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143RD CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



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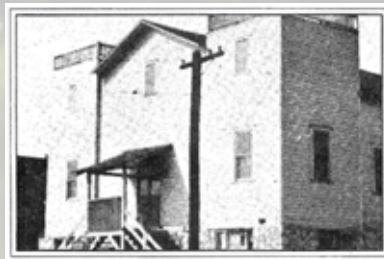
10:00 AM - November 1, 2020

“Still Standing on the Solid Rock”

Matthew 16:18 • Matthew 7:24-27

143rd
Virtual
Anniversary Celebration

10:00 AM - November 8, 2020



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

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AN ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

November 8, 2020

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters



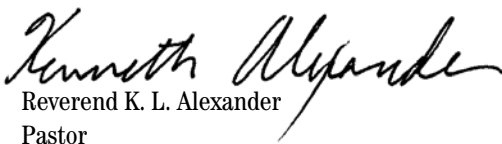
God has allowed Antioch Baptist Church North to continue to stand on the solid Rock of Jesus Christ. Our history reveals and reminds us that Antioch has endured and thrived through peaceful and turbulent times. Our Church facility has relocated from its original address. Our facility has been picked up and turned to accommodate a growing city with greater transportation needs. We have even endured the pressures of banks and financial institutions who strongly recommended that we leave the neighborhood where God placed us, all while we continued to purchase property that no one else thought had value.

Some of us remember the days of the 'good old church' where the floor would bounce as the choir and membership rocked and praised God. We remember the stirring sermons of Dr. Cameron Alexander who preached so powerfully as the dust and debris fell from the ceiling that was being held up by two columns. For ten years we saw the visual representation of the vision the Holy Spirit gave our pastor for a new Worship and Administrative facility. We praise God for those faithful members who believed in the vision and saw the vision become reality when our new Sanctuary and Administrative buildings were built.

Antioch has a long history of having great pastoral leadership. Pastors Saine, T. H. George, D. T. George, Marcus Williams, and Cameron Madison Alexander. Their leadership has placed us in the historic halls of the Smithsonian, where under Pastor D. T. George members of the congregation stood on the steps of the Church to fight for the right to vote. Our service to our community, whether pushing for the right to vote or serving the least of these by providing food, water, visiting the sick and imprisoned, housing persons who are HIV positive, housing and providing services for men and women recovering from substance abuse and mentoring programs for youth are among the things our Pastors have taught us will make the difference in our salvation.

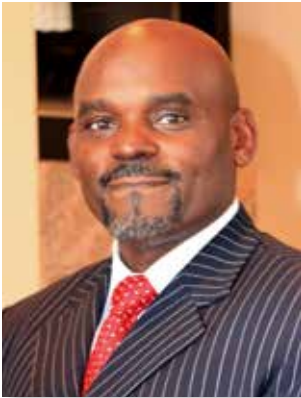
We set as a theme for 2020, the need to have 20/20 Vision and to Serve This Present Age. The year 2020 will historically be viewed as a time of tremendous struggle and strife. Yet, Antioch has risen to address the needs of this present age. The spiritual needs of the masses can seem overwhelming, but we say to the world that Our God Is Able. Just as in the past we changed addresses and turned the physical building, we have pivoted and turned to reach the masses, men of every birth for an answer Jesus gave the key. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth shall draw all men unto me.

We are reminded of the words of that great hymn. In times like these you need a Savior, In times like these you need an anchor; Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock! This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One, This Rock is Jesus, the only One; Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock! During these times of such prolific social, political, economic and spiritual unrest, during our 143rd Anniversary Celebration we remind everyone of the words of Jesus from Matthew 16:18. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. We are happy to say that through it all we are "Still Standing on the Solid Rock." And this Rock is Jesus!


Reverend K. L. Alexander
Pastor

OUR SPEAKER

THE REVEREND SEAN B. SMITH



Rev. Sean B. Smith was licensed and ordained under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Cameron M. Alexander and the Antioch Baptist Church North in Atlanta, GA. Rev. Smith is the pastor of the New Horizon Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA since 2001.

Originally from Brooklyn, NY, Rev. Smith is a graduate of Georgia State University, B.A. Journalism and received his Master of Divinity from the McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, where he was awarded an Outstanding Academic Achievement recognition and a recipient of the William Ollie and Nell Ray Key Excellence in Leadership Award.

Throughout his ministry, Rev. Smith has served both Church and community in a variety of capacities including: President, Minister's Alliance, Antioch Baptist Church North, Instructor, Antioch School of the Bible; Publisher/Editor, General Missionary Baptist Convention Magazine; Co-Chair, Men of Antioch North; Member, Advisory Council DeKalb County Small Business Council; Member, Walton House Board of Directors; Member, Hunger Walk Advisory Board; and, Member, Love in Action Committee/Billy Graham Crusade.

Rev. Smith organized and founded three Essentials, a 501 © 3 non-profit organization dedicated to youth development and work force development. Moreover, Rev. Smith's ministry initiatives extend beyond the borders of the United States to orphanages in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Rev. Smith's additional affiliations include: The United Way's Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP), a United Way Community Investment Volunteer, the Atlanta Ministers Union, and the NAACP.

2020 TRIBUTE TO ANTIOCH PIONEERS

As we approach Antioch's 143rd church anniversary, we celebrate our pioneers! Antioch's pioneers continue to do the Lord's work even during these unprecedented times. While no one anticipated this kind of 2020 vision, we can all agree that the faith of our ancestors has sustained us and is living still! Just as our ancestors trusted God to carry them through slavery and segregation, we must believe in victory over today's trials and tribulations through our Lord Jesus Christ! Our pioneers' dedication and faith continually remind us of Antioch's purpose as a beacon of hope and a place of refuge. This poem pays tribute to Antioch's pioneers:

*We gather, full of gratitude in remembrance
Of trailblazers with 30-50+ years
With dedicated service
You've cleared our path
Thank you, Pioneers!
How blessed are we
At this place called Antioch
The value of your sacrifice
The power of your commitment
We salute you, Pioneers!
You abided in the vine
And we bear much fruit
Your innovation and Kingdom building
Reveals the glory of the Lord
Much obliged, Pioneers!
Your vision and dreams
Are not in vain
The promise of your journey
Holy-spirit led and mission bound
Our esteemed Pioneers!
Christ-centered stewards
With a solid foundation and purpose
Bible-based leaders
With great faith and virtue
We appreciate you, Pioneers!
We will put on our robes
And tell the story
Carrying on your legacy
With God's grace and mercy
We honor you, Pioneers!*



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Historical Highlights of the Antioch Baptist Church North

By: *The Late Brother Barney Simms – 2010*

Bro. Simms updated Highlights of History from 2010-2014

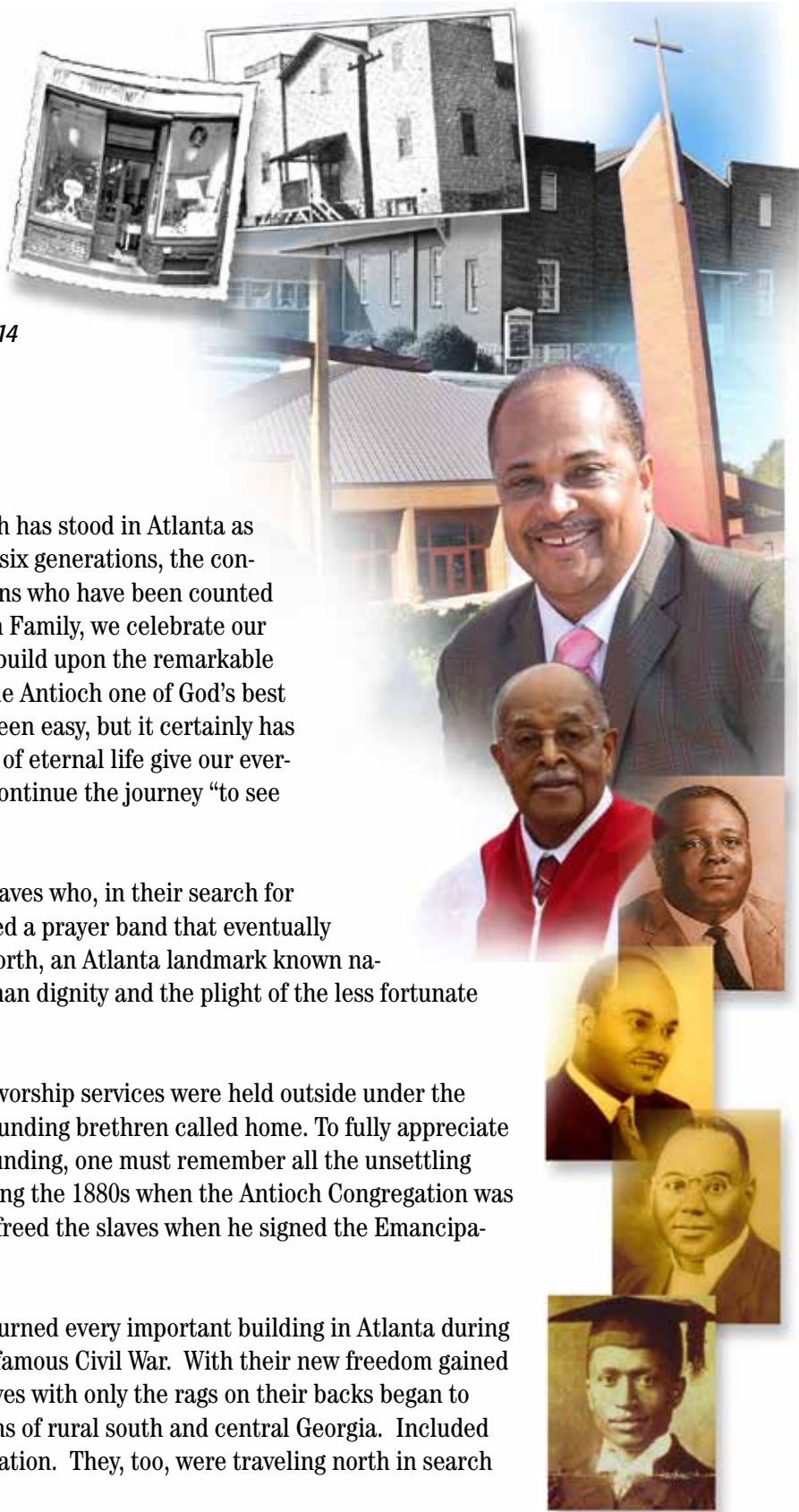
Since 1877, the Antioch Baptist Church North has stood in Atlanta as a beacon of hope and a place of refuge. For six generations, the congregational family has nurtured thousands of persons who have been counted among the least, the last, and the lost. As a Church Family, we celebrate our 143rd Anniversary 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 2020 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-three 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.



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.



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.

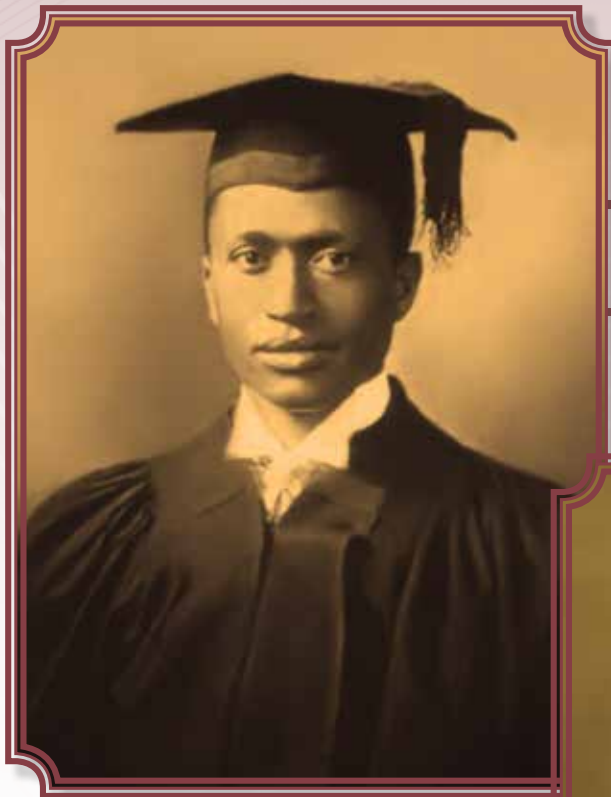
By an act of easement, the Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta paid the congregation \$8,300 for its Gray Street property. Not wanting to relocate from the area where the Congregation had been conceived, nurtured, and allowed to grow, Rev. George, the deacons, and the trustees agreed to purchase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



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 Saine
Pastor: 1922-1927



Reverend T. H. George
1st lady Carolyn George
Pastor: 1927-1943



Reverend D. T. George
1st Lady Dr. Carrie L. George
Pastor: 1943-1963

Reverend Marcus Williams
1st lady Maurice Williams
Pastor: 1963-1969



Reverend Dr. Cameron M. Alexander
1st lady Barbara J. Alexander
Pastor: 1969-2018



Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander
1st lady Lisa Kathleen Alexander
Pastor: 2018-Present

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.



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.



1969-2018

The Rev. Cameron Madison Alexander accepted the Call to Antioch in 1969. After 49 years of incredible service, his tenure as pastor was the longest in Antioch's history.

Under Pastor Alexander's dynamic and visionary leadership, the congregation grew from fewer than 500 persons to a membership that currently exceeds thousands. The Rev. Alexander was 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 grew from slightly more than thirty thousand dollars when he arrived as pastor to an excess of \$5M 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 grew 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 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 the Church's outreach ministries ten-fold to meet the needs of new members and those continually coming to Antioch for help and for direction. Inspired by the six ministries in the Book of Matthew that outline the Church's responsibility to the less fortunate, Pastor Alexander established Antioch Urban Ministries Incorporated (AUMI) in the early 1990s.



In 1991, as Chairman of the Board of AUMI, Pastor Alexander provided leadership in acquiring the 12-story Walton Hotel in downtown Atlanta. Valued at the time of purchase for more than \$15M, the hotel was transformed into apartments for the working homeless and persons with noninfectious tuberculosis. The apartments were renamed the Madison House as a fitting tribute to the pastor whose middle name was 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. In 1994, Ruth's Place was opened as a temporary home for women recovering from addiction and Matthew's Place opened a home for those who are HIV positive or living with AIDS. Additionally, 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 for youth struggling and living in at-risk environments.

In 1997, Pastor Alexander led the Congregation in the purchase of the Selig business plaza located adjacent to our worship center for purpose of establishing the administrative offices of AUMI. Additionally, the former Danzig Motel in Northwest Atlanta on Chapel Road was also purchased, renovated, and at one time served as the home for Matthew's Place and to expand our service to HIV-positive persons.



In 1999, the Congregation embraced Pastor Alexander's vision to purchase a multi-purpose building at 590 North Avenue. Known to the Congregation as "the 590," the building became a central point of fellowship for congregational events, youth, and community activities.

In 2001, Pastor Alexander, as Chairman of the 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. Later, four and a half acres of railroad right of way were 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 the Bethursday Development Corporation. The apartment community provided 261 units of quality, affordable housing fronting Northside Drive. The complex was welcomed as the precursor for the continued and aggressive development of the English Avenue Community. Continuing to focus of the development and revitalization of the English Avenue Community, the Bethursday Development Corporation completed the first phase of twenty-eight townhomes on Elm Street, just two blocks west of the Church in 2008.

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. With pastoral experience, service as executive director of AUMI and trusted advisor to Pastor C.M. Alexander on matters relating to AUMI, Bethursday Development and real estate acquisitions.

Rev. K. L. Alexander accepted the clarion call, uniquely qualified to serve this present age alongside Pastor Alexander.

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. Of the eight missions, five 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.



2019 - Present

As the sixth pastor of Antioch Baptist Church North, Rev. K.L. Alexander is the son of the late Rev. Dr. Reverend Dr. C. M. Alexander and Dr. Barbara J. Alexander. A third-generation Baptist preacher, Pastor Alexander exhibits strength, courage, and transparency in his call to preach the gospel and addressing some of life's most pressing challenges and needs of the church. His powerful voice and strong ability to lead with a servant's heart was cultivated and nurtured at Antioch during his 50+ year membership.

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. Reverend Alexander has remained steadfast in delivering messages of hope, encouragement, and redemption to all of God's people.

Carrying out God's directives given in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), Pastor Alexander is more committed than ever to the pastorate and honoring the legacy of serving the least, the less and the lost. In 2019, his visionary leadership lead to the completion of several major church and Antioch campus renovation projects.

Focusing on the health and well-being of our congregation at a time when high blood pressure, diabetes heart disease and other illnesses plague our community, Pastor Alexander co-lead our first 40-Day Turn-Up in partnership with the founder of the program, Dr. Joseph Williams. The biblically based program focused on healthy eating, exercise as well as weekly teachings and support. The impact was significant with 135 members participating in the program and a total of 2035 pounds lost.

This year, Pastor Alexander has demonstrated an unprecedented measure of leadership in response to COVID-19 including the launch of Antioch Baptist Church North Network (ABCNN) led by a production team dedicated to keeping our church family and friends connected VIRTUALLY via Facebook, YouTube and our church website. Throughout the week members and friends experience the following virtually:

- Daily Morning Devotion
- Noonday Service
- Sunday School
- Sunday Worship Service
- Thursday Night Bible Classes and Bible Study
- Various Ministry Activities

Rev. Alexander is committed to ensuring that the Antioch membership receives the WORD of God. This is evidenced in the church having Vacation Bible School, Youth In Action Sunday and Fall Revival virtually.

To ensure that our church and the services provided through AUMI are compliant to guidelines during COVID-19, Pastor Alexander established the COVID-19 Taskforce, a team of medical professionals and church leaders charged with providing recommendations, counsel and strategy for managing our essential church operations. The COVID-19 Taskforce is also monitoring all data from the Centers for Disease Control as well as state and local guidelines.

In the community, Antioch continues to serve as a beacon of hope within the metro-Atlanta community and beyond. During the pandemic, AUMI provided over \$100,000 in small business loans. Additionally, through our partnership with Fulton County, we have provided more than \$350,000 in rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to residents.

Our response to COVID-19 through AUMI includes a designated COVID-19 testing site with over 3900 tests administered to date. In addition to expanding our food service program to include hot meals, AUMI nearly tripled its distribution of food with 29,317 clients receiving over one-million pounds of food.

Pastor Alexander serves on several boards and committees specifically representing Antioch Baptist Church North and AUMI and focused on protecting the interests of our church, our members and those perceived as the least of these throughout the community:

- Westside Future Fund Board of Directors
- Church Mutual African American Advisory Board
- City of Atlanta Use of Force Advisory Council
- Bethursday Development Board Chair
- Treasurer of the Morehouse School of Religion
- General Missionary Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc. Board of Directors

Today, no one can predict all the challenges that our 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 143rd 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, which was dedicated during Pioneers' Observance Sunday in 2019, represents a welcoming beacon of light for everyone. As a congregation, we will commit to 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.



*Happy
143rd
Anniversary Antioch!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

MORNING DEVOTION

7:30 A.M.

NOONDAY SERVICE

12:00 NOON

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

7:00 P.M.

TERRY WEST BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Virtual Added Members Orientation Classes

will be held by the Added Members Ministry on Saturdays beginning on November 14, from 9am-12 Noon.

Visit the Antioch web site for more information about the ads below:

www.antiochnorth.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED



*Lady Lisa's Fabulous 55th
Virtual Birthday Celebration*

**SATURDAY
NOV 21
2PM-4PM**



Ways to Give

Text to Give:

Text ABCN to 73256 plus the amount you would like to give
(Example ABCN 50 to give \$50.00)

Givelify.com

(Search for Antioch Baptist Church North on the App)

Online Giving – ACS

<http://www.antiochnorth.org/tithes.html>

Checks can be sent directly to:

Antioch Baptist Church North | P.O. Box 93219 | Atlanta, GA 30377

Cash App - \$AntiochBCN

143rd Church Anniversary Committee

“Still Standing On the Solid Rock”

*A Special Thanks is Extended
to the
143rd Church Anniversary Committee!*

Care & Comfort Ministry Sick & Shut-In

Members in Hospitals

Bro. Robert Davis – Emory University Hospital Clifton Rd, Atlanta, Rm. 544

Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Mother Grace M. Brooks – Atria Mableton Senior Living, Austell, Rm. 119

Sis. Miriam Crawford – Bonterra Nursing Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. 126

Sis. Dora Dallas – Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. D-23

Sis. Catherine George – Anderson Mill Health and Rehab Ctr, Austell

Mother Annie Harris – Douglasville Nursing & Rehab Ctr, Douglasville, Rm. 222

Bro. Dallas Tucker – Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. C-19

Members Convalescing at Home

Sis. Zeporia Alexander

Sis. Evelyn Battle

Bro. Pleas Sonny Berry

Mother Emma Broomes

Sis. Jacqueline Brown

Bro. Lewis Brown

Bro. Eddie Clark

Bro. Henry Claybrook

Sis. Dorothy Cook

Bro. Joel Cook

Sis. Doris Dennis

Sis. Shavonne Edwards

Bro. James Gibson

Sis. Andrea Godette

Bro. Randall Griffin

Mother Eunice Harrison

Rev. Terry Hightower

Sis. Debra Hodge

Sis. Pearla Holmes

Mother Ann Louise Houston

Sis. Barbara Jackson

Sis. Elizabeth Johnson

Sis. Denise Jones

Bro. Rufus Kelly

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Sis. Algernon Roberts

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Sis. Jessie Stafford

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Bro. Robert Walker

Sis. Vivian Walker

Sis. Margaret Watts

Sis. Annette Webb

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Bro. Joe Wilborn

Bro. Walter Wilcher

Sis. Annie Williams

Sis. Sallie Williams

Sis. Lillie Willis

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

3 John 1:2

