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Antioch youth service awesome

You would've had to have been there to believe the talent and the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit demonstrated Sept. 29 during the Youth Culmination Services.

"It was awesome," said Sis. Gloria Cain days later. "Awesome."

If there was any doubt Antioch Baptist Church North youth were on fire for the Lord, it dissipated like mist under a hot sun.

They read scripture and prayed prayers. They danced and played songs of praise. They set our



Youth speakers gather with family members.

hearts on fire with a drama presentation directed by Joshua Carpenter, and with personal testimonies extracted from these words

found in 1Peter 2:9: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth

the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

At 7:45 a.m. service, we heard from Adam Michael Alexander, Janae Baker, Micah Arnold, and Sis. Alexis Rockward.

Then at 11 a.m., Janetta Hill, Freddie Ross, II, Kayln Janae Marks, and Christian Johnson spoke.

"Thank God for the move of the Holy Spirit," Pastor Cameron Alexander would say later. "Thank God for their parents."

See speech summaries on pages 6, 7 and 8.

Celebrating 44 years of pastoring Antioch

"God's shepherd delivering an unchanged message during changing times." –

That theme tops this story because it embodies the ministry of the Rev. Cameron Madison Alexander.

"It applies 100 percent," the Rev. Rodney Turner told those gathered at the 7:45 a.m. service celebrating Alexander's 44th anniversary.

"He's been a trendsetter, a difference maker, a role model and for some of us, even a daddy.

Both Turner, pastor of the Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, and the Rev. Kenneth Alexander, who spoke at the 11 a.m. service on the eve of his 50th birthday, spoke from the anniversary theme.



Rev. Rodney K. Turner



Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander

Turner said the scripture reference taken from 1 Corinthians 15:58 begs

the question why Pastor Alexander and Christians do
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A Message From The Pastor



My Brothers and Sisters:

This wonderful issue of the Church at Antioch gives a kaleidoscope of the broad range of activities and personalities that impacted our congregation during the months of July, August, and September. As you will discover our Youth Ministry kept us active and engaged with programs designed to strengthen the fellowship within our Church Family.

As pastor, I remain overjoyed by the powerful relationships that our young people have experienced through their personal connections to Jesus Christ. The emotional power and biblical strength of their collective understanding of the Word and of the Holy Spirit exploded like a wild fire during the Youth Culmination Worship Services. I could hardly contain myself during worship as I listened and gave witness to the miraculous messages that our youth speakers delivered. God's presence was truly felt and His power was vividly displayed.

The Youth Culmination experience was so emotional for me because I dedicated most of our youth when they were babies and baptized them when they were kids...and to see them as leaders demonstrating their love for Christ in their roles as members of the Chosen Generation made me realize that the fruits of our labors as a Church Family show great promise and spiritual maturity. As we move forward with Vision 2013, I am assured Antioch's youth are being prepared for a bright and optimistic future.

When opportunity presents itself, I want every member of Antioch to join with me in thanking Rev. Charles Walker, Minister to our youth, Sister Homerzelle Gentry, and others who work within the Youth Ministry for their dedication and skilled service in keeping our young people focused and Bible based.

I would also be remised without using this space to thank my beloved Antioch Family for the grand and very gracious way that you celebrated my 44th Anniversary as pastor of this historic Church. The very special love and careful attention that you shower upon Mrs. A and me are contagious and I want you to know that it never goes unnoticed or unappreciated. We love Antioch and we love the fact that Antioch loves us!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. M. Alexander'.

Reverend C. M. Alexander, Pastor

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Deacons gather for a big anniversary hug.

what we do?

Why has he stayed the course?

"No matter what others were doing," Turner said that Pastor Alexander kept Antioch focused on the right thing. "When others were saying God was doing a new thing, he kept us focused on what God had already done. Why does he do what he does?"

Looking at the text, Turner said three things were clear: Pastor Alexander does what he does because he's motivated by God's mercy; he's guided by God's grace and he labors from the abundance of God's love.

And so for 44 years, the Rev. Kenneth Alexander said Antioch has been blessed to receive an unchanged message in changing times.

He said that Pastor has taught us to stand on the gospel, to not take it personal when God doesn't answer when we think he should (God doesn't have to do anything by Friday), to not get comfortable coming to church "but to serve the least of these.

"You've preached an unchanged message in changing times," he said. "You taught us that we all have a cross to bear, to hang in there until Sunday morning.

"Whatever you were going through personally, you still had hope."

Alexander thanked his father and Antioch's pastor for "pointing us to the one who died for our sins - Jesus Christ."

Throughout his 66 years of preaching, Turner said, Jesus has remained at the center of Pastor Alexander's preaching as the one who took away the sting of death, overcame the grave and loved us despite our guilt

"I'm glad that message has never changed," Turner said.

JULY

Antioch's presence felt throughout GMBC annual Congress

The legacy of a “strong Antioch presence” as established by Rev. Cameron M. Alexander was felt throughout the 51st Annual Congress of Christian Education of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia (GMBC) held July 22-26 in Valdosta, GA. This year's theme was “Solidarity with the Savior through His Works.”

Rachel Henderson represented Antioch in the state Oratorical contest expressing her interpretation of Article of Faith XIV: Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in 150 words or less. Rachel won first place in the 12 to 14 year old category. Rachel is a 7th grade student at Crabapple Middle

School and the daughter of Eric and Yvonnia Henderson.

Geneva Tillman represented Antioch and the state of Georgia in the southeastern regional youth Rose Petal Pageant (ages 9-12). Geneva won first place in the performing arts category singing her rendition of Tamala Mann's “Take Me to the King.” Geneva is a 7th grade student at Inman Park Middle School and is the daughter of Jessica Doward.

Other youth delegates participated in the Youth Rallies, dance, youth drama production, and daily classes. Rev. James Walker, Rev. Rodney Turner, and Rev. Willie Rockward



Rachel Henderson

led Congress classes. Sister Brenda Eason served as Convention Planner/instructor. Other Antioch members who served were: Deacon Clarence Hicks and Dr. Mary L. Hicks - class instructors, Sis. Peggy Cooper - Finance, Sis. Jean Jones - class instructor, Sis. Dorcas F. Jones -



Geneva Tillman

GMBC State Young People's Director; Children's Convention Director, and youth instructors Sis. Homerzelle Gentry, Sis. Hazel Jackson, Sis. Tamara Ross, and Bro. Kentrell Porch. Sis. Irene Hudgins and Sis. Benecia Ponder served as youth delegate coordinators/chaperones.

Congress of Christian Education meets in Valdosta

The General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., Congress of Christian Education and Youth and Young Adult Conference was held July 24-27 at Valdosta High School.

This year marked the first time that the Youth and Young Adult Conferences were held in conjunction with the Congress. The

main activities from the conferences, including age-appropriate forums, rap sessions, fellowship activities, and worship services were folded into the general schedule, with Antioch's own Sis. Dorcas Ford Jones, GMBC Young People's Director, at the helm.

Youth took Congress classes and also prepared for

the Children's and Youth Rallies as adults engaged in classes and worship. Rev. Willie Rockward and Sis. Karen McKinney Holley taught in the Young Adult Division; and Sis. Brenda Eason, Dea. Clarence and Dr. Mary Hicks, Sis. Janet Hill each taught in the Adult Division.

The Rallies, combining

the Christian arts—drama, music, dance, verse speaking, hand interpreting, and step, showcased the vast talents of our youth. The Children's Rally (ages 12 and under) was written and directed by Sis. Homerzelle Gentry.

Antioch showed well in both the Great Debate and the Oratorical Contest.

ANTIOCH FAMILY!

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.



Antioch hosts civil rights symposium

Local civil rights leaders inspired a group of 15 international visitors to apply lessons learned during the movement to bring about change in their respective countries during a one-day civil rights symposium hosted July 17 by Antioch Baptist Church North.

Speakers included the Rev. C. T. Vivian, Elder William Harris, State Rep. Tyrone Brooks, Ms. Naomi King, and Dr. Gerald Durley. Dea. Joe Beasley, director of Antioch's human resource department, was the moderator.

Rev. Vivian remembered slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King as a dynamic force for change who provided a strategy of non-violent direct action that worked then and continues to work into the 21st century. Elder Harris shared the history and impact of freedom songs referring to singers like Fannie Lou Hammer and Mahalia Jackson.

Durley recalled "kairos" moments, a Greek term which refers to those moments which change your life forever. And Rep. Brooks told the group about his work with Syracuse Uni-



Rev. C. T. Vivian addresses the crowd as other speakers look on.

versity to solve cold case murders of civil rights workers.

Many of those families are still in mourning because they have no closure, Brooks said.

The Symposium closed with "We Shall Overcome" sung in the traditional arms crossed across body fashion, symbolizing for our visitors the true spirit of the Civil Rights Movement.

For more information on the forum, tapes can be obtained from the



The crowd listens intently

Tape Room.

IT'S REVIVAL TIME!!

Sunday, October 27, 5:00 p.m.

The Choirs of Antioch will be presented in a Musical! You are invited to attend!!

REVIVAL!

Mon through Wed, October 28-30!

Rev. Jermaine Simmons, Pastor of the Jacob Chapel Baptist Church in Tallahassee, Florida is our Revivalist. Noon Day Services in the Chapel with the Ministers of Antioch preaching. Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Classes will be held at 6:00 p.m. and Devotion begins at 7:00 p.m. Members are asked to give a **Generous Revival Offering. Come share in the Fellowship and be REVIVED! REVIVED! REVIVED!!!**



Sisters by Choice hold annual breast cancer walk

On July 20, Piedmont Park filled with excitement as thousands of metro Atlanta women, including 160 from Antioch Baptist Church North, gathered to participate in the Annual Sister by Choice Pink Ribbon Walk.

Antioch Baptist Church raised \$5,175, ranking number one in the largest group participation, number one in church participation and number three in team fund raising.

Women were encouraged to do monthly breast self-exams and to visit their doctor if they experience changes in their breasts. If over 40 or at increased risk of developing the disease, an annual mammogram and physical exam by a doctor are recommended.

The earlier breast cancer is found and diagnosed, the better your chances of beating it, doctors say.

Always remember, breast cancer is never anyone's fault. Feeling guilty, or telling yourself that breast cancer happened because of something you or anyone else did, is not productive.

For more info, visit the American Cancer Society's website at www.cancer.org or call 1-800-277-2345.



Antioch walkers gather for a group photo shoot.



More photo opportunities



Crossing the finish line.

Delegates share spirit-filled GMBC workshop

The Annual Leadership Workshop of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. was held on August 17-18 at the Unionville Missionary Baptist Church, where the Rev. I.E. Mack is pastor.

The workshop provides classes and worship services as well as an opportunity for each division of the GMBC to meet and develop plans for

the upcoming year.

Antioch delegates enjoyed spirit-filled worship services and hearty fellowship in addition to attending informative workshops, including "Developing Leaders Using the Biblical Model" and "Overcoming Church Conflict".

The Rev. James Potts, Northern Region Vice President, told those as-

sembled that church conflict is unavoidable and should be seen as an opportunity for biblical renewal and growth.

Sis. Dorcas Ford Jones, GMBC Young People's Director" is coordinating a toy drive to culminate at the 143rd Annual Session to be held in Columbus from Nov. 11-14.

7:45am Service



Adam Alexander

This year has been an emotional roller coaster for me and my family. In December of last year, I was diagnosed with depression. The disease, believed to be a minor problem by some, leaked over into other areas of my life. My school work started to suffer. I lost all interest in my hobbies and my mindset about life was that it wasn't worth living.

The devil led me to believe that the world would be a better place without me. I was angry with God, asking why he made me this way. Why he had me go through so much suffering at a young age. And even in the midst of all of my sadness, anger, and confusion God kept the fire burning.

He provided me with a wonderful family that helped me through the situation. He gave me parents that not only love me, but also would do anything for me. He even granted me with an entire congregation to confide in if need be. I stand here today to tell you that God is a healer. He WILL keep the fire burning. And though I am not healed of my depression, I am a long, long way from where I was in December. I powered through the school year, my interests in hobbies have come back, and I believe that life is precious.

Now, when I look back on the year, all I have are three questions: Do you know him? Have you tried Him? And is He alright? The answer to all three is yes.



Janae Baker

There are several things I thought might explain the theme "We are the chosen generation....chosen to keep the fire burning."

How many of you have ever seen a trick candle on a birthday cake? No matter how hard you blow it, it won't go out. Christianity is sometimes like a trick candle. We shine our light for all to see and sometimes no matter what we face, it won't go out. We pray and pass our faith in Jesus Christ on to future generations.

Recently I found out one of my friends describes herself as half Muslim/ half Christian. I asked her in which did she place her faith. She said Muslim because her dad is Muslim. I asked which one would she be when she grows up and she said Muslim. It would be mean to convert. I told her that it wouldn't be mean to put her faith in the correct place. She said she would think about it, opening my eyes to how much influence we can have on others.

We need to show others that not only is Christ the right person to follow he is an interesting person to follow.

Finally, I thought of hurricane season. Just as a hurricane winds can destroy property, there are many things that can destroy people's faith in God. We can't let things we know God's in control of shatter our faith. The Lord has the whole world in his hands.



Micah Arnold

When you think of starting a fire, you usually think of wood and a heat source. And us as Christians need to become more flammable for our heat source Jesus Christ. We need to protect that flame by staying away from distractions that might try to put our flame. Distractions like greed, and, or anything that can keep you away from God.

When I started high school, there were many distractions that tried to water-down my flame. Like peer-pressure, bad grades, and girls. But the easiest way to stay focused and protect my flame, is to remember that I'm enrolled in God's school. He assigns us teachers to help show us right from wrong

because one day we're going to have a final exam. He will judge whether we graduate into the kingdom of heaven. But trust me this won't be hard, because it's an open book test. To pass the test, you got to break the chains of racism, break the chains of drugs, and peer pressure. Call on the name of Jesus. He is our sun and the sun never stops shining.

No matter how dark and bad things may look, God is always there and always shining bright.



Alexis Rockward

During last year's Youth Culmination Service, we were encouraged and told of our significance as God's children. We are His chosen generation, a royal priesthood, to whom He has promised marvelous blessings. This year, God has chosen us, the ordinary, and made us to do extraordinary things. He has made us to be shining examples to the world. However, there is more than one side to this promise. He has chosen us with a purpose; to "keep the fire burning."

This task is difficult and numerous. Keeping the fire burning does not refer to just one fire but three. The first is the flame of knowledge. We have to know what we believe and in whom we believe. If we don't know these things, we become vulnerable and susceptible to Satan's attacks.

The second is the fire of love, which represents our relationship with God. Nurturing our relationship with God is an essential part of our spiritual growth. Set aside time during the day to be alone with God. Tell Him about your day. And don't be reluctant to tell others about Him.

The third fire is God's Holy Spirit. It seems so easy to be a Christian when it's just you and God in the room, but when you get to school and your peers are cursing and talking about drugs and sex like extracurricular activities, being a Christian becomes extremely difficult. We teeter between two worlds, and God is saying that it is time for us to choose. Choose Him and all He has for us or choose the world and all it has for us.

God is waiting for you to accept His call and to walk into the future He has planned for you. Answer His call, accept His fire, and change your life.

11:00am Service



Janetta Hill

There is a need, a hunger even, for God and his greatness inside of us, a burning fire. God, himself, is that fire. It is up to everyone that loves Him to keep the fire burning.

The world we live in is momentary and there are some moments that douse the flame inside of us, but if we remain steadfast and trust God, the fire inside shall never burn out.

Recently, God has placed me in a lot of positions to be an encouragement to other young people. There are a lot young girls in my school and even some of my friends who feel inadequate, insecure and alone in their life. I, too, used to be very insecure. I thought I'd never be smart, never be cultured or

beautiful. I even doubted my talents.

Let's all agree that God knows what he is doing. When certain things come our way, we always ask God, "Why? Why would you let this happen to me?" and now in my head, God answers, "Why not? Why not you? I've chosen you."

And a few yesterday's ago, I would have been in no state to encourage others. But God allowed me to push through my insecurities and to stop doubting my potential. He chose me just like he chose every one of you. God sends trials our way for us to push through them, become stronger and to help others.

I now can tell every single girl at my school that you were created by a perfect God who doesn't make mistakes. You are as smart, bold and beautiful as you want to be! God placed the sun in your brown skin and himself in your heart.

Antioch was the light that told me those very things every service, every Sunday school, every bible study. God, Jesus Christ and Antioch inspired me to be the person and the light that I am today.



Freddie Ross, II

Keeping the fire burning means more than our lighting a match or a lighter. Keeping the fire burning means to continue to show the greatness God has blessed you with.

In order to do that, we must understand what that fire is and where it comes from. That fire that burns deep inside us does not come from our own power. That "fire" is God. He put it in the people that came before you, and it is your turn to carry it on.

Think of it as a forest fire. The forest represents your trials and tribulations. The fire represents the

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greatness, talent, and the spirit of God inside each of us. The fire doesn't stay in one place, it spreads. God's teachings don't stop at one person, it spreads to the next man/woman, and continues to spread. But that's not all. When fire burns, you can see smoke, even miles away.

Now you can pour water on a fire and eventually it will go out. However, one key thing still remains. The effects the fire had are still there. You see ashes. Same thing is true when your "Fire" burns. When your time on this earth comes to an end, the effects of your fire still show. When our fires show, we must remember it was God who started it. He started it on Friday when his only begotten Son was crucified on the cross. Then on Saturday, God fueled that fire. Then early Sunday morning, that fire got up and cleansed us of our sins, so that we may enjoy eternal life with God.



Kalyn Marks

Though my birth certificate says, Kalyn, I like to be referred to as Jeremiah. I am Jeremiah. I have that fire that takes over me and comes out in praise; that fire that will keep me Bible-based, Christ-centered, and steadfast for the rest of my days.

In my short years of living, I have experienced much joy but more pain. My parents divorced. I have been tempted to sin. In the last 2 months, I have lost 4 peers: three to suicide and 1 to murder. But, through it all, my fire still burns. I am part of a CHOSEN GENERATION, nothing will EVER extinguish my fire.

When I read Leviticus 6:13, I immediately think about the word continue. Praise is a process of continuation. When God steps into every situation, every trial, and every tribulation, your praise should become second nature. Why should you praise him? Because he is God.

When my parents divorced, I felt like the world had come to a halt. I didn't understand why two people who loved each other so much, could not love each other enough to stay together. But God brought me understanding of my situation, which made me stronger, wiser, and praise even harder. Why should you praise, because he is God.

Here at Antioch, I've been firmly planted in a generation that is M.A.D.D for Christ and that will forever stand tall in what we believe

Why should you praise? Because he is God. He is your doctor in the sick room, a lawyer in the courtroom, he is the lily of the valley, and one Friday on that hill called Calvary, he rose with all power in his hands.



Christopher Johnson

When I was younger, I didn't pay much attention to differences in people nor did I feel different until my classmates told me I was. They told me I was white. At home, my parents assured me that I was black but I have a condition called albinism. It basically means that my genes don't make enough pigmentation for my hair, my skin or my eyes.

I've been teased most of my life. I've been called names like Casper and White Boy. I've been laughed at and called ugly. For a time, I found refuge in football but then even my teammates and coaches treated me badly. The fire was burning but it was getting low. I hated school. I was depressed most of the time. I hated my life even though my parents reminded me that I was special.

They prayed for me and prayed with me. Things got better because I got better. I stopped letting other people define me. Now, I'm in high school and living my favorite scripture: "I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me."



Rev. Jelks called to pastor Mt. Tabor

Minister Ken Jelks, a long-time member and son of Antioch Baptist Church North, preached his first sermon June 2 as pastor of Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church.

Jelks learned May 13 that the Columbus congregation had called him to be its pastor.

“It’s amazing that just when you’ve resigned certain decisions over to God, it doesn’t mean that He’s necessarily resigned Himself from doing something extraordinary with your situation,” Jelks said recently. “In other words, sometimes just when you think



Rev. Ken Jelks

things have ended, in the words of the song, “it’s only the begin-

ning.”

Jelks said that God’s call to preach and now to pastor is humbling. He credited the love, fellowship and training he received at Antioch for the blessing.

“I’m beyond blessed by large measure because of my Pastor, Rev. C.M. Alexander,” he said. “Thank you Antioch, for your fellowship when I felt alone, for your evangelism that grabbed a hold of me through your testimony, for your doctrine that is uncompromising and for your stewardship that helped me to stand with a spirit of responsibility.”

NBC session well attended

Antioch Baptist Church North showed up in such big numbers one could’ve easily mistaken Charlotte for Atlanta during the National Baptist Convention held Sept. 2-6.

Indeed, Tuesday could have easily been proclaimed Antioch Day as members arrived to hear Rev. Kenneth Alexander preach the Devotional Message.

Taking his text from verses 24 and 25 of Jude, he told those assembled, “The NBC has a rich history and tradition of contending for the faith...for we are free to fight for justice and civil rights and against that old demonic spirit of hatred and racism on the heels of the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington and the loss of the Voting Rights

Act, the unveiling of Paula Deen’s racism, and the not guilty verdict on George Zimmerman.”

He followed the official opening session, when Antioch Pastor C.M. Alexander offered prayer for the Convention: “Lord, have mercy upon us.”

He quipped later when asked why that was all he prayed, “That is all we all need, the Lord’s mercy.” During the same service, the Rev. Clarence Moore, pastor of Good Shepherd in Augusta and a son of Antioch, preached the opening sermon.

“It is time for us to work as God intended, in solidarity with the Savior and with each other to accomplish God’s business here on earth,” Moore said, draw-

ing “Amen” from nearly 4,000-member crowd.

Following the opening service, adopted son of Antioch and General Secretary of the NBC, Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, held the crowd spellbound with his message during the Georgia luncheon.

On Monday evening, the sons of Antioch and delegates to the Annual Session were treated to a delectable meal as they gathered for fellowship at the home of Antioch son Rev. Fred Robinson and his wife Felicia. The fellowship bond was tight as pastoring sons and current in-house sons shared memories, testimonies, and hopes and listened to the wise counsel from our pastor.

Cain and Abel Bible Quiz

1.) Who was born first, Cain or Abel?

- A. Cain
- B. Abel
- C. They were twins
- D. Neither, both were created by God.

2.) What was the occupations of Cain and of his brother, Abel?

- A. Cain was a physician and Abel was a keeper of sheep
- B. Cain was a keeper of sheep and Abel was a tiller of the ground
- C. Cain was a carpenter and Abel was a physician
- D. Cain was a tiller of the ground and Abel was a keeper of sheep

3.) Where did Cain go after he had killed Abel?

- A. Garden of Eden
- B. Land of Nod
- C. Caves of Qumran
- D. Mount Ararat

4.) God set a mark on Cain to:

- A. Punish him
- B. Warn others of his deed
- C. Mark him as the LORD’s
- D. Protect him from being slain

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Turner celebrates 10th anniversary

“I will be with you”

It was vintage Cameron Madison Alexander drawing from the 28th chapter of Matthew in which God promises to be with us.

“I’ll be with you,” he told those gathered Sept. 22 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Rev. Rodney Turner.

Rev. Alexander, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church North, brought the church to her feet during the 3 p.m. anniversary service.

“Rev. Turner, Mt. Vernon don’t worry about tomorrow,” he told them as he ended the sermon. “Don’t worry about the people who are not with you. I’m with you.”

Rev. Alexander said he understands why preachers have questions when they are called to pastor churches. “It’s because they don’t want to go it alone,” he said. “They want to know who will go with them.”



Rev. Rodney K. Turner

The answer, he said, can be found in Matthew 28:20: “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

“The Lord said ‘I will be with you,’”

he reminded those gathered. “This I scooped out the valley; heaped the mountain. This I put the crystal in the dew drop.

“This I is the hungry’s bread, thirst’s water, the blind’s sight. This I is a bad I. This I is so bad an I that I’m I all by myself. I don’t need a second to the motion.

“This I will let you sleep in the lion’s den. This I will bring the walls of Jericho down. This I died on Friday, was buried, and bad enough to get up with all power.”

The celebration came on the heels of a historic vote by Mt. Vernon to sell its property to the Atlanta Falcons. The church asked for prayers as it prepares to make the transition to another location.

Alexander assured them that the Lord would take care of them as he had in the past.

“I’ll be with you,” he told them.

FALL CONCERT



Sunday
October 27, 5pm
The Choirs of Antioch will be presented in a Musical!
You are invited to attend!!

Cain and Abel
Bible Quiz Answers
1-A, 2-D, 3-B, 4-D

Sen. Seay named Legislator of the Year

State Sen. Valencia Seay was named “Legislator of the Year” recently by the Rainbow/PUSH Clayton-Henry-Fayette-Spalding Chapter.

The award was presented Sept. 14 during the chapter’s seventh annual “Keep Hope Alive” Banquet held at the Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel in College Park.

“I was truly honored and blessed to have two of the counties I represent in the senate acknowledge my work over the past 20 years as an elected official,” said Seay, a long-time member of Antioch Baptist Church North.

This was the second time the senator, a Democrat representing parts of Clayton and Fayette counties, has received the honor.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society’s Georgia Chapter named her Legislator of the Year in 2010 for her efforts to improve disability rights in Georgia.



Rev. Bright accepts new assignment

The Rev. Eddie Bright, a beloved son of Antioch Baptist Church North, has accepted the call to pastor Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

“I am humbled that God has sent me to become Mt. Zion’s next pastor,” the Rev. Bright said. “I know that God has ordained this relationship between me and Mt. Zion.”

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located at 266 Pharr Road in Atlanta, was organized in 1922 on Hunter Street in downtown Decatur and moved to its current location in the Kirkwood neighborhood in 1980.

On Sunday, November 3, during the 10:45 a.m. service at Mt. Zion, Rev. Fred Robinson of Charlotte, NC, will be the morning Consecration Speaker. The Installation Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. at Antioch and Pastor Alexander will deliver the Installation Sermon.

The Rev. Bright credited Pastor Alexander and his parents Thomas Sr. and Anna Bell Bright for preparing him for this assignment.

“I am simply truly blessed,” he said. “Pastor Alexander and the Antioch family has been a part of that blessing.”

The Rev. Bright and his wife, Vivian, joined Antioch in 1986 and 12 years later, he was licensed to preach. He was ordained in 2004.

In addition to being a son Antioch, Rev. Bright was a member of the Sunday staff, assisting Pastor Alexander

“He became a father in the absence of my biological father,” he said of Pastor Alexander.

Bright’s parents live in Lane, S. C., where they are members of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Rev. Bright and his wife, have three sons, Julian and Ryan, who at-



Rev. Eddie Bright

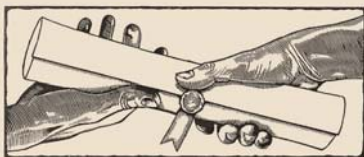
tend Georgia Southern University, and Sterling, a sophomore at Riverdale High School.

He said the family welcomes with great anticipation the blessing of their union with Mt. Zion.

“We praise God from whom all blessings flow,” he said.

Antioch awards nearly 20 scholarships

Best wishes to Antioch Baptist Church North’s 2013 high school graduates who recently embarked on a new phase in their education: college. The 17 students were recipients of the church scholarship given annually to entering freshmen. This year’s scholarships went to:



Malcolm Twyman, Auburn University
 Alexander Leavell, Alabama A&M University
 Julius Wilson and Dwaine Price II, Alabama State University
 Myron Terrell, Abraham Baldwin Arg. College
 JaKayla Woolridge, Clark Atlanta University
 Myles Campbell, Georgia Southern University
 Nile Oates, Howard University
 Adrienne Williams, Howard University
 Kyle Hood, Lincoln University of Missouri
 Jade Ferguson, Louisiana State University
 Gabrille Jackson, North Carolina A&T University
 Brittany Melton, Spelman College
 Elexis Neal, Tuskegee University
 Nicholas Martin, University of Georgia
 Julian Orr, University of Georgia
 Christian Walker, University of West Georgia
 Nigel Walker, Vanderbilt University

Relationship or Religionship - which do you have?

Many Christians today fall into one of two categories: either they are practicing religion or pursuing a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Many denominations have very different views on how one enters into the kingdom of heaven, and many think that their way is the only way.

And so we asked random Antioch Baptist Church members two questions: Is it more important to attend church or to have a personal relationship with God? And do you have to do both to be “saved”?

Here’s some of what they had to say:



Gabrielle N. Jackson

I believe from a moralistic standpoint that it is more important to have a personal relationship with God than to attend church. Although both are critical to growing as a Christian, I don’t believe going to church is necessary to being saved. Being saved is believing in our hearts and confessing with our mouth that the Lord is our God. Going to church is for praise and fellowship purposes, and even if the matter is continuously debated amongst us here on earth, the true point of judgment lies not with us.”

Quentin Moore

It is more important for a Christian to have a personal relationship with the Lord. Anyone can attend church. That doesn’t necessarily mean they are close to God. If a person truly has and wants to maintain a relationship with the Lord then they will want to go to church because fellowship is a vital part of being a Christian. I also believe that you have to attend church and have a personal relationship with the Lord. Romans 10:9 says: “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”



Garnetta Riley

It is more important to have a personal relationship with God. Salvation is not dependent on Christians going to church. For example, someone who is sick and shut-in may not be able to attend church but can still have a personal relationship with God. However, as an obedient Christian, you will want to attend church so that you can be taught and guided. A Christian who answers only to himself can easily rationalize sinful attitudes or actions. We need regular fellowship with others to avoid falling short and being misled. To be saved, a person only needs to confess their sins and believe that Jesus was sent to save them. The thief on the cross is a good example of this.

A photograph of the Antioch Baptist Church North building, a large brick structure with a prominent entrance and a paved courtyard in front.

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