WILLIAMS
1ST LADY MAURICE WILLIAMS
PASTOR: 1963-1969

REVEREND
GEORGE

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 Matronettes, 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: 1969-2018

The Rev. Cameron Madison Alexander accepted the Call to Antioch in 1969. After 49 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 thousands. 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 ad-

ditional 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 the Church's 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 the 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.

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.

At the 2014 Annual Church Conference, the Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander was formally voted in as Co-Pastor. As a son of the Church, he is exceptionally well-suited to serve in this capacity. In addition to his pastoral experience, Reverend Kenneth Alexander has been a vital part of the Real Estate Acquisition and Development Projects of Antioch Baptist Church North, Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. and Bethursday, Inc. His position as Executive Director of the Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc., the heart of Antioch's outreach, makes him uniquely qualified to understand and continue the vision that is at the center of Antioch's clarion call to serve this present age.

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.

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 142nd 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.

The church marquee, dedicated this month on Pioneers' Observance Sunday, stands as a welcoming beacon of light. 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.



Antioch: 2019 - Present

On Sunday, March 31, 2019, the Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander, a resolute and God-fearing man of God was Consecrated as Pastor of the historic Antioch Baptist Church North. Rev. Alexander, the son of the late pastor of Antioch, the Reverend Dr. C. M. Alexander and Dr. Barbara Alexander, is a third-generation Baptist preacher who was also licensed and ordained at Antioch.

With strength, courage and transparency, Reverend Alexander has shown skills in being steadfast in his commitments to addressing some of life's most pressing challenges and needs of the church. His powerful voice and servant leadership talents were cultivated, honored and nurtured at Antioch and the Lakewood Mission where he served as Presiding Minister for more than 20 years.

Since being Consecrated as Pastor of Antioch in March 2019, Reverend Alexander, has been offering God's messages of hope, encouragement and redemption to all of God's people. He demonstrates his conviction to God's calling

through his perseverance, tenacity and zeal with which he carries out God's directives given in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

After becoming Pastor of Antioch, Reverend Alexander did not slow down, he seems to have grown stronger than ever, and continues to fight for the least, the less and the lost. During the immediate weeks after his Consecution, Pastor Alexander managed some major remodeling by improving outdated structures within the church. His efforts, outcomes and accomplishments have not gone unnoticed.

Selah!

Happy
142nd
Anniversary
Antioch!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The lesson for next week is "***Dare to Be Different,***" and the scripture is **1 Peter 1:13-25**. Come share in the fellowship and learn how to become effective witnesses for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

MAKE IT A GOOD HAIR DAY!

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Womanhood Ministry is having an ongoing WIG DRIVE! We are seeking new wigs to donate to local cancer centers to help ease a small part of the burden of living with cancer and being in active treatment. Collection boxes will be in the narthex and downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Only new wigs in packaging will be accepted due to the fragile health of the women who will receive the donations. For more information, please contact the ministry coordinators through the church office at 404-688-5679.

PEARLS AND PUMPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Women of Antioch, you are cordially invited to a celebration in honor of our First Lady. On Saturday, November 16, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., we will celebrate the birthday of our Pastor's beloved wife, Sis. Lisa Kathleen Gilbert Alexander. You'll be able to show some love for Mrs. Alexander and fellowship with your Antioch sisters. You can register for the Pearls and Pumps Brunch in the narthex after Sunday Worship Service, in the rear of Fellowship Hall after Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting or on Eventbrite.com. There's no cost to attend the brunch, but please register so that we will know you will be attending. For more information, please stop by the registration table. COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

Weekly Prayer meeting and Bible study are held at the church every Wednesday evening. Dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. and Bible classes begin at 6:00 p.m. The classes provide instructional and training opportunities to gain deeper insights into the teachings of Jesus Christ. At 7:00 p.m., our Pastor, Reverend K. L. Alexander, will lead the Prayer Meeting and provide guidance and spiritual insight into meaningful ways in which we can strengthen our personal relationships with God!

The Antioch School of the Bible invites all members and visiting friends to our Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Join us as we learn what it means to live the Baptist faith by examining the various doctrines which define our faith in a setting of consistent Bible study. Please join us as we study God's Word together. The classes are ***Christianity, Cults & Religions*** and ***Spiritual Warfare***. On Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Antioch is offering a new 9-week Financial Literacy class. The course is from Dave Ramsey's book, ***Financial Peace***, and is in session in Room 3.

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 November 2, 2019, 379 bags of food were distributed. A total of 9,936 pounds of food was distributed.

CLOTHING BANK

Eighty-two (82) families received goods through the Clothing Bank.

CARE & COMFORT MINISTRY

In celebration of *Antioch's 142nd Church Anniversary*, the Anniversary Committee and the Care & Comfort Ministry encourages all members and auxiliary leaders to participate in the **9th Annual Shut-in's Sunday** on December 8, 2019, immediately after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. On this day, the church will go out to visit, fellowship, pray, and worship with all members who are on the Sick & Shut-in list. Please sign up today in the narthex after the service or downstairs in Fellowship Hall after the Wednesday Night Prayer Service. On December 8th, all members who are participating are asked to meet in the Chapel after the service. For more information, please contact the church office at 404-688-5679.

PLEA TO OUR BROTHERS AT CHURCH!

The AUMI Clothing Bank is in dire need of Men's clothing to fill the empty racks. Please donate and help those in need. For more info, contact Sis. Maggie McCullom at 404-688-5679.

DEBIT/CREDIT CARD READER/GIVELIFY

For the convenience of members and friends, Antioch now offers a Debit Card Reader for giving your tithes & offerings. This service is available on Sundays after service and is located just outside the door next to the elevator. Members can also download the Givelify app on their mobile devices and enter Antioch Baptist Church North. You can give securely through the app.

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Members and friends are asked to please bring toys, canned goods, and non-perishable food items to fill our Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes, so that Antioch can help those less fortunate to experience their joyful holidays. The receptacles are placed around the church to receive the donations.

UCAN MINISTRY

Attention all married couples! The **UCAN Ministry** (United Couples of Antioch North) are asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, November 12th, at 7:00 p.m. All newly wedded couples, as well as all seasoned couples, are encouraged to attend. Come and share in the fellowship as we discuss exciting ideas for the ministry. Light refreshments will be served.



Care & Comfort Ministry

Sick & Shut-In List

Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Mother Grace M. Brooks – Atria Mableton Senior Living, Austell, Rm. 119
Sis. Robertine Bryant – PruittHealth of Decatur, Decatur, Rm. 216
Sis. Miriam Crawford – Bonterra Nursing Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. 126
Sis. Dora Dallas – Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. D-23
Mother Annie Harris – Douglasville Nursing & Rehab Ctr, Douglasville, Rm. 222
Sis. Carrie Jones – PruittHealth of Decatur, Decatur, Rm. 203
Bro. Fred Jones, Jr – A. G. Rhodes Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Taylor Wing, Rm. G
Bro. Clinton Stanford – PruittHealth and Rehab, Atlanta, Rm. 110
Bro. Dallas Tucker – Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. C-19

Members Convalescing at Home

Bro. Daniel Michael Adams
Sis. Zeporia Alexander
Sis. Eula Austin
Sis. Evelyn Battle
Bro. Pleas Sonny Berry
Mother Emma Broomes
Sis. Jacqueline Brown
Bro. Lewis Brown
Sis. Dorothy Cameron
Bro. Eddie Clark
Bro. Henry Claybrook
Sis. Doris Dennis
Sis. Catherine George
Sis. Andrea Godette
Bro. Randall Griffin
Sis. Jackie Grimes
Sis. Jacqueline Hackney
Sis. Debra Hodge

Sis. Pearla Holmes
Mother Ann Louise Houston
Sis. Ann James
Sis. Elizabeth Johnson
Mother Gwendolyn Johnson
Sis. Denise Jones
Bro. Rufus Kelly
Sis. Ellen Level
Bro. Phillip Lyde
Sis. Diana Maddox
Sis. Sylvia McClain
Mother Frances Miles
Sis. Annie Moses
Sis. Linda Peek
Bro. Charles Petherbridge
Sis. Roberta Petherbridge
Sis. Cynthia Price
Sis. Sharonda Price

Bro. Richard Raglin
Sis. Evelyn Roberts
Dea. Mark Roberts
Mother Beulah Rosser
Sis. Marian Russell
Bro. Fred Samuels, Jr.
Sis. Candace Scott
Bro. Monroe Scott IV
Mother Willie Cookie Tuggle
Bro. Dewayne Walker
Sis. Vivian Walker
Sis. Margaret Watts
Sis. Mae Weaver
Sis. Annette Webb
Bro. Walter Wilcher
Sis. Annie Williams

Worship Service Coordinator

Sis. Regina Fuller

Security Chiefs on duty

Bro. Ed Gilmore & Bro. Charlie Williams

Trustees on duty

Sis. Judy Carroll & Bro. Lee Baker

Videographer on duty

Bro. Michael Williams

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

3 John 1:2

