

Starting the New Year in prayer

As she has done for the past 10 years, Stephanie Malone will ring in the New Year at Antioch Baptist Church North.

She will reflect on 2008 and look forward to 2009 with her husband, Joseph.

The couple will be among hundreds of Antioch members who turn out for its annual Freedom Watch Celebration, also known as Watch Night, when African-American congregations ring in the New Year and celebrate their freedom from slavery.

"I look forward to ringing in the New Year on my knees," said Stephanie Malone. "Starting the year that way gives me a feeling of security. I know I'm starting off on the right foot."

Antioch will hold two services Dec. 31st at 7:30 and 10 p.m.

While Watch Night is a celebration of freedom, it did not begin that way, said Love Henry Whelchel Jr., professor of church history at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. It started as a night of expectation.

On Dec. 31, 1862, black people gathered in churches from Boston to South Carolina to await the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Sometime around 11:55 p.m., legend has it that a man started running down the aisle. "It's on the wire," he yelled. "It's coming." When the clock struck 12:01.

Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing all slaves in Confederate states.

"That was our jubilee," said Whelchel.

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Join arms, God is moving

In his first meeting, President-elect Barack Obama wanted to know one thing. He asked the Rev. C. T. Vivian, how did you guys do it? Vivian hesitated. He knew they hadn't done anything. God did.

"If we had not let God work through us, if we'd gotten in his way because of our ego, if we thought there was a better answer, we wouldn't be free today," Vivian said.

Nor would we have the first African-American president in our history, had it not been for God continuing the work he started when our ancestors prayed for the signing of the emancipation Proclamation, he said.

The former Civil Rights leader was the guest speaker Nov. 23 during Antioch's 11 a.m. service in which he sought to connect the dots between connection between our faith, the Civil Rights

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People make use of AUMI's Food Bank

Donations decreasing at time when the need is increasing

It was the Saturday morning before Thanksgiving and Antioch's PEP Center was packed.

A team of about one dozen volunteers worked quickly in one room, filling grocery store bags with Honey Comb cereal, Pop Tarts, boxes of macaroni-and-cheese, canned soup and other items for the needy.

Earlier this year, there was enough food to put it in crate boxes, said Dale Sams, the program's Saturday coordinator.

Not anymore. Antioch volunteers say in recent months that they're seeing almost twice as many people coming in need of food as

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Sis. Alexander to receive dual honors

Sis. Barbara J. Alexander, wife of Pastor Cameron M. Alexander of Antioch Baptist Church North, was recently selected to receive dual honors.

Women Looking Ahead News Magazine named her one of Atlanta's Most Powerful and Influential Women; and the Atlanta Business League selected her real estate agency, Barbara J. Alexander Realty Co. Inc., to its Business Hall of Fame.

"I was very surprised, very elated, very appreciative and very humbled," said Sis. Alexander. "It would not have been possible except for Greg and Eric Alexander and a fantastic staff of sales associates."

Sis. Alexander said, however, it is her husband, Rev. Alexander, who keeps her inspired and motivated to work. "He makes me believe I can get anything done," she said.

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Rev. C. T. Vivian

movement, the late Martin Luther King Jr. and Obama.

Vivian was the first of four Civil Rights leaders scheduled to talk about the significance of Obama's election as the first African-American president of the United States. The Rev. Joseph Lowery, Congressman John Lewis and former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young were each scheduled

to speak this month.

Vivian began saying the greatest drama of our time was not played on Broadway or written by playwrights. It was not even secular. The great drama of our time was a spiritual one, he said, directed by God.

"It's a wonderful thing to be so close to the center of things that you understand that God's in the mix," said Vivian to applause and Amens. "And that what you are doing is not about you but what you're doing is about God and that makes it important enough to die for."

Vivian almost died after he was severely beaten by a county sheriff officer while trying to secure the right to vote for African-Americans.

Vivian said that those involved in the Civil Rights movement, because of their action or inaction or reaction, molded everybody in the United States. The movement, though, wasn't even civil, he said. It was a moral and spiritual movement that came as a result of America's sin.

"It really ripped the clothing off of a nation that liked to brag on itself. That went to church on Sunday but left love at the door so it could keep doing the same thing on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday," said Vivian.

He said the movement didn't start with himself, Martin Luther King Jr. and the others. It started with our ancestors who prayed for freedom and for whom the emancipation proclamation was not a spiritual victory. "They knew that God was involved," he said.

A hundred years later, God called King to revisit the issue, proof that God is a God of continuum, that he doesn't operate on our time. "Once he enters, he does not leave until it's over," said Vivian.

He said: "God has to play out, for the right time, the right moment, the right situation. All we have to do is keep praying, keep believing, keep obeying." God gave us King, the prophetic genius of our time and now 40 years later has sent Obama, the political genius of our time.

"God is moving," said Vivian. "All we have to do is join arms."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



My Brothers and Sisters:

As we welcome the Advent Season with all the hope that is associated with Christmas, let us pray for a season blessed with quiet joy and a special kindness that will calm the earth's unrest as we look to the promises of a New Year.

As your pastor, I am excited about all the wonderful accomplishments that our Church Family achieved during this year under Vision 2008. The stellar leadership of Sister Barbara Alexander with the Women's Division, Deacon Calvin Booker with the Men's Division, Sister Irene Hudgins with the Family Division, and Brother Nigel Cochran and Sister LeTrice Johnson with the Youth Division was simply incredible! With their adherence and attention to the goals that I set for the year, we were so fortunate to reach each benchmark in our efforts to strengthen the pillars of the Church: Fellowship, Evangelism, Doctrine and Stewardship. I certainly appreciate the leadership team and I commend every member of the Congregation for your willingness to embrace our ministry and to follow their lead.

During this Holiday Season, let us not lose focus of the true meaning of Christmas. The birth of Jesus Christ and all that is associated with His glory must be the center of our celebrations. Let us pray that the good that lies in every man's heart will be magnified so all of the world's people will come to see more clearly not that which divides us, but that which unites us.

At Antioch, we will work hard to amplify the true meaning of Christmas through all of our deeds; especially through our preaching and teaching. You will not want to miss our Annual Candlelight Communion, the Christmas play from the Youth Department, and the Christmas Tree Extravaganza! All of these activities will call attention to our Savior's birth and what that birth really means for Christians everywhere.

It is my prayer that you will use the Advent Season to get closer to God! Ask God to make you a blessing to help those needing help. Ask Him to instruct you when to speak and when to hold your speech...when to be bold in giving and when to withhold. Pray that the true spirit of this Christmas season...its joys, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith may live among us all.

Yours in His service,

Rev. Cameron M. Alexander, Pastor

Where they were first called Christians

Have you ever wondered where the name Antioch came from?

According to our church history records, the founders of Antioch Baptist Church North chose the name because it was Antioch that the term "Christian" was first given to converts to the new faith. It was also the Apostle Paul's point of departure on his missionary journey.

However, what were the

events surrounding this missionary journey, and what is so significant about this place called Antioch?

It was at Antioch that there was a change of course, though careful consideration shows that such had been the Lord's plan all along. It was at Antioch that some Jewish believers in Christ began to preach the word to both Jews and Greeks.

Of course, Jesus had said

it would be this way. He had commissioned His disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

"And it came about that for an entire year they met with the church, and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." (Acts 11:26).

Antioch would become their

"headquarters," the place from which they would launch their missions and return after completing them.

Therefore, it is not irony that mission churches, along with Antioch Urban Ministries, would become part of Pastor Alexander's vision to serve the least, the less and the lost here at home and abroad.

Further, it makes even more sense that it would happen here at a place called Antioch.

Christmas Bible Quiz Answers

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. A, Isaiah | 5. D, Gabriel | 9. A, Augustus |
| 2. B, God is with us | 6. C, Mary | 10. B, Simeon |
| 3. A, He would be born in Bethlehem | 7. C, Jacob | |
| 4. C, Sixth | 8. D, Anna | |

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Antioch's own drum legend

At the very young age of nine, Tony Hightower had and knew how to play a drum; it was a God-given talent.

He started his gig professionally at the age of 13 for Jomandi Production in Atlanta.

From high school to working with recording companies, he gained the experience he needed and eventually came to Antioch when Eric Alexander made a call for him to stand in for another person. What he thought would be

a one-time deal, turned into seven years at Antioch as a drummer.

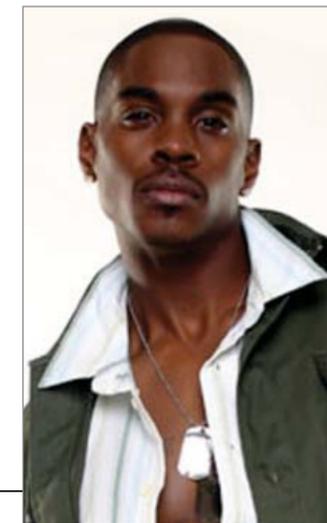
Gospel music, though, is just one of his loves. Hightower also enjoys all music styles from R&B to Hip Hop to Rock and Jazz. His goal is to make the music feel good whether he is playing, producing, writing, or singing because, he says, it's possible to uplift people in so many different ways.

Hightower's musical talent came from his family, and

especially his mother, who is a professional singer. Family gave him the direction he needed to become the great drummer that he is today, he said.

Hightower, who has two sisters and is a native of Atlanta, said his motto is "believe in the Almighty and yourself" and everything else will fall into to place.

Tony Hightower



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the economic crisis continues to grip the nation. Bro. Sams said Antioch Urban Ministries serves about 100 people each Saturday.

The problem is further exacerbated by the fact that Antioch Urban Ministries is getting fewer donations.

"The need is growing," said Bro. Sams. "The more people donate, the more we have to give."

Longtime volunteer Andrea Harton echoed the concerns. "The economy has definitely limited what we're able to do," she said.

Harton said the packages that they gave to the needy used to last a week. Now, they may sustain a family for a day or two.

"It doesn't get you very far," she said.

Antioch gets much of its donations from the Atlanta Community Food Bank, area supermarkets and from church donations. Volunteers say they need more donations and help



Mary Kirkland volunteers at Antioch's Food Bank

from Antioch members.

One of the volunteers on this day was Mary Kirkland. To many, she's better known as "Miss Mary." She lives across the street from the church and was baptized there.

"I'm bored at home," Sis. Kirkland said, explaining in part why she helps out.

Miss Mary, 66, is on a fixed income and often comes to the Saturday food bank to fill her cupboards.

Food is not the only need

right now, said Bro. Sams. Men's clothes, hats, gloves and socks are also needed, volunteers say.

"You'd be amazed how many people need socks," said Sis. Harton. "Sometimes, people donate their summer clothes when they do their fall cleaning. But we need fall clothes as well."

AUMI Food Bank has 4 programs and distributes about 1,251 boxes of food per month.

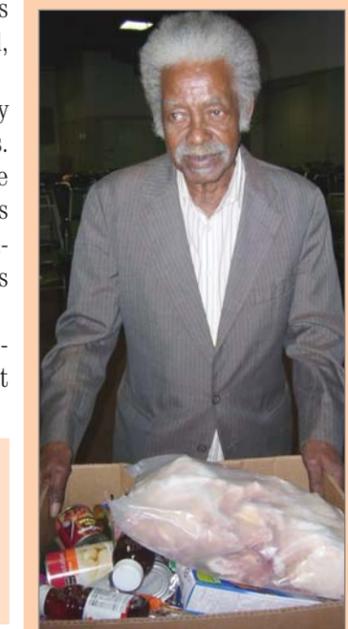
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Thanksgiving day boxes distributed



Arthur Williams, pictured above, was one of many area residents who received a box of food for Thanksgivings Day. For Williams, this was his sixth year seeking help from the church. If it weren't for Antioch, he said, "there would be no Thanksgiving dinner for me."

Rev. J.W. Calvin Jr. celebrates first year at Solomon

The Rev. J.W. Calvin, Jr. often reminisces about the small town of Natchitoches, LA, and Rosharon, Texas where he grew up.

However, in the weeks leading up to his first anniversary as pastor of Solomon Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Vidalia, Ga., it was hard not to remember The Land of Promise, the site of Antioch Baptist Church North's substance abuse program.

It was at the Land of Promise, working in the dirt, Calvin said, that he first began to feel "the transformation God was causing" in him.

Years would pass before he would heed the call God had placed on his life and in his heart. When he finally surrendered, he went to the Rev. Cameron Alexander and after some time was set aside to study under the tutelage of the Rev. J.J. Walker.

On April 9, 2000, Calvin and eight others, better known as "The Nine," did their trial sermon and were licensed to

preach. June 14, 2004, long with six other men, Pastor Alexander ordained Calvin at Antioch Baptist Church North.

Nearly 10 years had passed since he first came to Antioch and met the love of his life, Sis. Sonya May Calvin.

"She was so bold, yet extremely graceful and grateful," Rev. Calvin recalled. "I was floored and full of admiration and even asked God at that second if she could be my wife."

The couple was attending a Christmas party on Dec. 25, 1999, when Calvin asked her to marry him. Ten months later, on October 14, 2000, they were married. The couple now has a son, John Wesley Calvin III, who is 4.

Calvin, coordinator of supportive services at Matthew's Place, credits the Rev. Kenneth Alexander, presiding minister at the Antioch Lakewood Mission with helping build his preaching and teaching foundation.

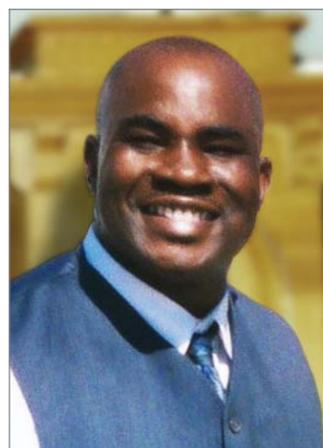
"He is also my friend and big brother," said Calvin. "It was at Antioch Lakewood Mission that I rededicated my life to Christ. I was there for 10 years and it is still home."

In October 2002, Calvin was named presiding minister on the Land of Promise, the very place where, he said, God reclaimed him. "To go back and preach the good news there was truly an awesome privilege," he said.

He served at The Land for 3 1/2 years then in mid 2007, after preaching in middle Georgia, Solomon Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church invited Rev. Calvin to preach one Sunday. They invited him back for several more Sundays. On Oct. 14, 2007, the Calvins' seven-year wedding anniversary, he answered the call to pastor at Solomon.

"Rev. Calvin is a God-send to us," said Deacon Anthony Henry, chairman of the deacon board. "We believe he can take us to higher ground."

Since his installation in



Rev. J.W. Calvin, Jr.

2007, 20 have been baptized and six have come with Christian Experience.

"I believe Rev. Calvin is led by the Holy Spirit, so if we just stay behind him and not be afraid of change, we're going to be all right," said Henry.

Calvin, whose father died when he was just 5, said he learned from Pastor Alexander how to be a man and pastor. "I thank God for the church family He has given me," he said. "I love the people and I love the ministry, and I love the Lord."

A charge to serve and protect

They change tires and charge dead batteries. They escort us to our cars and even cook for us. However, the main goal of Antioch Baptist Church North's security ministry is to keep order and protect members and visitors.

In many ways, they are like the wind. You may not see them but they are ever present making sure the church remains safe and orderly.

Established in the late 1970s by the Rev. Cameron Alexander, the security team is made up of some 26 men and women who are on duty around the clock, said Brother Leo Walker, ministry leader.

Brother Milton Dodson said no special training is required to join the ministry. All one needs is a temperament that allows them to remain calm under pressure and be able to defuse potentially explosive situations. Members must also be available to serve during both the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.



Antioch's Security Ministry

services.

"This staff has changed tires and boosted car batteries," said Brother Bob Brown. "They calm individuals who get a little out of control and remove those who are disorderly and loud from church services."

In addition to their duties inside the church, the ministry also watches the outside perimeters of the church, its parking areas and the vehicles parked there. Occasionally, they have to evict Falcon fans who use the church

lot instead of parking at the Georgia Dome.

Although being on duty prevents them from fully engaging in Sunday worship services, members said they enjoy serving God in this capacity. Walker said that two members and a chief are assigned to serve each Sunday - first Sunday, Larry Parks and Julius Simmons; second Sunday, Edward Gilmore and Charlie Williams; third Sunday, Jewell Mitchell and Randy Williams; fourth Sunday Lee Baker and

Wilbur Robinson; and the fifth Sunday James Gibson and Calvin Favors.

While some are experienced law enforcement officers, Dodson said it is not necessary to have a law enforcement background to join the ministry, which is currently seeking men and women. Interested members can contact any member of the security ministry for additional information or the church office for details.

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She also gave credit to her daughter Maria Hunter and son-in-law Ray Hunter, who are also sales associates, and grandson Brandon Alexander, a "fantastic" office co-coordinator.

In addition to making the magazine's 100 list, Sis. Alexander was also one of seven women selected for special honor for her commitment to excellence in the workplace and the community.

"We are delighted to bestow this honor upon people who are making a difference in the

community where we live and work," said Rebecca Franklin, publisher and CEO.

The Honorable Judge Penny Brown Reynolds of "Family Court with Judge Penny" will be the guest speaker at a noon ceremony and luncheon Dec. 6 at the InterContinental Buckhead Hotel.

On Nov. 18, the Atlanta Business League, commemorating its 75th anniversary, inducted Sis. Alexander's real estate company into its Hall of Fame, created to recognize businesses that have operated

continuously for 25 or more years.

The ABL credited Sis. Alexander's pioneering entrepreneurial endeavors with paving the way for others to follow. The real estate agency was one of four businesses owned by Antioch members to receive the honor.

The others were Atlanta Life Financial Group, Inc. and Dobbs, Ram & Company, of which William Clement is president and chairman and chief executive officer, respectively; and E.C. London &



Sis. Barbara J. Alexander

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Antioch members attend GMBC annual session

In some ways the auditorium turned worship center in the Macon Centreplex resembled Antioch. During the sermons and addresses of the auxiliary leaders, hosts of enthusiastic worshippers sang, prayed, and gave witness to the truth of the preached word. Classes, workshops, and seminars re-



Rev. Alexander greets one of oldest members of GMBC

sembled Sunday School or Antioch School of the Bible classes. The Agape Breakfast at the New Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church pastored by the Rev. Curtis Raines, Vice President At-large of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc.,



Dorcas Jones & President Mary Murray

looked like breakfast in Fellowship Hall. As you looked around, you saw familiar Antioch faces involved in every phase of the annual session of the GMBC, Inc., headed by the Rev. Clarence Moore, a son of Antioch.



Dr. Mary Hicks at GMBC

One of the highlights of the session was the reception for Mrs. Mary P. Murray, president of the Women's Auxiliary, who retired this year. She is the mother of Antioch member Sis. Rosalyn Currington, who was hard at work not only trying to get her mother to the reception in her honor but in organizing the Women's Auxiliary Gala. The gala is the brainchild of President Murray.

As Pastor Cameron Alexander and Sister Dorcas Jones, President Murray's right hand assistant, were shepherding her to the surprise reception, she complained that she didn't have time to go to another event because she needed to make sure that everything was set for the gala. When she arrived at the reception and saw the hundreds of well-wishers, she acquiesced and let daughters Rosalyn and Ethel Kirby handle the gala preparations. Pastor Alexander, President Emeritus of GMBC, Inc. after having served for 29 years as President, paid tribute to Mrs. Murray, whom he appointed as Women's Auxiliary President during his tenure. Following the reception, the gala, which features presentations by all the ministries that fall under the Women's Auxiliary,



Newly Appointed Women's Auxiliary President Sis. Lois Broughton Congratulated by Sis. Peggy Cooper (Antioch)

was moved along in a timely manner by the most capable Gwendolyn Davis Jones Davis, daughter of Dea. Johnny and Sis. Delaware Jones, serving as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Bryant Night is the designated time for funds to be given for the educational main objective of GMBC, Inc., Bryant Bible College and Theological Seminary located in Fitzgerald, GA. Rev. James Walker, a son of Antioch, serves on the faculty, Dr. Mary Hicks is Chairperson, and Sis. Karen S. McKinney is secretary of the Board of Trustees. Dea. Clar-



Rev. Alexander, Rev. Curtis Raines, Sis. Brenda Eason at GMBC

ence Hicks is a teacher in the Laymen's Department. Reverend Melvin Adams, son of Antioch, preached the opening sermon of the Convention

on Tuesday morning. As the ushers served throughout the session, their helpfulness and precision were a testament to the excellent instruction in biblical principles and ushering techniques as well as the camaraderie fostered by the programs established by Sis. Brenda Eason. Sis. Eason also



Sis. Ruth Dallas, Antioch Usher, on Duty at GMBC

serves as Convention Planner arranging the logistics to the minutest detail that made the session run smoothly. Sis. Frances Miles has long served as a devotional leader, and it is generally felt that the session is incomplete unless she has led the Women's Auxiliary in prayer.

If you have never attended the GMBC, Inc. Annual Session but know you cannot commit to the entire time, you may be able to board the bus and attend for a day. Dea. Ronald Smith drove the bus to Macon and back on Tuesday and Thursday giving Antioch members, including Sis. Evelyn Roberts, Bonita Hammond, Mildred Thompson, and others an opportunity to attend.

Shannon Byrdsell crowned queen



Shannon Byrdsell, eighth grader at the Hapeville Charter Middle School in South Fulton County, was crowned "queen" in the school's first annual Miss HCMS Pageant held in October at Atlanta Technical College Academic Complex Auditorium.

Shannon, 13, also captured trophies for best interview skills and best overall talent in which she electrified the crowd with a dazzling tap.

A member of Antioch since 2002, she's an active participant in the dance ministry and Sunday school.

Minister John and Sis. Jean Byrdsell, her parents, credits Shannon's participation in such Antioch youth activities as toastmasters for giving her an edge in the competition.

"All of the girls did extremely well, for her to come out on top was beyond exciting," said Sis. Byrdsell. "We're ecstatic."

Tips for motivating our children

Does your child come home everyday and start homework without being asked? Do they find enjoyment in doing schoolwork? Does your child choose schoolwork over TV?

Well many children choose to be good students and to devote much of their time to working at being the best student possible. Why do they make these choices? Some say they are motivated by their parents or older siblings to excel. Many are actually conditioned for success.

Parents, however, must take responsibility for teaching their children to have good work habits in school and at home. For many children this starts with chores. Many children learn to make up their bed, which is the beginning of a discipline life at a very early age. From there the parent teaches good study habits and explains the benefits of doing

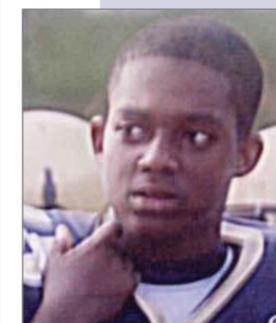
well in school. Because children spend more time at school, it's up to the parent to be the primary resource of all learning and development.

So how do parents motivate our children or create the environment for motivation?

First and foremost, parents can't practice the concept of "Do as I say and not as I do" and expect good results. Children should see parents reading books; engaging in other disciplined activities; and excitement about going to work and enhancing our lives.

Bottom line: walking the walk is the best way to instill the desire to succeed in children.

We asked two Antioch youth why they are motivated to excel. Here's what they said:



Student: Kristofer Curtis

Age: 15 Grade: 10
GPA: 3.7
School: Fayette County High
Activities: National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Football (Right Tackle) and People to People
Career Choice: Mechanical Engineering
Knowing that I can be in charge of my own future motivates me to set high goals. My parents support me and set a great example for me. I watch them and see the drive and motivation that they have and it makes me want to do better. I also see how they rely on God and faith to handle life's challenges. I excel to make them proud!



Student: Joncel Stephens

Age: 16 Grade: 10th
GPA: 4.125
School: Campbell High School
Activities: Cheerleader, and Chamber Orchestra (Violin)
Career Choice: Medicine (OB-GYN)
The goals that my parents have set for me and the ones I have set for myself motivate me to excel at school and life. I set the bar high for myself. I have to do this because I plan to attend an Ivy League school either Harvard or Cornell.

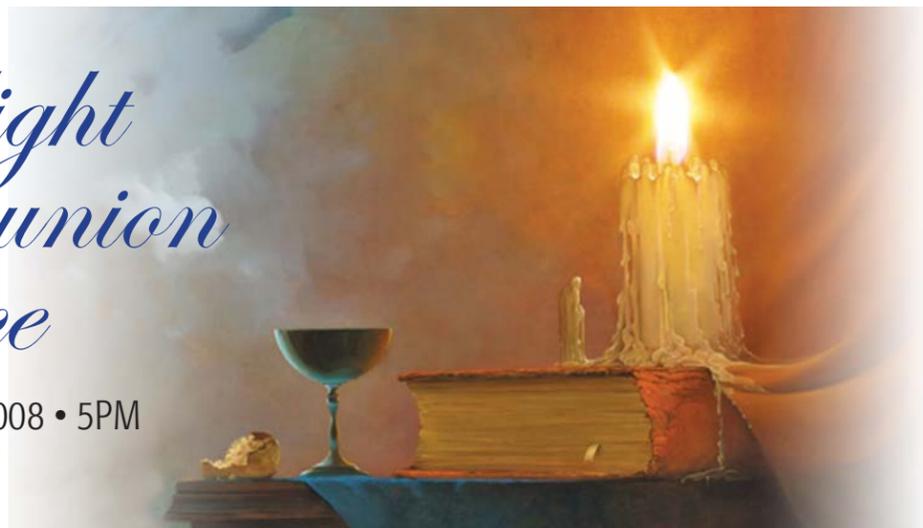
Christmas Bible Quiz

- 1: Which prophet said, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son"?
- A-Isaiah
B-Jeremiah
C-Ezekiel
D-Daniel
- 2: What does the name Emmanuel mean?
- A-God is for us
B-God is with us
C-God loves us
D-God saves us
- 3: What did the prophet Micah say about Jesus' birth?
- A-He would be born in Bethlehem
B-He would be laid in a manger
C-He would be visited by shepherds
D-He would be raised in Nazareth
- 4: In what month of Elisabeth's pregnancy did the angel appear to Mary?
- A-Fourth
B-Fifth
C-Sixth
D-Seventh
- 5: What is the name of the angel who appeared to Mary?
- A-Uriel
B-Raphael
C-Michael
D-Gabriel
- 6: Who sang, "My soul doth magnify the Lord"?
- A-Elisabeth
B-Angels
C-Mary
D-Joseph
- 7: The angel said to Mary that Jesus would reign over the house of which Old Testament character?
- A-David
B-Solomon
C-Jacob
D-Abraham
- 8: What was the name of the old prophetess who saw Jesus in the temple when he was presented to the Lord after his birth?
- A-Huldah
B-Deborah
C-Hannah
D-Anna
- 9: Which Caesar decreed that all the world should take part in the census?
- A-Augustus
B-Julius
C-Nero
D-Claudius
- 10: Who said, "A light to lighten the Gentiles, and glory of thy people Israel," when he saw Jesus?
- A-Joseph
B-Simeon
C-Zacharias
D-Angels

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Candlelight Communion Service

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Called to make a difference

Has God blessed you with a business?

Are you eager to share your expertise with other Christian entrepreneurs?

Are you a business executive who would like to support the growth and development of an Antioch Baptist Church North ministry?

Are you an aspiring entrepreneur but not sure how to get started?

If you can answer yes to either of those questions then the Antioch Council of Entrepreneurs is the ministry for you.

"Christian entrepreneurs realize that their 'calling' is



Sis. Helen Burgess



Bro. Shawl Pryor

to establish and lead business organizations that are designed to achieve results in the secular world," said Bro. Shawl Pryor, co-chair of ACE. "But they do so while being

led by the Holy Spirit."

For more information, contact Shawl Pryor at 404-558-2288 or co-chair Sis. Helen Burgess at 770-333-6383.

Fulfilling Matthew 25:41

It was in 2007 at the Annual Church Conference that the Care and Comfort ministry would be organized.

Because of the care and concern that the Rev. Cameron Alexander had for the sick, those in prison and those hurting from the growing economic situations in our nation and particularly at Antioch, the Care & Comfort Ministry was designed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Alexander saw that



the need and the mandate by Jesus Christ in Matthew 25:41 to visit the sick were not just for ministers, but also for the entire body of Christ.

The ministry, coordinated by the Rev. Scott Copeland and Sis. Redelle Doyle, meets the first Thursday of each Month at 6:30 p.m. in the upper area of Burdens Rest. Members come from every walk of life. The only requirement to join is that one have a mind to serve those sick and hurting.

Current members include the Monday Night Prayer

Band (Mother Frances Miles); A.S.K. Ministry (Sis. Tommie Nash); the DVD Ministry (Sis. Joan Leavelle); the Deacons Ministry (Deacon Jerome Trimble); the Deacons Wives (Sis. Debra Anderson); the Ministerial Alliance (Rev. Craig Johnson); The Ministers Wives (Sis. Belinda Johnson); Good Grief (Sis. Cassandra Malone); Sick Call Ministry (Redelle Doyle); the Women's Division (Sis. Barbra J. Alexander); the Men's Division (Deacon Calvin Booker); 1st Timothy 5:2 (Sis. Bivian Woody); the Ushers Ministry (Brenda Eason); Youth Division; and the transportation coordinator (Bro. Bob Brown).

Harris featured on HGTV



Shirley Harris, a Peachtree City real estate agent and Antioch Baptist Church North member, appeared recently on the HGTV's hit show "My First Place."

Harris was invited by her buyers to take part in the nationally-televised show that delves into a first-time homebuyers' sales experience.

Her buyers, Heather and Legend Wilcox, were chosen due to their unique situation.

Newlyweds, they not only wanted to purchase a first home, they also wanted it to be their last.

Harris met the Wilcox's in 2006, and had worked with them for nearly two years before the show took place. She was surprised when asked if she would appear on the "My First Place" episode, as the Wilcox's preferred real estate agent. Thousands of applicants apply for the HGTV show, but only a few actually are chosen.

"It was a bit overwhelming and a blessing for me," said Harris in a news release. "To work with them for so long and not lose them was extremely satisfying. I was so happy to share an experience of this type with them."

The Church At Antioch is looking for you! Proud of the job you do or want to nominate your sister or brother in Christ to be featured in an upcoming issue of **The Church At Antioch**? E-mail your story idea to Sis. Gracie Staples at gstaples@ajc.com.