

# ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH NORTH

1877-2024



## 147<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary



**Guest Minister:**  
Rev. James S. Hill  
Pastor, Pilgrim Baptist Church

*“Coming Home: Celebrating What God Has Done”*

Mark 5:19

**Sunday, November 10, 2024, 10:00 am**

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# AN ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

November 10, 2024



Greetings Antioch North Family,

Our history reflects that eight former slaves organized what we now know as Antioch Baptist Church North. Imagine the feelings that slaves who had been set free must have had. Those original eight men had been owned by another man. They were viewed as cattle and property and only valued as a percentage of a human being. If they had wives and children, they were also property of someone else. One may wonder how they were able to live, survive or just exist under such conditions. There is only one reasonable answer that I can consider. They must have had a faith and deep belief in a God who could sustain and strengthen them no matter what.

Denied freedoms we enjoy now, restricted by location, activity and spirituality, they had a faith in God that carried them through times we can barely imagine. I don't know if those original eight could read but I believe that they at least had heard that there is a God who sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who said: in Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Their belief and faith in Jesus brought them from slavery to freedom. With that freedom they decided to praise and worship God through a prayer service every Thursday at the butcher shop, and called themselves the BeThursday Prayer Group. As the prayers continued, God continued to bless them until they became Antioch Baptist Church North. They evolved from being property to owning property where they could worship the God who brought them out of bondage into the marvelous light.

Our not-so-distant past may be the reason why we as a church body are so committed to serving the least of these. Our former Pastors, Timothy Sain, T. H. George, D. T. George, Marcus Williams and Cameron Madison Alexander each allowed God to use them to serve their present ages, His calling to fulfill. From slavery, through Jim Crow, the fight for Civil Rights, Voting Rights, Human Rights, to seeing the first African American President of the United States, Antioch's history is richly spiritual.

We have been visited by Nelson Mandela, Bishop Tutu, Maynard Jackson, Andrew Young, C. T. Vivian, John Lewis, Maya Angelo, Cicely Tyson, Coretta Scott King and others who have shaped the world. We have been exposed to great preachers such as Dr. C.A. W. Clark, Dr. E.V. Hill, Dr. George Weaver, Dr. A. L. Patterson, Dr. Henry Mitchell, Dr. Jasper Williams, Dr. Martin Luther King Sr. (Daddy King), Dr. William Holmes Borders, Dr. Howard Creecy Sr. and so many other great preachers who increased the spiritual connection our church family has with God.

I am humbled to be a small part in the rich history of our spiritual family at Antioch where they were first called Christians. We have seen so many changes in the world since our humble beginnings, but we stand firm on the Word of God. Our former Pastors prepared us to serve the present age as we so diligently did during the most recent Pandemic. We pivoted and found new ways to reach God's people. We continued to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, visit the sick and imprisoned and take in strangers as Jesus directed us to do.

We give God the glory for bringing us back into His sanctuary where we can Commune with Him together while still serving others virtually. We give God the praise for allowing us to gather together again to Baptize, offer Christ, Dedicate Babies to the Lord, teach, preach, fellowship and follow the teachings in Hebrews 10:23-25 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 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.

We thank God for the 147 years of allowing us to serve Him in the name of Jesus at our beloved Antioch Baptist Church North. We praise God for all those members who came before us and helped lay the foundations that we stand on, Fellowship, Evangelism, Doctrine and Stewardship. We continue to strive to be Bible-based, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led and Mission bound. And we praise God for every individual oppressive chain He has broken, for every mountain He helped us climb, for every valley He brought us through. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grieves to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. Happy Anniversary Antioch and Praise God for all that He has done!

*Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander*  
Reverend K. L. Alexander  
Pastor

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## CELEBRATING 147 YEARS!

*“Coming Home: Celebrating What God Has Done” Mark 5:19*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024 • 10AM

The Ringing of the Bell. . . . . Mother Ellen Wilborn, Sister Peggy Cooper, Mother Evelyn Roberts,  
Mother Patricia Peyton, Sister Dianna Smith, Mother Joyce English, Mother Lenora Williams,  
Brother Julius Simmons and Deacon Milton Dodson

Entrance of the Word. . . . . Brother Kentrell Porch

The Call to Worship. . . . . Reverend Darrell Arnold

Devotion. . . . . Duncan Family: Reverend Lester, Sister Maria, Sister Lydia and Brother Eli

Announcements. . . . . Ponder Family: Brother Alfred II, Sister Monica, Sister Alisanne, Brother Alfred III

Special Announcement. . . . . Sister Shawn Houston,  
OakStreet Health-Community Partner

Recognition of Visitors. . . . . Brother Maurice Overby & Brother Maurice Overby, III

Occasion. . . . . Dr. Lodessa Washington

Vessels of Praise Tribute. . . . . Sister Chelsi Lester and Sister Camden Dukes

Tithes & Offerings

Selection. . . . . Antioch Combined Choir-Past and Present

Introduction of Speaker. . . . . Reverend K. L. Alexander

Selection

Sermon. . . . . Reverend James S. Hill

The Invitation to Discipleship

Late Tithes & Offerings

Closing Remarks

Benediction

*{Dinner will be served downstairs in Fellowship Hall after service}*

# OUR GUEST MINISTER

## REVEREND JAMES S. HILL PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH



Reverend James S. Hill, M.Div. is a native of Valley, Alabama. He is the youngest of two sons born to the union of the late Mr. James C. Hill, Jr. and Mrs. Tolandra M. Hill. Reverend Hill accepted Jesus Christ at an early age. He was seven years old when he skipped down the aisle of Rehobeth Baptist Church (Valley, AL) under the preaching, pastoring, and leadership of the late Rev. L. M. Smith.

Reverend James S. Hill was educated in the Chambers County, Alabama public school system. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Alabama State University (1999) and a Master of Divinity degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling from the I.T.C. Morehouse School of Religion (2009) in Atlanta, Georgia. Reverend Hill is currently a doctoral candidate in the Doctor of Ministry degree program at Liberty University (Virginia). Reverend Hill will complete his earned doctoral work in May 2025.

Reverend Hill answered God's Call into the preaching ministry in 2001 and was licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ on March 31, 2004 at Antioch Baptist Church North (Atlanta) by the late Rev. Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander. Reverend Hill was ordained in December 2014 by Rev. Dr. C.M. Alexander. Reverend Hill served at Antioch under the leadership of Dr. Alexander until December 2016 when he was called to pastor Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Beulah, Alabama.

Reverend Hill served as the pastor of Pleasant Hill from December 2016 until January 2022. Under his visionary leadership, several of Pleasant Hill's ministries were either implemented or restored and many men, women, and children accepted Jesus Christ in response to Pastor Hill's powerful, pointed, and poignant preaching and teaching.

In 2022, God had another assignment for him. In September of that year, God spoke to the membership of Pilgrim Baptist Church in the historic English Avenue neighborhood of Atlanta, and Reverend Hill was called to be their eighth pastor!

Pastor Hill is extremely passionate about preaching and teaching the Word of God and reaching those who have been marginalized by the mainstream. He fully believes that for the church to have its greatest impact in the local setting and the larger society, it must be dynamic not static, proactive not reactive, upwardly focused, inwardly attentive, and outwardly engaged. The church must be a collective body of Believers who are on the move for Christ. Pastor Hill unapologetically and unashamedly believes the major mission of the church is to "GO". Go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). Go out into the highways and hedges to reach with the gospel of Jesus Christ those who are faithful, on the fringes as well as those who have been forgotten (Luke 14:16-24).

Pastor James S. Hill is married to Mrs. Jasmin L. Hill. God has blessed their union with two children, Joshua James and Jadya Adaya.

# PRE-ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION “YOUTH TAKEOVER SUNDAY”

Thank You to our Youth, Young Adults and Youth Advisors for the kickoff to our 147th Anniversary!! YOU SHOWED UP AND SHOWED OUT FOR THE LORD.

## THANK YOU!!

### YOUTH USHERS:

William Evans, Simon Drake, Nadia Bosley, Maurice Overby, III, John Callaway, Kiley Rouse and Nalaya Rouse

### YOUTH CHOIR:

Crystiana Rowe, Greyson King, Alyse King, Aria McCant, Kris James, Jewel Samuel, Lauryn Byrd, Naomi Johnson, Tiffany Burton, Whitney Pittman, Terryan Byrd, Gregory Charles, Ishaq Edwards, Sarai Miller, Kyler Porch, Nalaya Rouse, Kiley Rouse, Lyric Barrett, Christin Yeates, Johnny Daniels, Joshua Graham, Lovett Dent

### KLA STEPPERS FOR CHRIST:

Morgan Baxter, E'Mirah Wallace, Cassidy King, Savannah King, and Terryan Byrd

Devotion: Scripture/Prayer - David Price

Song: Joshua Graham; Aria McCant; Ethan Drake

Announcements: Blake Kirkland

Special Anniversary Announcement: Tiffany Burton

Wedding Anniversary Acknowledgement: William Evans

Recognition of Visitors: Rikki Allen

Offertory Appeal/Prayer: Maurice Overby, III

Jr. Deacons: Ethan Drake and Mason Smith

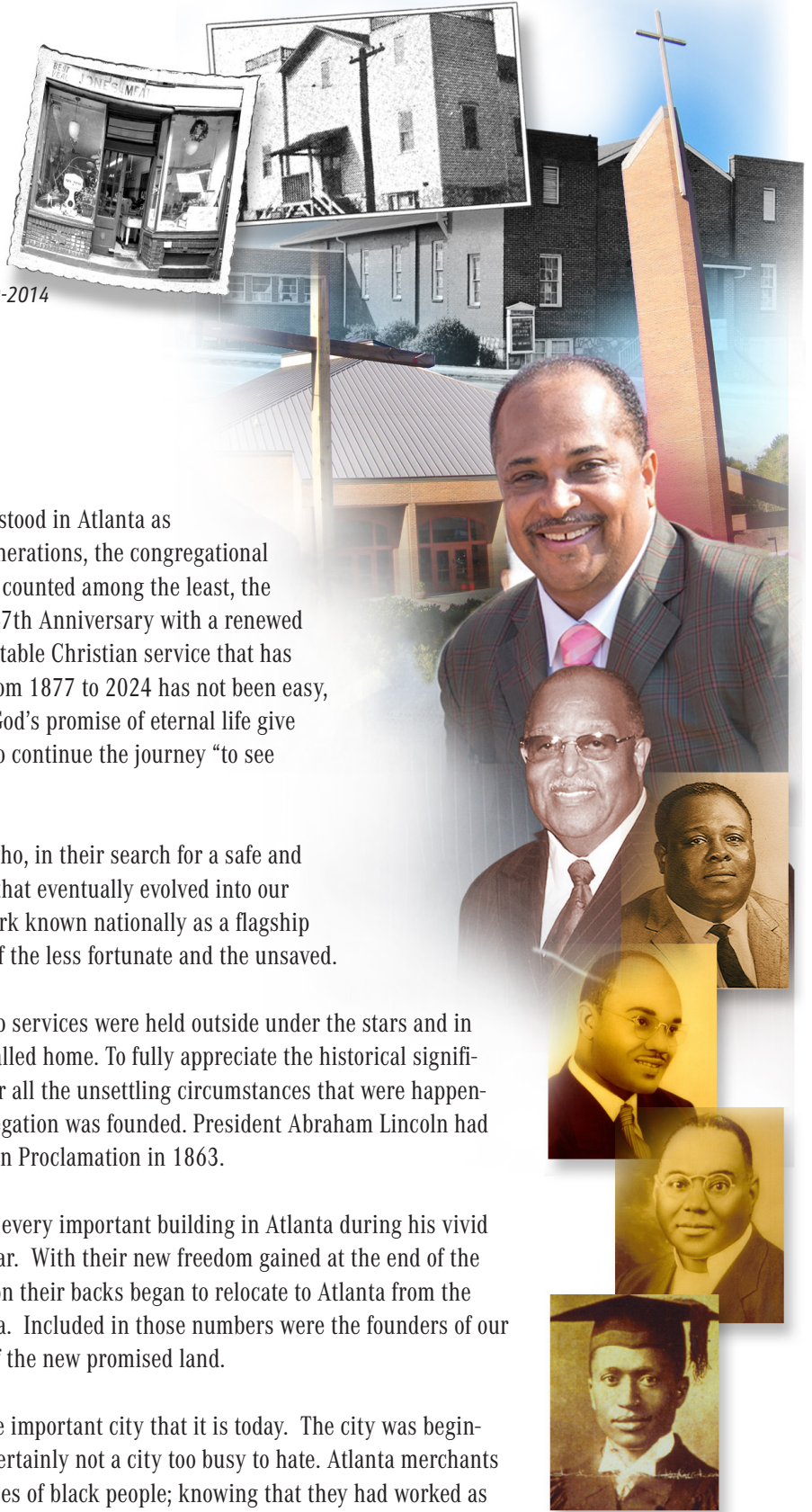
Visitor Committee: Mason Smith

### *Special Thanks to:*

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# Historical Highlights of the Antioch Baptist Church North

by: The Late Brother Barney Simms updated Highlights from 2010-2014  
Highlights updated by Sis. Karen McKinney Holley - 2022



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 147th 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 2024 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-four years ago, Atlanta was not the important city that it is today. The city was beginning to rebuild from the ravages of the Civil War. It was certainly not a city too busy to hate. Atlanta merchants and builders took advantage of the cheap labor and services of black people; knowing that they had worked as slaves with no compensation, they would hire four to five blacks for the wages of one white person. As a result, of this practice, Atlanta's poor white citizens were resentful and began terrorizing these former slaves for taking jobs away from them.

Adding to the confusion, the newly organized Atlanta newspapers began to distort and sensationalize feelings between Atlanta's blacks and whites. As a result, black people became too frightened to travel distances. By 1877, black people in Atlanta had become isolated in individual living wards and areas called "colored quarters." In the quarters that became known as Fifth Ward, there was not a church

close to where our founding members lived for worship and rejoicing. A trip across town, through white quarters, to the nearest colored church was like putting one's life into the hands of the devil.

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

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

The initial loan to purchase the Wallace Street property was paid off in record time in 1899. The congregation then, more than a century ago, faced the same challenge that the Antioch Congregation faces in 2021. 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.

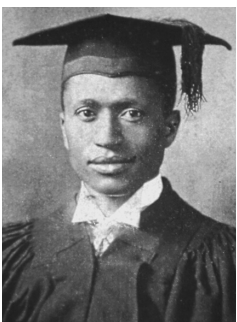
Today, the Antioch pastor, deacons, trustees, and membership face some of the same challenges and ask some of the same questions that the Bethursday Prayer Group asked. "How will we address the needs of an ever-growing membership and a community challenged by economic restraints during a struggling economy?"

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.

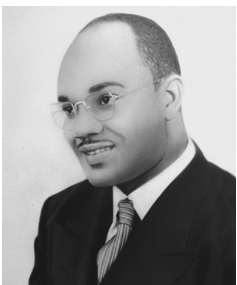


#### 1927-1943

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.

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

Rev. K. L. Alexander is the son of the late 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 led to the completion of several major church and Antioch campus renovation projects. In 2022, he oversaw a critical sanctuary upgrade, including the installation of a state-of-the-art audio-visual system, new flooring, lights, and pew padding. Additionally, after storm damage, the roof was replaced. A Sanctuary Rededication Service and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was the lead-in to the 145th Church Anniversary Celebration.

Led by the Holy Spirit, Pastor Alexander demonstrated an unprecedented measure of leadership in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, keeping the congregation and community safe by moving to virtual worship service on the 3rd Sunday in March 2020, prior to government-issued shelter-in-place orders. Under his leadership, Antioch Baptist Church North Network (ABCNN) was launched, led by a production team dedicated to keeping our church family and friends connected virtually via Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and our church website. He established the Covid-19 Taskforce, a team of medical professionals and church leaders who were charged with providing recommendations, counsel and strategy for managing essential church operations and providing data-based guidance for the return to in-person worship. A phased-in re-entry with all safety protocols in place was begun on Resurrection Sunday, April 17, 2022. Worship services and Wednesday Night Bible Study continue to be streamed on social media platforms and many church worship, Christian education, outreach and fellowship opportunities continue virtually throughout the week:

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

Reverend Alexander is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. (AUMI). AUMI serves as an advocate agency providing essential support to families in need, comprehensive substance abuse recovery services, housing for persons living with HIV and youth mentoring. The AUMI Food Bank provides for over 400 families each week through collaboration with the Atlanta Community Food Bank. AUMI nearly tripled its distribution of food during the height of the pandemic with over 30,000 clients receiving over one million pounds of food. Our food service program also expanded to include prepared hot meal distribution 3 days a week and food delivery to seniors. The Apparel Shoppe (formerly the Clothing Bank) distributes donated apparel, toiletries, shoes and other necessities to men, women and children weekly.

Antioch continues to serve as a beacon of hope within the metro-Atlanta community and beyond. Through partnerships, AUMI served as a designated Covid-19 testing site and continues to provide Covid vaccinations. The inaugural Antioch Urban Ministries' Recovery Walk in 2022 raised awareness about substance abuse and funds to combat it. AUMI also partnered with Morehouse School of Medicine on several initiatives in 2022, including a health fair, where basic vital health checks, such as blood pressure and cholesterol levels, healthy cooking demonstrations, educational and support materials were available free of charge.

Pastor Alexander co-led the first 40-Day Turn-Up in partnership with the founder of the program, Dr. Joseph Williams. The biblically-based program focused on healthy eating and exercise as well as weekly information and support sessions. The successful pivot to online sessions at the outset of the Covid-19 pandemic spawned an online program that now reaches thousands.

Concerned about the whole person, Pastor Alexander has been proactive providing mental health awareness events. He issued a call for mental health professionals in the congregation to establish a Mental Health Ministry. The ministry raises awareness about mental health issues and provides seminars and information on resources.

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 Board of Trustees • General

Missionary Baptist Convention, Inc.

Celebrating our 147th Anniversary as members of the body of Christ headquartered at Antioch North, like our founding Bethursday Prayer Band, we gather to collectively praise God. As stated in Hebrews 4:16, we will continue to go to God's throne. The church marquee, which was dedicated during Pioneers Observance Sunday in 2019, stands as a welcoming beacon of light. As we continue to rely on God's grace and mercy, we will show grace and mercy to others, lighting the world as a symbol of hope, a place of refuge, and a living testament to the greatness and goodness of God.

## A SPECIAL THANKS...

*is extended to the 147th Anniversary Committee*

Bro. Richard Burton  
Sis. Libra Burton  
Sis. Tiffany Burton  
Bro. Eddie Everson  
Sis. Detria Everson  
Dea. Rodney Floyd

Sis. Denise Floyd  
Sis. Regina Fuller  
Rev. Terry Hightower  
Sis. Karen Jackson  
Dea. Bob Jones  
Sis. Elizabeth "Penny" Jones

Bro. Quintero Moore  
Dea. Garry Mott  
Sis. Sharon Mott  
Sis. Joy Rollins  
Dea. Benny Williams  
Sis. Bonita Williams

### **Additional Contributions and Advisors:**

Culinary: Dea. Milton Dodson  
Hospitality: Sis. Jacque Dodson & Sis. Marsha McCracken  
Program layout and Graphics: Bro. Reggie Tolbert  
Photography: Sis. Elizabeth "Penny" Jones  
Youth Advisors: Dr. Royal Baxter and Sis. Homerzelle Gentry

ABCNN, Musicians, Directors, Ushers, Ministers, Mothers and Deacons  
Pastor Kenneth L. Alexander and Pastor James S. Hill

# Happy Birthday

## Lady Lisa Kathleen Gilbert Alexander!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024



### YOUTH TAKE OVER SUNDAY



# WEEKLY EVENTS



## Sunday School

Sundays  
9:00 am

In-Person and Virtual  
via Zoom

[www.antiochnorth.org](http://www.antiochnorth.org)

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Starting at 7:00 pm

In-Person and Virtual  
Dinner serviced from 5:30pm - 6:45pm



YouTube

[facebook.com/antiochbaptistchurchnorth](https://facebook.com/antiochbaptistchurchnorth)  
[youtube.com/antiochbaptist](https://youtube.com/antiochbaptist)



## Sunday Worship

10:00 am

In-Person and Virtual



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## AUMI FOOD BANK

456 NORTHSIDE DRIVE, ATLANTA, GA 30318

Tuesday-Friday | 9AM-1PM



### OTHER VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

In-person 6:00 pm

#### VIRTUAL THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

7:00 pm Via Zoom

#### TERRY WEST BIBLE STUDY

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

## Antioch's GRIEF & SHARE

13 week virtual session Mondays  
@ 7:00pm



## 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



## Future Pioneers Recognition Sunday

Register at  
[antiochnorth.org](http://antiochnorth.org)

Sunday, December 1, 10am

## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTH MONTHS CELEBRATION

Friday, December 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Our theme is "Christmas around the  
world: Keeping Christ in Christmas."

More info at [antiochnorth.org](http://antiochnorth.org)

Antioch's 147th Church Anniversary celebration continues on **Friday, November 22, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.** Antioch College Scholars will host middle and high school students with a



## College Experience Virtual Chat.

This is a personal invitation to come out and enjoy an evening of sounds from Colleges, Battle of the Bands, and Homecoming entertainment.

Breakout sessions will be set up to:

- Share college experiences.
- Answer questions, and give important FASFA dates.
- Provide ways that you can gain access to Free Prep (ACT and SAT) testing.
- Tips on how you can leverage your College Education to become a successful Entrepreneur



*Oh yes!* The celebration continues! The entire church congregation will come together **"WALKING IN AUTHORITY"**, on **Sunday, November 24** during our worship service. Antioch's Divine Nine will sport their Greek Paraphernalia and colors, and Antioch members are asked to sport their favorite College Paraphernalia or colors.

*This is a family affair, so please, invite your college buddies and D-9 Brothers and Sisters, and donate above your tithes and offerings to support The Antioch Scholarship Ministry.*

A QR Code has been provided for parents of Antioch middle and high school students and a separate QR Code for our college students.



Youth Scan

*So Antioch...*

**GET SOMETHING IN YOUR HAND!**



College Scan

# Care & Comfort Ministry

## *Sick & Shut-In List*

### Members in Hospitals

Rev. Terry Hightower – Piedmont Hospital

### Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Bro. Daniel Michael Adams – Legacy Rehab Ctr, Atlanta

Mother Grace Brooks – The Oaks at West Cobb, Marietta, Rm. 208

Sis. Zepha Cannon – A. G. Rhodes Health & Rehab, Atlanta, Rm. 105

Sis. Dorothy Compton – Serenity Empire Personal Care Home, Fairburn

Rev. Zebulon Ellis, Sr – Fairburn Healthcare Center, Fairburn, Rm. 401

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

Dea. Clarence Hicks – Governors Glen Nursing Home, Forest Park

Sis. Sylvia McClain – A. G. Rhodes-Wesley Woods, Clifton Road, Rm. 314

Bro. James McCutchen – Silver Comet Village, Powder Springs

Sis. Betty Phillips – Westminster Commons, Atlanta

### Members Convalescing at Home

Sis. Zeporia Alexander

Sis. Evelyn Battle

Dea. Joseph Henry Beasley

Bro. Pleas Sonny Berry

Mother Lillie Bowles

Mother Emma Broomes

Sis. Ritha Cain

Sis. Deborah Cleveland

Sis. Dorothy Cook

Sis. Rosalyn Curington

Sis. Doris Dennis

Sis. Patricia Edwards

Sis. Andrea Godette

Mother Eunice Harrison

Sis. Jackie Hines

Sis. Debra Hodge

Bro. Calvin Jones

Sis. Gwen Johnson

Bro. Tony Johnson

Bro. Rufus Kelly

Bro. Sebastian Maddox

Bro. Michael Martin

Bro. Carl McCloud

Sis. Shirley McQueen

Sis. Lillie Mungin

Bro. Calvin Murphy

Sis. Cheryl Nelson

Sis. Lilia Orum

Sis. Linda Peek

Sis. Alexia Price

Sis. Cynthia Price

Sis. Sharonda Price

Sis. Stella Ragland

Bro. Richard Raglin

Sis. Debra Robinson

Sis. Marian Russell

Bro. Fred Samuels, Jr

Sis. Candace Scott

Sis. Karen Sills

Sis. Scarlett Smith

Sis. Jessie Stafford

Mother Willie Cookie Tuggle

Bro. Anthony Turner

Bro. Dewayne Walker

Bro. Robert Walker

Bro. Walter Wilcher

Sis. Annie Williams

Sis. Lillie Willis

Sis. Anita Wilson

Bro. Elwood Wilson, Jr

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

*3 John 1:2*

