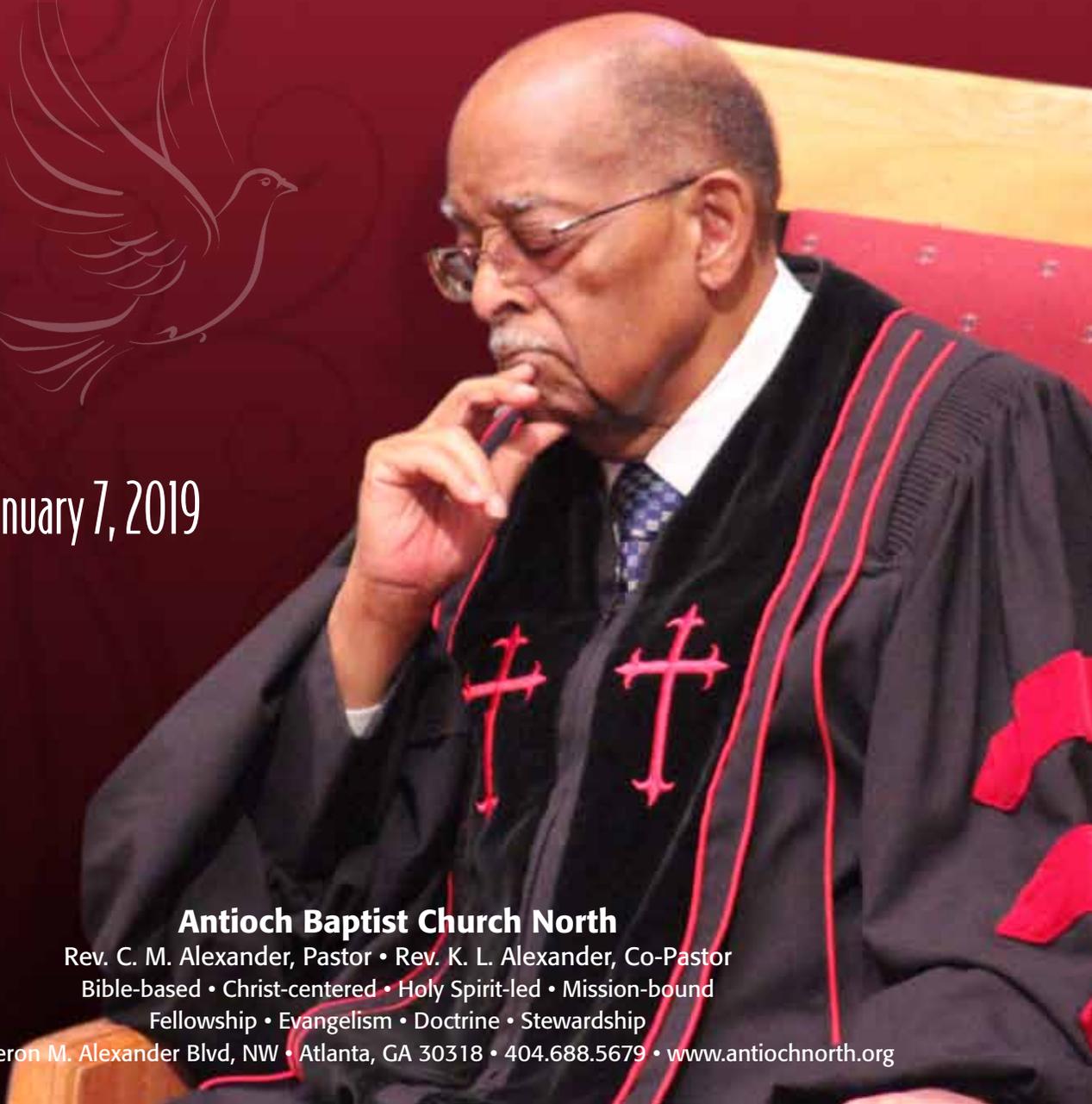


*A Celebration of Life*  
for

The Rev. Cameron Madison Alexander

(February 12, 1932 - December 30, 2018)



Monday, January 7, 2019

11:00 a.m.

**Antioch Baptist Church North**

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Presiding, Reverend Rodney K. Turner  
*Pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church*

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*Pastor, Prospect Missionary Baptist Church*

## PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL.....Ministers & Family

MUSICAL SELECTION.....***Blessed Assurance***.....Antioch Choir

PRAYER.....Reverend E. L. Jones  
*Pastor, First Corinth Baptist Church*

## SCRIPTURES

Old Testament.....Reverend James Walker  
*Pastor, Live Oak Baptist Church – Ailey, GA*  
*Pastor, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church – Tarry Town, GA*

New Testament.....Reverend M. Davis  
*Greater Ephesus Baptist Church*

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Antioch Choir

## REFLECTIONS (***3 Minutes, Please***)

Councilman Michael Bond  
Councilman Andre Dickens  
The Honorable Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor of Atlanta

## REFLECTIONS (***3 Minutes, Please***)

Reverend J. E. Lawson, 5th District President  
Reverend Benjamin Lett, President – Congress of Christian Education  
Reverend Kenneth Martin, President – General Missionary Baptist Convention of GA

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Antioch Choir

## REFLECTIONS – (***3 Minutes, Please***)

Reverend Jerry Young, President, National Baptist Convention USA  
Reverend Clarence Moore, Regional Vice President, National Baptist Convention USA  
Reverend Harry Blake

## REFLECTIONS (***3 Minutes, Please***)

Reverend Jesse Jackson, Rainbow Push Coalition

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Antioch Choir

**REFLECTIONS (3 Minutes, Please)**

Sister Brittni Fleming and Brother Daniel Price

Reverend & Mrs. J. W. Calvin, Pastor – Solomon Tabernacle Baptist Church, Vidalia, GA

Dr. Margaret Weaver

**WORDS OF COMFORT**

Reverend Ronald Terry, Pastor – New Fellowship Baptist Church, Macon, GA

Reverend A. A. W. Motley, Pastor – Lindsay Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA

Reverend Jasper Williams, Jr., Pastor – Salem Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....Sister Leona Barr-Davenport

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Reverend Eric Jackson

EULOGY.....Reverend Jerry Black  
*Pastor, Beulah Baptist Church*

RECESSIONAL

**INTERMENT**

Westview Cemetery

1680 Westview Drive SW

Atlanta, GA 30311



# Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander

## *Reflections of an Inspirational Life: God's Newspaper Boy*

 On February 12, 1932, God blessed the Reverend Homer M. and Augusta (Hutchins) Alexander with a son who would come to be a blessing to the thousands of lives he touched around the world. Cameron Madison Alexander radiated an indelible path here on Earth until his Savior summoned him home on Sunday, December 30, 2018.

Reverend Alexander demonstrated early leadership acumen while in Atlanta Public Schools, graduating from the historic Booker T. Washington High School in the Class of 1948. While in high school, he played football, ran track and played the saxophone. Studying his favorite subject, history, was foundational to his ministry as he concentrated on slavery, the indignities our forefathers suffered and the strength of their perseverance. Saxophone in hand, he attended Florida A& M University, where he was a member of the Marching 100. He continued to play his saxophone as he served his country in the U.S. Air Force. A gifted musician, he considered a career in music, but the Lord guided him to a different ministry.

He later matriculated at Morehouse College. Studying under the watchful tutelage of President Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, he graduated a proud Morehouse Man. He entered Morehouse School of Religion, serving in a number of leadership capacities prior to receiving his Master of Divinity degree. He later served as President and Treasurer, respectively, of the Morehouse School of Religion and as a Trustee of the Morehouse School of Medicine. Recognizing his numerous contributions to society on many levels, he was awarded Honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from the United Theological Seminary, Monroe, LA (1978), the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta (1991), and Carver Bible College, Atlanta (2007).

He met the love of his life, a pretty majorette named Barbara, while at Washington High. He married Barbara Evelyn Jackson on November 28, 1954, and for 64 years, his eyes lit up and a broad smile adorned his face whenever he was in the presence of or talked about “Honey.”

Their union was blessed by the birth of four wonderful children: Cameron Eric, Gregory Madison, Kenneth Lamont and Barbara Maria. His delight in his children was ever-present as he beamed when talking about their many accomplishments.

Rev. Alexander’s calling as God’s undershepherd was prolific from the very beginning. In his first pastorate at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Cartersville, GA, he assessed the needs and embarked on his first building project—an outhouse. His next pastorate was at Flagg Chapel Baptist Church in Milledgeville. He was called to New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Macon, in 1958, “for such a time as this.” He was not only pastor to the church, but leader activist in Macon-Bibb County. A voice speaking out against injustice, Rev. Alexander helped lead the Macon bus boycott in 1962, which led to the integration of the buses. He worked tirelessly with other leadership to improve the living conditions for Blacks and other minority groups, successfully desegregating public areas and institutions, including Mercer University, lunch counters and even Bowden Golf Course.

In 1965, Rev. Alexander accepted the call to pastor St. John Baptist Church, “The Mighty Fortress,” in Savannah, GA. Once again, his leadership extended beyond the church. He formed a partnership with C & S Bank

to improve 109 blocks of real estate in Savannah and provide affordable housing. He worked with business owners to provide jobs and seek justice wherever injustices were found.

“There is a Man in Town.” In the late spring of 1969, while vacationing in Atlanta, Dr. Alexander’s father and the late Mother Martin, encouraged him to serve as the guest preacher at Antioch’s morning worship service. Not seeking the vacant pulpit, he was hesitant but agreed to preach. The following Monday evening, the title of his sermon, “There is a Man in Town,” became a fulfilled prophecy as the congregation overwhelmingly voted him in as their write-in candidate for pastor. Pastor Alexander, always following the lead of the Holy Spirit, took a salary cut and accepted the pastorate. For more than 49 years, “the man” provided exemplary leadership to Antioch Baptist Church North and the community it serves.

Echoing the “old-fashioned” values of his father, Pastor Alexander, the servant-leader, preached and taught a Bible-based, Christ-centered, Holy-Spirit led and Mission-bound gospel of action. He proved John 12:32 to be true, “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” There were fewer than 600 members when Pastor Alexander arrived, but the gifted pastor and expert administrator preached Christ every Sunday. Under his pastorate, Antioch Baptist Church added 14,000 to the kingdom of Christ.

With that extraordinary growth, “the old church” was bursting at the seams, and Pastor Alexander led the membership in building a new edifice. The church had purchased 20 acres outside of downtown in anticipation of building elsewhere. However, Pastor Alexander stood firm in his commitment that the church would remain in the community that needed its help. “Building the church as we build the building,” he energized the congregation, inspiring members to comprehend that God intended the “church” to extend beyond the building’s walls. As its steeple rose in the skyline, the multimillion-dollar Worship Center and adjoining administrative wing were coined “a Rock in a Weary Land, “inviting all in need to come.” That commitment to saving mankind resulted in service through 75 ministries that impacted, and indeed saved, lives in a way the community had not experienced. In addition to mission churches, the ministries include a Prison Ministry, an employment resource center and ministries that provide assistance to men and women suffering from substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and the need for food, clothing and affordable housing, among others.

Rev. Alexander’s unprecedented servant leadership was not confined to metro Atlanta. For 29 years, he served as President of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., which claims a membership of more than 800 churches. Under his visionary leadership, the GMBC secured the Land of Promise and named the first woman historian, among other notable accomplishments. He also served as Vice President of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and Dean for the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, an auxiliary of the state convention. He trained, licensed and ordained 600 ministers, at least 150 of whom went on to pastor other churches.

The pastor’s amazing tenure of leadership at Antioch - which spanned nine U.S. presidents -reflected his concern for the “least of these” beyond our nation’s borders. The Antioch International Macedonian Missionaries ministry, based on Acts 16:9-10, began in Haiti to address the issue of inadequate access to safe drinking water, medical care and food. Antioch sent two ambulances, built a school and a church, opened a clinic and sent a medical staff to provide for the Haitian people. The ministry has included work in nearly a dozen other countries, including South Africa, Turkey, Columbia and Brazil, where AIMM facilitated the opening of the first university for black Brazilians, known as Afrobras.

The City of Atlanta paid tribute to Rev. Alexander’s leadership in 2010 by renaming Kennedy Street, which is adjacent to Antioch, to Cameron Madison Alexander Boulevard. Further, he was inducted into the Atlanta

Business League's Legends Hall of Fame and the International Civil Rights Hall of Fame located at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site. Additionally, he was invited to submit one of his inaugural sermons to the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. The sermon became part of the oral history and spoken word collections that preserve American's accounts of and reactions to important cultural events.

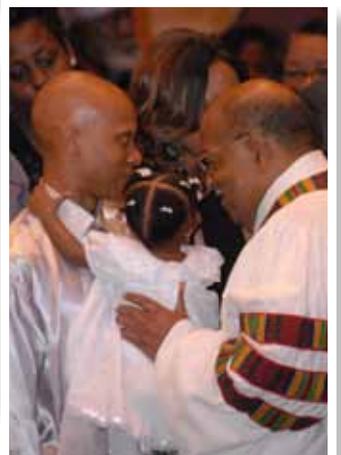
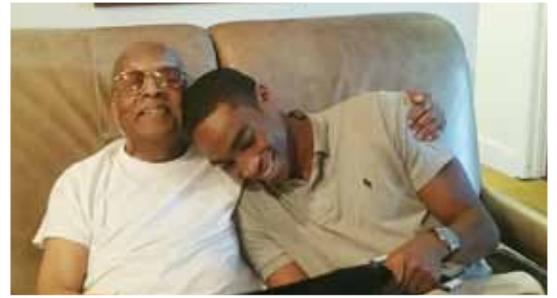
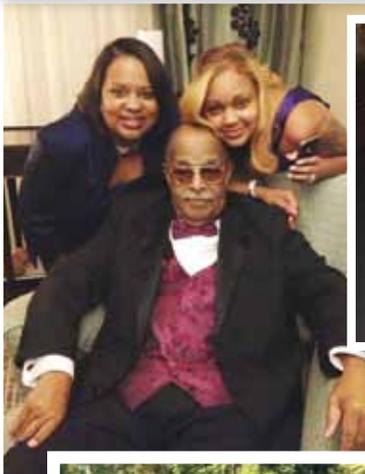
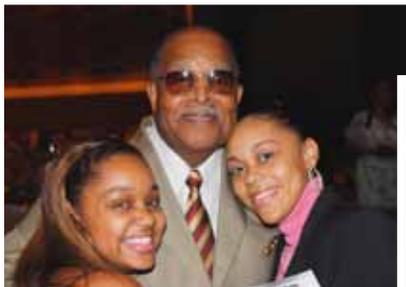
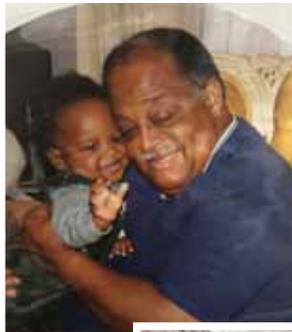
"God's paper boy," as he often described himself, was serious about spreading the gospel and guiding anyone he met to an understanding of the Bible and the importance of a saving relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Among his many gifts, laughter and hearty fellowship - especially as he dined on his favorite foods - were a hallmark of his magnetic personality. With grace and aplomb, he would diffuse a complex situation with humor and wit and then lead everyone back to the issue at hand with consensus and action. He reveled in jazz, a good Western, wrestling and antique cars.

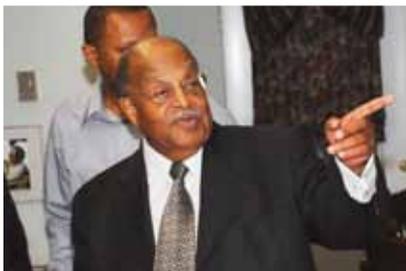
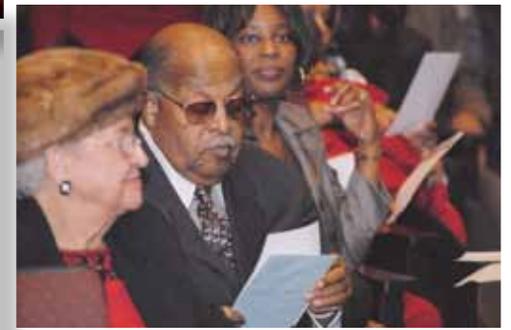
Even the most astute scholars may fail in an attempt to use mere words to describe the impact of Reverend Dr. C.M. Alexander. His outreach globally, nationally, statewide, locally and most importantly, individually, has impacted lives in ways beyond measure. A man of magnificent proportion, he looked at everyone through the eyes of Jesus, treating everyone with love and respect. "There is not a finer man than Rev. C.M. Alexander. I have been living on this earth for 97 years, and I know who is fine and who is not. He is a fine pastor," stated Mother Willie May James on the occasion of Pastor Alexander's 44th Pastoral Anniversary.

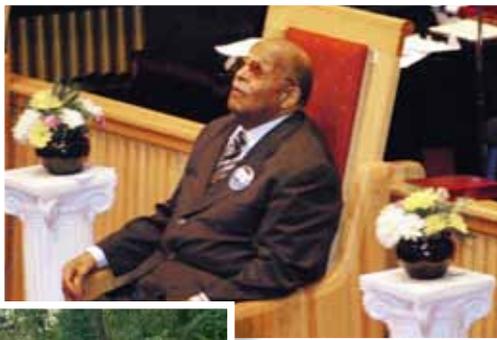
The patriarch of the Alexander Family - affectionately called 'Papa' by his grandchildren and 'Big Papa' by his great-grandchildren - was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Augusta Alexander; his son, Gregory Madison; and his granddaughter, Kathleen Nicole.

His legacy of love and service will forever be cherished in the hearts of his wife, Barbara J. Alexander; his children, Cameron Eric (Pamela) Alexander, Rev. Kenneth Lamont (Lisa Kathleen) Alexander and Barbara Maria (Raymon) Hunter; his daughter-in-law, Zeporia; nine grandchildren, Shatavia (Borquaye) Thomas, Gregory Alexander, Jr., Cameron Alexander, Brandon (Apollonia) Alexander, Ashley Alexander, Erica Mansfield, Raymon Hunter, Jr., Adam Alexander and Lailah Hunter; seven great-grandchildren, Demario Franklin, Jr., Niyae Alexander, Blazio Thomas, Diego Franklin, Pryce Alexander, Daylin Franklin and Kaylen Gregory Alexander; a large, adoring extended family; his beloved Antioch family and a host of loving friends.

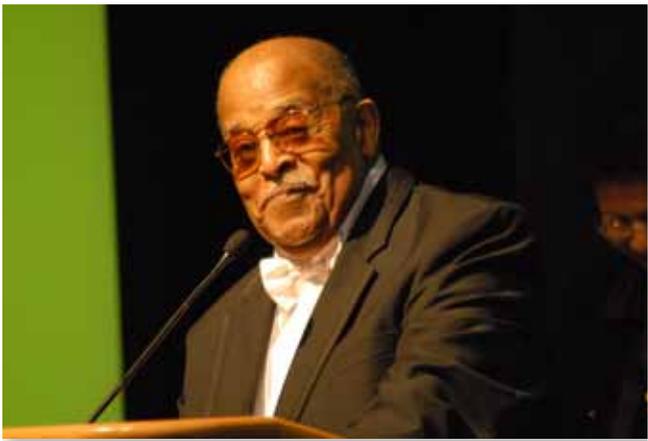








Sargeant Alexander (second from left) and members of the United States Airforce Jazz Band.





## **PALLBEARERS**

Sons of Antioch  
Deacons

## **FLOWER BEARERS**

Mother's Ministry  
Deaconess's Ministry



## **THE BROKEN CHAIN**

*We knew that one day, God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly, in death, we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*

*You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you... you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.*

The family of the Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander is grateful to the Antioch Baptist Church North Congregational Family, Antioch Staff, the Sons of Antioch, Rev. Jerry Black, the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., all program participants, and to each of you who have passionately displayed your love and support. Your exceptional acts of kindness have fully demonstrated the authenticity of true friends. We have an immense appreciation for all members of the clergy, the Staff of Murray Brothers Funeral Home, the numerous family members and friends who came to pay tribute to our beloved and to offer your support. Our heartfelt gratitude is extended to our dedicated support team: Dr. Adrian Douglas, Dr. Paul Douglas, Dr. Jermaine Jackson, Priscilla Foster, Florette Njunu, Erica Mansfield, Polly Kelly, Diane Philiber, RN and the Longleaf Hospice Team. Your presence has been a source of strength and consolation. Softened by your love, our pain is eased with the knowledge that "to be absent from the body" is "to be present with the Lord." We thank you all for joining us today as we celebrate the courageous, wise, committed servant leadership of our dear "Honey", Daddy and Papa. As we prepare to face a future without him, we ask for your continued prayers as we keep you all in our prayers as well. We praise God for you, asking that He will grant each of you peace that passeth all understanding.

With our sincerest love and appreciation,  
The Alexander Family

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