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Congratulations, Sis. Alexander

Antioch's Barbara J. Alexander will be honored later this month by the Trumpet Awards Foundation as one of this area's phenomenal first ladies.

Sis. Alexander will be recognized during a special tribute to first ladies called "High Tea with High Heels" at 3 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Hyatt Regency downtown.

Members are encouraged to attend and show their support.

Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. The church will reserve two rows of seats for the Antioch family. To reserve your space, make your \$50 check payable to Antioch Baptist Church North and submit it to the church office.

Seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't wait.



Antioch Sons and Ministers carry parade banner.

Celebrating Cameron Alexander Boulevard

The Rev. Kenneth Alexander talked about the change that has taken place, and the impact of his father's work, on what has been called Kennedy Street since 1969.

"It was said if you wanted to do wrong, come to Kennedy Street," the son said. "If you want help, you can come to Cameron M. Alexander Blvd."

At about 2 p.m. on Dec. 11, the small street in front of Antioch Baptist Church North became officially named after the pastor whose service has been grand in northwest Atlanta

and across the city.

"You are our greatest reminder, Rev. Alexander, that cities have souls," Mayor Kasim Reed said during a three-hour service inside the Antioch sanctuary to celebrate the street renaming.

The Atlanta City Council approved the name change in October. Reed signed it into law.

The day was historic. Flashbulbs from cameras and cell phones sparkled through the sanctuary as audi-

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A Message From The Pastor



My Brothers and Sisters,

As we welcome the beginning of a brand new year, I want to encourage you to make a sincere resolution and a definitive commitment to develop for you and your family a closer relationship with God! This is a simple but realistic resolution that all of us can achieve without creating any real hardships in our lifestyles.

If we achieve the commitment to live closer to God, the rewards will be important and meaningful. Our lives will take on “new” meaning and each “new” day will be special and significant with a brand “new” hope for the future resulting in our having an abundance of joy and unspeakable peace. We can achieve this resolution and a fresh “new” walk with God by learning to meditate and study the Bible so we will know what the living Word has to say about life’s predicaments.

A New Year always reminds me that each of us has an opportunity to become a “new” person. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us that “...*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.*”

Together we can strengthen our relationships with God by making a resolution to attend Antioch’s **Weekly Prayer Meetings and Bible Study** regularly with a genuine sense of purpose and commitment. Bible Study provides the setting for us to explore and examine the messages of the Bible in greater depth and in minute detail which gives us the opportunity and knowledge base to know God better. We learn through His word that He is a loving God offering comfort, peace, and mercy. He is our hope and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who is our savior.

As pastor, I want to encourage you to celebrate this New Year...this new opportunity of hopeful optimism where love shall prevail. It is my prayer that you will demonstrate through your life the workings of God’s power so those who have not accepted Christ as their savior will want to experience the peace and joy that your life and your living reveal. Remember, happiness is the experience of loving life.

I look forward to our sharing another year of great fellowship and charitable Christian Service as we work together to build and strengthen God’s kingdom on earth.

Yours in God’s Service,

Rev. C. M. Alexander, Pastor

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ence members took pictures of Pastor Alexander with fellow civil rights icons Rev. Joseph Lowery, Rev. C.T. Vivian and Rev. Andrew Young, the one-time U.N. ambassador and former Atlanta mayor.

A roll call of political leaders came to pay homage to the pastor. Two mayors (Reed and Young). Three city councilmen: Michael Julian Bond (an Antioch member), C.T. Martin, Ivory Young. A Fulton County commissioner, Emma Darnell. A state senator: long-time Antioch member Valencia Seay.

About 10 community leaders spoke. There were several hundred audience members and about two dozen members of the Alexander family on hand to witness the celebration.

Perhaps, the most impressive number of the day came from Deacon Calvin Booker, who noted there are now 1 billion navigational systems with Cameron M. Alexander Blvd. permanently programmed into their networks.

The speakers talked about the pastor’s work to help people with drug and alcohol addictions, building a library in Brazil, fighting apartheid in South Africa and aiding Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

“That’s how you get your name on a street,” said Commissioner Darnell.

The renaming effort began about four years ago during a meeting of Antioch leaders. Sis. Myrna White, a leader in the renaming effort, said she and others considered Northside Drive, a state road, but were told that might be difficult to get accomplished at the state Capitol.

White and others focused their efforts on renaming Kennedy Street, a city road.

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“You are our Moses,” Councilman Young, who represents the English Avenue area, said of the pastor.

The festivities began with a parade down the renamed street. The Booker T. Washington High School marching band, dressed in their blue and white uniforms, played. Pick-up trucks carrying members of various ministries honked their horns as they drove along the parade route. The King of Pop even made an appearance, dancing and waving with his white, sequined glove to bystanders.

“Michael Jackson!,” a crowd of excited children yelled.

Pastor Alexander’s beloved queen, First Lady Barbara Alexander, received nearly as much praise during the ceremony.

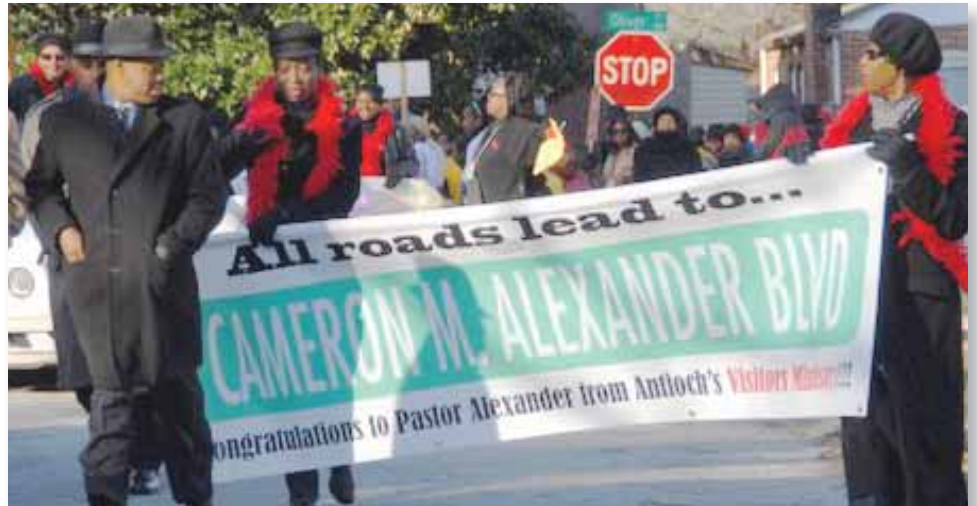
Not surprisingly among a group of preachers, there were some jokes made at the pastor’s expense.

“When you gonna retire?,” asked Rev. Lowery, who said the pastor has been “scheming to help poor folks” at Antioch for more than 41 years.

Pastor Alexander humbly thanked everyone at the end of the ceremony “for having a full taste of glory divine.”

Atlanta Community Food Bank founder and executive director Bill Bolling told the audience that he will now direct individuals looking for food to Antioch. And if they ask where Antioch is located, Bolling said he will tell them it is “on Cameron Madison Alexander Blvd.”

Scenes from the parade



OCTOBER

2010 Fall Revival

The Rev. Frank Ray, pastor of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis, returned to preach again this year at Antioch Baptist Church North's Fall Revival.

Below is a brief synopsis of the three nights of sermons.

Monday, Oct. 25

Scripture: Galatians 6:1 "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

Subject: "When a brother falls"

Message: We in the faith are brothers and candidates for failure. When you walk in the spirit, no one has to tell you you're wrong. You detect it for yourself. When you're spiritual, you're able to restore one

who has fallen; to offer a helping hand. The way you treat your brother is the way you're setting yourself up to be treated should the same thing happen to you.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-13 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand..."

Subject: "Still Standing"

Message: Our body is the Lord's container. That's why we need to be careful how we treat God's temple. We need to be able to stand in spite of the pressures of the world. It's important that we be strong; put on the whole armour. The reason we're still standing is we're connected to God, our power source.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Scriptures: Isaiah 34:16 "Seek ye out the book of the Lord, and read."

II Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction for instruction in righteousness."

Subject: "Read the manual"

Message: God knew that when he made us we'd run into problems we couldn't figure out for ourselves. What we can't figure out



Rev. Frank Ray

he's already placed in the manual. Study to show thyself approved. You have to read (the manual) to be wise. This manual will teach you how to be saved. It will teach you how to be sealed, how to deal with satan, how to treat the shepherd, about the son and how to handle storms. When Jesus came up against the devil, he used the manual. You have to have the word down in you. Read the manual.



Rev. Brendan Jenkins installed

As you turn onto the dirt road that leads to Old Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, you can almost hear the whispered prayers of the slaves who met in secret in the bush arbor and founded the church in 1856.

It was clear those prayers were still being answered Oct. 31 as the Rev. Brendan Jenkins was being installed as the church's newest pastor.

Antioch Baptist Church North packed Old Friendship that day to pray god-

speed to the Rev. Jenkins and his wife, Sis. Jelyne Martin Jenkins, and daughters Shelby and Darby.

Sis. Jenkins was a beloved Antioch Sunday School teacher, secretary of Christian Education, and sign language interpreter.



Rev. Brendan Jenkins

Scholarship Ministry offers tips for the road to college

No combination of high school courses can guarantee admittance into your dream college but there are some steps that can increase your chances.

The key to making it happen is to start early, some Antioch parents and students learned during a Readiness Seminar hosted in the fall by the church Scholarship Ministry.

The sessions were led by Antioch members who provided tips on a variety of topics, including finding the right college, completing the free application for Federal Student Aid, writing effective scholarship and admissions essays, and applying for federal grants.

Anyone interested in handouts and Web sites covered by the seminar can contact the church office or

any member of the scholarship committee.

Visit the church Web site for upcoming details on our May 2011 graduates scholarship information, application deadlines and meetings.

Tips for the admission process:

- Apply to at least six colleges -- a few "true safety" schools and a few "reach" schools.
- Write essays that show what makes you tick -- not just what you think the admission officials want to read.

- The interview is a two-way street; approach it as you would a conversation.
- There is no "right" activity, so choose a passion to fill your time, not a resume builder.
- Dress to impress when you visit colleges.
- Craft truthful applications; admissions officers are great detectives and can spot insincerity.
- Apply for financial aid even if you think you may not qualify.
- Work hard through the end of senior year so you don't jeopardize your application.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary!

John & Stephanie Calloway

John & Shirley Alexander

Millard & Diane Johnson

Samuel & Miriam Taylor

Joseph & Stephanie Malone

Acey & Mary Palmer

Daryl & Sheryl Grayer

Cedrick & Berdell Smith

Gilbert & Lillie Bowles

Robert & Irene Hudgins

Samuel & Dorothy Hardin

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Sixteen come to Christ at street corner preaching

When you have good news, you want to tell someone, and prior to the Fall Revival, Pastor Cameron Alexander asked the congregation to take to the streets and tell the good news.

Teams, prepared by Sisters Margaret Weaver and Bonita Williams, and headed by preachers and members of the SWAT ministry, infiltrated the neighborhood on Oct. 23, following the biblical mandate in Matthew 28:19 to “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.”

Using the revival theme of “Recognize, Repent, and Receive,” the teams covered every corner in “the Bluff”. Two preachers proclaimed the Word while others handed out tracts and food, and encouraged the unsaved to come forward and receive Christ, the backsliders to repent, and the unchurched to consider making Antioch North their home base on the road to heaven.

During the closing prayer circle in front of the old stone AME Church, James Way, one of the area residents, recited Psalm 27 from memory reminding us of the truth of Proverbs 22:6.

Sixteen souls came to Christ, and many others promised to attend their membership churches and to come to Antioch’s fall revival.



NOVEMBER

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ANNIVERSARIES*Happy Anniversary!*

Rev. Cameron and

Mrs. Barbara Alexander

Doc. and LaNore Hammond

Ricky and Regina Allen

Darryl and Tracy Hodge

Ryan and Jacklyn Davis

Rodney and Chandra Wilson

John and Lisa Camp

George and Rena Brown

Ronald and Cindy West

Financial aid deadline looming

Deadline looming for federal financial aid application

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA is the all important financial application colleges and universities across the country use to determine a student's out of pocket costs.

Every student who plans to be in college for the 2011/2012 year should file the form as soon as possible with the Department of Education.

Not only is it used to de-

termine eligibility for the Pell Grants and Stafford Loans, it is also used to help determine a student's eligibility for college grants and scholarships. Many colleges and universities require the FAFSA even for non-need based sources of funds such as choral and academic awards.

If your student is starting college in the fall of 2011, the FAFSA needs to be filed as soon as possible. Check the college's website for priority deadlines, which often come long before your

taxes are due.

In most cases, both the parents and the students should file information on the FAFSA. Each student going to college needs their own individual FAFSA form.

Applications may be obtained through the school counselor or a college financial aid office. It is highly recommended, however, to file using the online FAFSA form at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

For more information, visit www.eduLaunchpad.com.

5th District hosts convention

As a part of the 5th District of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., Antioch was very involved in hosting its annual session Nov. 15-18 at the Marriott Gateway and Georgia International Conference Center.

The Annual Session is the main business session of the GMBC, not business in the world's terms, but business in the service of the Lord. Each auxiliary meets for training, and there is a sermon, an inspirational message, or a devotional being preached at almost every moment of

the session from the early morning Bryant-Morehouse lectures to the Late Night Services.

While Antioch was represented in the Fifth District Choir, Bro. Zeb Ellis was a highlight of the Welcome Program and Musical. Pastor Cameron Alexander, who is President Emeritus, attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new, headquarters building at 155 Joseph C. Lowery Blvd.

As president, Pastor Alexander moved the GMBC forward by purchasing the property and old headquarters buildings for a



Rev. Clarence Moore

centralized location for operations. The session closed out with the president's message delivered by Antioch son, the Rev. Clarence Moore.

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South African struggles parallel U.S. Civil Rights Movement

Sis. Karen S. McKinney had the opportunity to spend nearly two weeks in October in Durban and Cape Town, visiting post-secondary educational institutions.

McKinney was one of 17 women who traveled to South Africa to assess women's access to opportunities in higher education.

"I was overwhelmed by the parallels to our own history," she said. "The difference is that black South Africans are the majority in their country."

She said just as our ancestors were not allowed to be taught to read, Black South Africans were not allowed to earn high school diplomas during apartheid, so the first Black students are just entering the universities. Contrary to what many may have heard, about 80 percent of all South Africans are Christians, combining African tradition with Christian doctrine.

"At some point in our conversation, almost every student, faculty member, and administrator I spoke with attributed their accom-



Sis. Karen McKinney

plishments to the grace of God," said McKinney.

During her stay in the country, McKinney visited the dank prison cell on Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela spent 27 years, Ghandi's house where he cast his vote, and the City Hall where he made his speech as the first South African president to be elected in a fully representative democratic election.

The purpose of the People-to-People Ambassador Program, started by President Eisenhower in 1956, is to promote cultural understanding through education and exchange.

ADDED MEMBERS

OCTOBER	
Name	Birth Month
Amber Mullen	Feb.
Claude Callaway	Dec.
Shenita Hrdin	Dec.
Joshua J. Hill	Oct.
Cliff Johnson	Sept.
Chazz B. Carter	March
Joshua E. Burns	March
Eddie. L. Burns	Dec.
Marvin Johnson	Feb.

The following 7 persons had Christian Experience

Patrick O. Bell Sr.	April
Stevario Windham	Dec.
Ahna Swait	Sept.
Cheryl Swait	June
Hilton L. Hopkins	March
Alisha A. Tucker	Dec.
Keely S. Reedy	May

Total 16 members received the right hand of fellowship

NOVEMBER	
The following four 4 persons were Baptized	
Name	Birth Month
Anastasia Dickens	Oct.
Adrienne Dickens	Jan.
Daniel Johnson	March
Nahri Yane Marks	Nov.

The following 9 persons had Christian Experience

Mark McCraney	Nov.
O'Hara Coleman	March
Shelia A. Walker	Oct.
Mike Adams	Dec.
Jimmie L. Jones	August
Randy Hearn	April
Sherry Johnson	Nov.
Justin Lane	June
Anniece Baker	April

Total 13 persons received the Right Hand of Fellowship

DECEMBER	
The following 10 people were Baptized	
NAME	BIRTH MONTH
Ishamael Williams	Sept.
Alisha Lewis	Feb.
Michael Eason - Hogan	July
Anthony Moore	April - Lakewood Mission
Michael J. Anderson, Jr.	Sept.
Tabitha Lee	Dec.
Glady's Jordan	July
Tahj Chestnut	August
Olivia Richardson	April
Marcus Allen Bowe	Dec. - Lakewood Mission

One person with Christian Experience
Vera M. Conner June

Total 11 persons received the Right Hand of Fellowship

Source: Sis. Bonita Hammond

DECEMBER

Dancers decorate “most creative” tree

At the beginning of 2010, members of the Vessels of Praise Dance Ministry proclaimed that this would be “their year”. The ministry celebrated ten years of service to Antioch and the community through the ministry of dance, presented their first-ever dance concert to a standing room only crowd of witnesses, and they won the prize for “Most Creative Tree” at the Annual Antioch Christmas Tree extravaganza.

The tree, created into the form of an Angel, was initially inspired by a Christmas tree topper. The idea was then transformed and brought to life in the form of an Angel Tree complete with a gold halo, wings, and beautifully hand-made garments sewn by members of the Vessels of Praise.

The effort spent planning every detail of this award-winning tree paid off--from the design of the overall theme and selection

of the color combinations to time spent in fabric stores matching and experimenting with different shades of fabric looking for just the right combination to complement the handmade bows, beautiful ornaments, decorative trims, and the shimmering lights planned for the tree.

To by-standers and other ministries who participated in the Extravaganza, the Vessels process was a mystery. With a sewing machine, needles and thread, wire, fabric, glue, glitter, and a great deal of trial and error, the Vessels worked diligently, but sometimes seemed to struggle with getting their masterpiece just right.

As the lights were turned out and the 590 Building was being closed on the last night of decorating, the method to their madness was made evident. The mystery was finally revealed as the vision for the Vessels’ Angel tree emerged in its complete form, and she was beautiful.



Christmas Tree Extravaganza

The Vessels of Praise garnered the top prize during the seventh annual Antioch Baptist Church North Christmas Tree Extravaganza.

The tree, named “Most Creative,” was one of several decorated and donated to homes that oth-

erwise would not have had one.

Sister Pinkston explained the true meaning of The Twelve Days of Christmas song, saying the history is not unlike our own history as the persecuted Christians had to enclose their beliefs in

the symbols of the song in order to instruct their children.

She said, for instance, the three French hens represent faith, hope, and love (1 Cor. 13:13). Other winners in the Christmas tree decorating competition were:

Most Original Tree – Christian Education
 Most Festive Tree – The Deacon’s Wives
 First Place Attendance – July Birthmonth
 First Place Finances – December Birthmonth

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary!

- Bryant and Jaquillia Garrott
- Sherod and Renita Hunt
- Ray and Maria Hunter
- Larry and Joan Parks
- Dwaine and Dana Price
- Kelvin and Wylinda Woody
- Danny and Dorothy Cameron
- Ernest and Toni Clark
- Rev. Jimmy and Gracie Staples
- Jesse and Juanita Davis
- Pleas and Joyce Berry

Pioneers recognition



60+



50+

See more of Antioch's Pioneers on the Antioch website at: www.antiochnorth.org/pioneers

Women making a difference

The Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta hosted their 22nd Annual Salute to Black Mothers on October 30 at the Atlanta Airport Marriott Gateway Hotel.

The annual salute is designed to recognize and celebrate the contributions of African-American women who have strong family values, a good work ethic and a commitment to making positive contributions to society.

This year's recipients, who expressed their love



Sis. Tamara Ross

and gratitude to Pastor Cameron Alexander and the Antioch Baptist Church North family, were:
Valerie Garner, Woman of

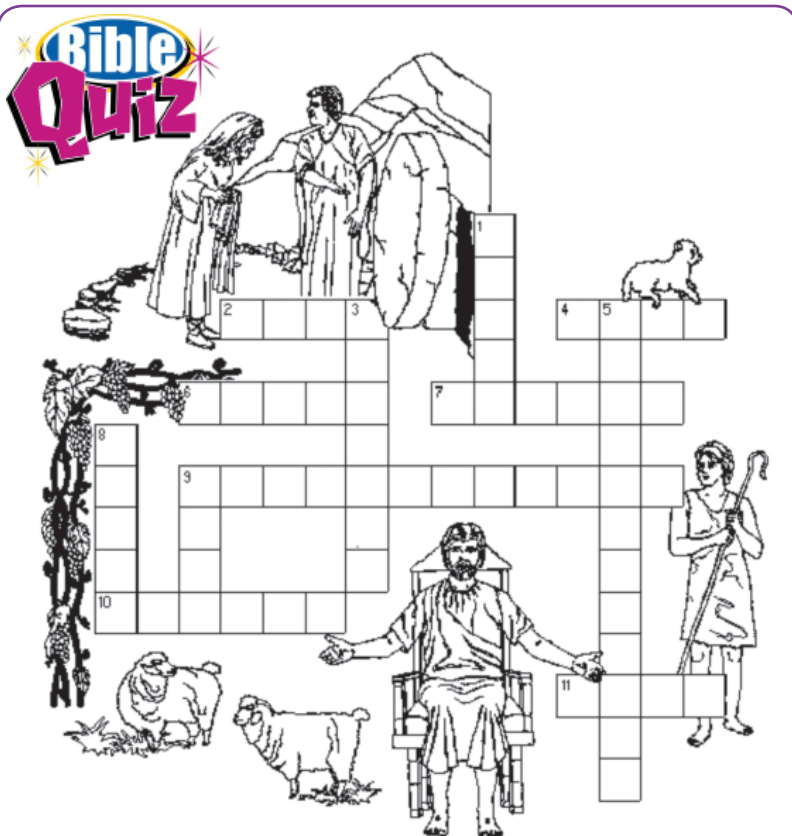


Sis. Elizabeth Jones

the Year
Tamara Ross, Young Woman of the Year
Sis. Elizabeth Jones, Overcoming Woman of the Year

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The "I AM" sayings of Jesus Christ

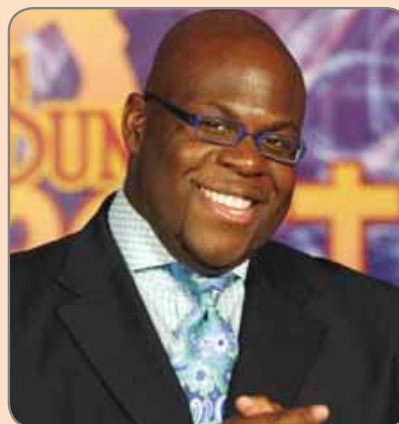
Has anybody ever asked you what you believe about Jesus? Often, people will claim that Jesus was just a good man, or maybe a great teacher... but not the son of God. It is important to know exactly what Jesus taught about Himself. The answers from this crossword puzzle are from the gospel of John, in the Bible. Do the puzzle and find out who Jesus claimed to be!

Across

2. Ruler of a country. (_ _ _ _ , John 18:37) (4)
4. Not false, "I am the _ _ _ _ vine." (John 15:1) (4)
6. Jesus said, "I am the _ _ _ _ of Life." (John 6:35,41,48) (5)
7. Greek word for Messiah. (_ _ _ _ _ , John 4:25-26) (6)
9. "The _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ _ lays down His life for the sheep." (two words, John 10:11) (12)
10. "I am _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ the truth and the life." (two words, John 14:6) (6)
11. Opposite of death. (_ _ _ _ , John 11:25) (4)

Down

1. Not a lie. (_ _ _ _ _ , John 14:6) (5)
3. God is Christ's Father. Therefore, Jesus is _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ . (two words, John 10:36) (7)
5. Given physical life after death. (_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , John 11:25) (12)
8. It shines bright in darkness. (_ _ _ _ _ , John 8:12) (5)
9. A place to enter, like a door. (_ _ _ _) (4)



God speed, Zebulon

Antioch's Zebulon Ellis was one of two vocalists recently added to Flow Music & Entertainment's label.

The church bid the popular vocalist farewell in November as he embarked on a 15-city tour to kick off his singing career.

"As far as Antioch is concerned, you're already successful," Pastor Cameron Alexander told him.

Although he finished fourth in the competition, Ellis was considered a favorite on BET's popular music competition Sunday's Best.

"Where ever you go, boy, remember you're a Christian," Pastor Alexander told him. "When passing through, stop by and see us."

JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

WED, JAN 12
BAPTISM/RHF, 7pm

SAT, JAN 15
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, 8:30am

MON, JAN 17
DR. MLK CELEBRATION, 10am

SUN, JAN 23
BOOK SIGNING - SIS. HELEN HOPE
AFTER EACH SERVICE IN BOOK STORE

FRI, JAN 28
JANUARY BIRTH MONTH CELEBRATION, 7pm

SAT, FEB 5
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Youth hoop it up in SW Atlanta

The sports world was abuzz with excitement in July when basketball superstar LeBron James announced he was “taking his talents” to create a dream team with the Miami Heat.

Starting in January, Atlanta will witness some other dream teams when the Antioch Baptist Church North’s youth basketball teams put their supreme talents up against nine other church teams from west Atlanta and other parts of

the region.

Antioch will have an 8 and under team, a 10 and under team and a 12 and under team. The nine-week season will begin Jan. 8. The games are scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon at Atlanta’s Ben Hill Recreation Center, 2405 Fairburn Rd. S.W. There is no charge to come to the games, said Bro. Fred Devaughn, who helps run Antioch’s basketball program.

Bro. Devaughn believes



Antioch basketball players go after a loose ball.

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the teams will have strong seasons since many of them have now played together three seasons.

“They’re hungry and when you’re hungry, whoo!,” Bro. Devaughn, a former professional basketball player, said with a chuckle.

Bro. Devaughn appealed to men from Antioch to set aside some time to mentor the youth on the finer points of the game, such as setting your feet before shooting a free throw, to the finer points of life as a Christian.

He also said they need “team moms” to bring water, snacks and towels to “make (the kids) feel spe-

cial.”

Bro. Devaughn commended some of the parents who once lived in Herndon Homes and now travel from far flung portions of the Atlanta area to bring their kids to practice and the games.

“We need to applaud our parents...because it’s a sacrifice,” he said.

Bro. Devaughn said children can still join the teams. The only charge is \$25 for the uniform. For more information, or to sign up, call the church office at 404-688-5679 and ask for Fred Devaughn, Lynn Roberts or Donaldson Garner.