REV. C.M. ALEXANDER: GOD'S COMPASSIONATE LEADER Jeremiah 3:15

Pastoral Anniversary Opservance

August 7, 2011 • 7:45AM & 11AM Worship Services

Antioch Baptist Church North Rev. C. M. Alexander, Pastor

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The Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander is an Atlanta hero! For the past 42 years, he has been a man of relentless courage...a fearless fighter... in addressing the holistic needs of so many of our city's disenfranchised people who are too often counted among the least, the less, and the lost.

Unlike most modern heroes idolized because of position and status, Reverend Alexander is revered for his extra-ordinary courage, leadership and commitment in responding to the needs and to the sufferings of God's people, regardless of their status or position.

As a nurturing pastor and charitable community leader, Reverend Alexander has a tender heart when responding to crises impacting our city or struggles that impact our city's people. Throughout his long and distinguished ministry at the Antioch Baptist Church North, Reverend Alexander has worked zealously to empower people and to heal the brokenness of society.

As Antioch celebrates Pastor Alexander's 42nd Pastoral Anniversary, we commemorate and laud our pastor for using the wonderful gifts, unique talents, and countless opportunities that God has given him for the benefit and the uplifting of others. When considering others, it is evident that Reverend Alexander sees with his heart as well as with his eyes.

Congratulations Pastor and thanks for making a difference in our lives as individuals and as members of the body of Jesus Christ.



A Message from the Pastor

My Brothers and Sisters:

Mrs. A and I are excited today as the Antioch Church Family and the greater Atlanta community gather to celebrate the 42nd Anniversary of my tenure as pastor of this amazing fellowship of Christian believers. As pastor, I am so grateful that the Antioch membership has made certain that my family and I have experienced a momentous and memorable journey since my calling in 1969 to serve as spiritual leader of this historic congregation. For that reality, I am so personally appreciative.

The preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been my primary priority since accepting the call to preach some 57 years ago. Proclaiming the Word from the Antioch pulpit has been among the paramount high points of my life's journey. Being your pastor has been a joyously rich and an incredible experience. I will always be indebted to the officers, leaders and membership of this Church for making certain that no distractions or personal needs have complicated my ability to minister to God's people and to be an uncompromised voice for Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God, I can honestly say that all of my days at Antioch during the past 42 years have been filled with jubilant excitement and great expectation. While we have tried to be innovative and current in our missionary outreach and in our Christian Service, we have never altered or compromised the messages of God's Holy Word.

So today as we celebrate the longevity of my tenure and our incredible journey together, we have a lot to recall...a lot to reminiscence about...and even more to be thankful for. God has been gracious and exceptionally generous in showering His richest blessings upon Antioch and upon my family and me.

I thank the Antioch membership for the decades of love and support that you have shared with my family and me. More importantly, I thank God for the wonderful privilege of being His under shepherd at one of His "best" churches. As we look to the future, it is my prayer that we will continue to work at finding solutions to heal the brokenness of our society and work even more aggressive to provide support and resources that give hope to those who are counted among the least, the less, and the lost. In so doing, God will continue to reward our compassionate spirits.

Yours in God's service,

Reverend Cameron M. Alexander

42ND PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY WORSHIPSERVICES

I like the silent church before the service begins. By Emerson

The Call to Worship	
The Devotion	Deacons' Ministry
The Special Anniversary ProcessionalYouth Divis We've Come to Lift	
The Anniversary Hymn #411Life	<i>Him Up</i> Congregation
The Lord's Prayer	
The Scripture	
The Gloria Patri	
Pastoral Tribute from the Music Ministry Antioch Choirs, BWT Verse Speaking Choir,	
The Announcements & Recognition of Visitors	
The Compassionate Leader	Sis. Sandra Daniels - 7:45am Bro. John & Sis. Cynthia Daniels - 11:00am

Our Celebration of the Pastor's Call

Reader: In answering God's call to the ministry, you have obeyed His will for your life.
Congregation: We celebrate your call and thank God for you.
Reader: Your call came in answer to the prayers of God's people.
Congregation: We celebrate your call and pray for you.
Reader: Your call is visible through your love for lost souls.
Congregation: We celebrate your call with a commitment to be witnesses for Christ.
Reader: Your call is evident in your concern for God's people and by your spiritual service to others.
Congregation: We celebrate your call and promise to serve one another in Christ.
Reader: And all the people said,
Congregation: Amen!

Special Tribute to our I	Pastor
Special Presentations	Pastor's Support and Mother's Ministry (7:45am)
Deacons' Ministry, Pastor's Support, Anniversary Committee (11:00ar	

THE LITANY OF PRAISE

MINISTER: Let us stand for our Litany of Praise MINISTER: We are... CONGREGATION: Bible-based, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led, and Mission-bound MINISTER: We stand on... CONGREGATION: The four pillars; Fellowship, Evangelism, Doctrine, and Stewardship

MINISTER: So, let us...

ALL: Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD He is GOD: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the LORD IS good; HIS mercy is everlasting; and HIS truth endureth to ALL generations.

Psalm 100

THE DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom all blessings flow,		
	Praise Him, all creatures here below;	
	Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;	
	Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.	

The Tithes & Offerings		Deacons & Ushers' Ministries
The Sermon Hymn	Amazing Grace	Congregation
The Sermon		7:45am – Rev. Rodney K. Turner
		Pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

11:00am – Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander

Presiding Minister, Antioch Lakewood Mission Assistant to the Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church North

The Invitation to Discipleship

The Late Tithes and Offerings......Deacons' and Ushers' Ministries Recessional.....Antioch Choirs (Please refrain from walking during the Invitation to Discipleship)

'Til We Meet Again





An Historical Narrative by Brother Barney Simms

Today we observe Pastor Alexander's 42nd Anniversary as our Pastor and celebrate his many accomplishments. Pastor Alexander delivered his first sermon at Antioch at the encouragement of his father and the late Mother Elizabeth Martin. The sermon was entitled "There is a Man in Town!"

Today, as we observe Pastor Alexander's incredible legacy of pastoral leadership and service at Antioch, we remember that sermon warmly as it etched an indelible mark on our hearts and on the growth and vitality of our Church Family.

During the late spring of 1969, the Antioch Congregation was ending an extensive pastoral search and had focused on five final candidates from which to select a pastor to fill the vacant Antioch pulpit. The young Reverend Alexander was invited as a "guest preacher" that Sunday Morning so none of the final candidates would have an edge on the voting process which was to be held the following Monday evening.

In retrospect, no one knew then that God in His infinite wisdom had brought "the man" to town to fill the void in His pulpit at Antioch. After 42 remarkable years of servant leadership, the Man is Still in Town...still preaching the Gospel, baptizing new converts, marrying couples, dedicating babies, celebrating home goings, and caring for "the least of these," while developing and mentoring ministers, church leaders, and feeding God's flock.



For the past 42 years, the Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander has provided outstanding leadership as the pastor extraordinaire of one of God's best churches, our beloved Antioch Baptist Church North! His servant leadership, steeped in strong traditional Baptist values that are Bible-Based, Christ-Centered, Holy-Spirit Led and Mission Bound, has had a profound impact upon the astounding growth and legacy of our congregation.

Born in Atlanta, the son of an "old-fashioned" preacher, Pastor Alexander was educated in the Atlanta Public Schools, graduating from Booker T. Washington High School. He attended Florida A & M University and graduated from Morehouse College and the Morehouse School of Religion. When he accepted the Call to Antioch in 1969, he was well prepared for the myriad of difficult challenges that he would face at a church of historical significance that had lost its robust congregation.

Even as a young minister, Pastor Alexander knew if Antioch was to be restored into a healthy, strong church, he had to spend time retooling and strengthening its foundation; clarifying in the minds of everyone involved—deacons, trustees, lay leaders and members—exactly why the Church exists! The healing power that our congregation gained from Pastor Alexander's teachings and preaching during his first five years of leadership were remarkable. It united us in purpose and prepared us for the most ambitious growth and building programs in our church's 134 year history.

Pastor Alexander's impact at Antioch was felt immediately upon his arrival! He wasted little time in reuniting the Church's dwindling membership; fostering morale, instituting numerous innovative and varied programs to enlist the entire congregation in Christian works appropriate to interests and specializations. During the early 1970's, he provided leadership for the congregation to amass parcel after parcel of land surrounding the Church for future growth and to accommodate the vision for his exemplary outreach ministry that would holistically address the needs of the congregation and surrounding Fifth Ward Community.

In 1986, when he believed the congregation was ready to build a new worship center, Pastor Alexander commissioned a demographic study which recommended the relocation of Antioch into a more pleasant suburban community away from the challenges of the inner city. The study underscored facts that the majority of the membership, which had grown from less than 500 that were here when he arrived to more than 6,000, now resided away from Atlanta's urban core. However, Pastor Alexander decided then that for Antioch to be effective, the Church had to be near the people in need of help and not down some shady tree-lined suburban lane.

To the chagrin of the demographers, Pastor Alexander accelerated his building plans by acquiring 42 additional parcels of land, demolished the existing houses on the properties, and led the congregation in building Antioch's current multi-million dollar worship center and adjoining administrative wing at its same location at 540 Kennedy Street (now named Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard), the very location that the demographers had deemed economically depressed. The new worship center was dedicated in 1990, twenty years after the promise that he made to the congregation shortly after his arrival as pastor. He had made believers of those who were his naysayers.

Pastor Alexander understood clearly that the city and community knew Antioch as "a rock in a weary land" and as a catalyst for change. Since Antioch has remained in its neighborhood location, the Georgia Dome has been built, the World Congress Center has been enlarged into a gigantic convention center, the international headquarters for The Coca-Cola Company have been anchored, and Antioch has partnered with the Atlanta Development Authority to develop the Northyards Business Park. The City's leadership has since thanked Pastor Alexander for spurring development in a depressed area so close to downtown Atlanta.

Under God's direction, Pastor Alexander has been blessed to grow Antioch into a wonderful example of a strong Church that stands as a beacon of hope and an anchor in its community. His ministry combines the trained eye of the academician, the imagination and resourcefulness of the missionary, and the empathetic understanding of the loving pastor. His pulpit style has been described as captivating! Our pastor has both the power and gift of persuasion. The Atlanta Tribune Magazine has described his theology as a "possible collaboration between Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X, from a fusion of their respective emphasis on divine love and divine justice."

Since the early days of his ministry at Antioch, Pastor Alexander has been serious about healing what he calls "the broken society." His compassion for the poor and

overlooked has been chronicled and praised in local and national publications. He has been fearless in his efforts to serve those who are all too often counted among the least, the less, and the lost.

In 1991, Pastor Alexander provided visionary leadership for Antioch to acquire the 12-story Walton Hotel in downtown Atlanta for one million dollars and transformed it into apartments for the work-

Madison House

ing homeless. Originally called the Walton House, it has since been renamed the Madison House as a tribute to Pastor Alexander's works for the poor and the disenfranchised. Also in 1991, Pastor Alexander established his nationally acclaimed Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. as the cornerstone of his outreach ministry. A non-profit, charitable organization inspired by the six ministries in the Book of Matthew, AUMI provides housing and a variety of supportive services for recovering addicts, and persons with AIDS or who are HIV positive and persons with noninfectious tuberculosis.

Committed to the revitalization of the English Avenue Community where the Antioch congregation has worshipped for the past 134 years, Pastor Alexander established the Bethursday Development Corporation in 1994 as a community development extension of the Antioch Baptist Church North. This non-profit, named to commemorate the Bethursday Prayer Band that was founded by eight former slaves that evolved into our beloved Antioch Baptist Church, has become a major stakeholder and real estate developer in the community. Most recently, the corporation provided leadership in the building of the Gateway Apartment complex, 261 affordable units which features fantastic views of downtown Atlanta, an Olympic size swimming pool, fitness center, and a business center with a 400 car parking deck. The Bethursday Corporation is marketing and selling 38 market rate town homes that it developed on Elm Street, just three blocks from the Antioch campus. These two-story homes feature 2 and 3 bedroom units with detached 2-car garages enclosing outdoor courtyards. Other Bethursday developments and partnerships addressing the affordable housing shortage are scattered across the city.

In 1997, Pastor Alexander led the congregation in purchasing the Selig business plaza (located on Northside Drive adjacent the worship center) to house the offices and administrative staff for AUMI, the Bethursday Corporation and the Church's Human Services Department.

In 1999, Pastor Alexander encouraged the congregation to purchase surrounding property and a multi-purpose building at 590 North Avenue. Known to the congregation as "the 590," the building hosts a variety of congregation events and is used most frequently for youth activities.

In 2001, Pastor Alexander provided leadership for Antioch's purchase of an additional eleven "prized" acres of land located between Simpson and Kennedy Streets. The purchase was considered a prize inasmuch as several major developers wanted the property. Also, four additional adjacent acres were purchased from the CSX Railroad. These additional acres have expanded the immediate Antioch campus holdings into 38 valuable downtown acres that will support future church growth and prevent the Church from becoming land-locked in the community where the Church has called home for 134 years.

While many congregations, especially those that are as old as Antioch, often split and reorganize for a variety of reasons, under Pastor Alexander's leadership, Antioch has successfully established nine missions, four of which have become strong, thriving congregational churches. These new congregations serve as living testimonies that Pastor Alexander's commitment to the spread of the Gospel and God's teachings are important to him as a person and especially to him as a minister.

Pastor Alexander has become one of the nation's best known ministers. He is a former vice president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and is the president emeritus of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. where he served as the body's illustrious president for 29 years. During his long and distinguished legacy of leadership with the GMBC, he served as Host and the General Chairman for the 1985, 1992 and 2005 National Baptist Conventions that were held in Atlanta. In 1994, He served as the Co-Chair for the Reverend Billy Graham's Atlanta Crusade. Also in 1994, Pastor Alexander was a key player and major sponsor in bringing South African President Nelson Mandela to Atlanta, his first American visit following his release and long ordeal from a South African prison. As his official host, Antioch honored Mandela with a special luncheon in fellowship hall with a guest list that included national and international dignitaries from

all walks of life from around the world.

Pastor Alexander remembers warmly his leadership efforts in working with the campaign to elect Atlanta's first African American Mayor, the Honorable Maynard Jackson, who appointed him to serve

as the Chairman of the Atlanta Religious Mobilization Against Crime in 1978. Pastor Alexander has served as president of the Rainbow Coalition in Georgia, and president and treasurer, respectively, of the Morehouse School of Religion and a trustee of the Morehouse School of Medicine. To celebrate the advent of the new millennium, Pastor Alexander implemented the Community of Faith March through downtown Atlanta (1999) which brought together diverse religious communities.

In recognition of his illustrious ministerial career, Pastor Alexander was awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity Degrees from the United Theological Seminary (1978), the Interdenominational Theological Center (1991), and from the Carver Bible College (2007). In 2000, his alma mater, Morehouse College, honored him with its



prestigious Bennie Award, the highest recognition that the College gives to its most distinguished alumni. His portrait hangs in the Hall of Great Preachers in the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel on the Morehouse College campus. On July 22, 2008, the Atlanta Business League inducted Pastor Alexander into its Legends Hall of Fame. The distinguished honor recognized the significance of Reverend Alexander's influence, good deeds and trailblazing impact on Atlanta's vitality as a great city.

During 2009 a variety of well deserved major recognitions were given to Pastor Alexander as further testament to his influence on the quality of life for citizens in Atlanta and all across Georgia and the nation. In January 2010, he was inducted onto the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame. In February 2010, the Georgia General Assembly honored him with a Resolution. In March 2010, two of his sermons were accepted into the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. In April 2010, a documentary on Pastor Alexander's "Spiritual Journey" was profiled by the Atlanta Interfaith Broadcast. In July 2010, our own Brother Hank Stewart honored Pastor Alexander during his Eighth Annual White Linen Affair. In September 2010, he was inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame. In December 2010, the Atlanta City Council approved the re-naming of Kennedy Street to Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard to recognize Pastor Alexander's historical legacy of leadership within the city. Most recently, he was appointed to the Global Advisory Board for the Center of Civil and Human Rights. As in years past, presidents, governors, senators, mayors and other elected officials continue to seek his counsel and wisdom regularly.

Looking back on his 42 years of servant leadership at Antioch, Pastor Alexander says he is proud of the loyal and consistent support that he has received from his family; especially his beloved wife of 57 years, Barbara (affectionately called "Mrs. A"), and their four children. And of course he dotes on his nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Pastor Alexander is keenly aware of the historical record of strong pastoral leadership that preceded him at Antioch. He gives special recognition to all of the courageous pastors who preceded him as trailblazers upon whose shoulders he proudly

stands. He is careful and quick to give God the credit for his opportunity to serve as His under shepherd at Antioch, saying passionately, and "It wasn't me. It was God working through me. God deserves the credit. To God be the glory!"



OUR 7:45AM SPEAKER



Rev. Rodney K. Turner

Reverend Rodney Kirk Turner was born November 27, 1957, in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended Berean Junior Academy and graduated from Frederick Douglas High School. Following his graduation, he obtained his college education at the historical Morehouse College as a sociology and criminology major. While pursing his education at Morehouse, Rev. Turner became a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and served as president for two years. He furthered his biblical education at Carver and Beulah Heights Bible Colleges. For nine years he served as the Pastor of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Roanoke, Alabama and is presently, the Pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in downtown Atlanta, Georgia. He is the proud father of Seanna, Christina, Nickolas, and JaVaa and a loving husband to former State Representative LaNett L. Stanley of Atlanta, GA.

While attending Antioch Baptist Church North, Rev. Turner served as a spiritual son and student, under the leadership of Reverend Cameron M. Alexander. Rev. Turner committed himself as a staff member for over 17 years as Antioch's Substance Abuse, AIDS, Prison Ministry and Outreach Coordinator. He was the director of Antioch's first recovery residence for men, the Ananias House, and Antioch's first recovery residence for women, Ruth's Place. Rev. Turner is the Founder, President and CEO of Product of the Power Ministry, a faith-based non-profit organization which addresses, through his biblically based 7-step model, the needs of those suffering with substance abuse problems and other spiritual behavioral disorders.

Reverend Turner presently works with Clark Atlanta University and the Fulton County Judicial system as the senior counselor for Project Redirection, a special program designed to provide alternatives to incarceration for Fulton County non-violent offenders. In addition, he has worked with Juvenile offenders in DeKalb and Fulton County. Currently, he is a chaplain for the Fulton County Sheriff Department, and a member of the Georgia Sheriff Association Chaplain's Division.

Rev. Turner served on the Governor's AIDS Task force, the SCLC Wings of Hope Anti-Drug Task Force, and was chosen to participate in a one-year internship at Atlanta West Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center and Methadone Clinic. Rev. Turner also served as the Substance Abuse Coordinator for the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, as a member of the Board of Directors for CARP and as a board member for the CHEM Lab (Creating Healthy Empowered Minds). He currently serves as a board member for Antioch Urban Ministries and is a member of Atlanta Ministers Union.

Reverend Turner has received several awards including: The Atlanta Dairy Association's Movers and Shakers Award, Antioch Baptist Church North's Man of The Year and Community Service Award, the 2004 Antioch Urban Ministries Mighty Faith Award, the Concerned Black Clergy's Community Service Award and was recipient of the 2006 Gospel Choice Chosen Award. Reverend Turner has authored six books to assist those recovering from sin and substance problems. Many churches around the nation seeking to start Christian based recovery programs have used his seven-step model and the material from his books. He has also taught recovery classes in the urban ministries department at Beulah Heights Bible College and the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia (GMBC) where he also teaches in the ministers and youth divisions of the GMBC Congress of Christian Education. He is a newly appointed instructor for the Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Currently, he is a columnist for the nationally published magazine Recovery Solutions.

With over twenty-three years of Christ-centered recovery work, Rev. Turner has helped countless men and women come to Christ, knowing and understanding that to be a Product of the Power is not just a matter of becoming clean and sober, but one having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ which leads to a successful and productive life. He is an advocate for the disadvantaged, the hungry and the homeless in the community, always sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Reverend Turner's motto is, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new," 2nd Corinthians 5:17.

OUR 11:00AM SPEAKER





Rev. Kenneth Alexander is a minister at Antioch Baptist Church North and the Presiding Minister of Antioch Lakewood Mission. He was licensed to preach in 1988. In 1994, he became the Presiding Minister of Lakewood Mission. He is the Executive Director of Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc., architect of the International Economic Development Movement, advocate for youth and young adults at risk, and is a well-known and well-respected visionary and servant leader.

Rev. Alexander attended Morehouse College where he earned a B. A. Degree in Psychology. Rev. Alexander became a licensed Real Estate agent at the age of 18 and has been a licensed agent at the Barbara J. Alexander Realty Company, Inc. since 1981.

The seed for Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. came from the heart of Rev. Kenneth Alexander who shared the vision with his father, Rev. C. M. Alexander, Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church North. With Rev. C. M. Alexander's guidance, and under the leadership of Rev. Kenneth Alexander and Rev. Rodney K. Turner, substance abuse recovery programs were developed which evolved into the Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. in 1991.

Today, AUMI provides housing and supportive services for 6 residential programs: the Madison House, Matthew's Place, Ruth's Place, Luke's Place, Job's House, Lydia's House. AUMI also manages a Prison and Outreach Ministry, a computer lab, the Food Bank, a Clothing Bank, and a program for youth at risk whose curriculum is designed to facilitate positive life choices (Dreaming Out Loud).

Rev. Kenneth Alexander is the son of the Reverend C. M. Alexander and Mrs. Barbara J. Alexander. He is married to Lisa Kathleen Gilbert Alexander and is the father of Kathleen Nicole and Ashley Lauren, and grandfather to DeMario and Diego. Rev. Kenneth has two brothers, Cameron Eric and Gregory Madison, and one sister, Barbara Maria Hunter.



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Nathan Deal

August 7, 2011

To: Reverend Cameron M. Alexander

GREETINGS:

It is a pleasure to join with the congregation of Antioch Baptist Church North in extending best wishes as you celebrate 42 years as their pastor.

You have influenced the lives of many through your witness, and I respect and appreciate the qualities you have demonstrated. I am confident that the same enthusiasm and dedication that have characterized your ministry thus far will continue to mark your future service.

May you be blessed with much joy and happiness in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

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August 7, 2011

Greetings:

As Mayor of the City of Atlanta, I am pleased to congratulate Reverend Cameron M. Alexander as he celebrates his 42nd Pastoral Anniversary.

Since his ordination, Reverend Alexander has been steadfast in the ministry. Through his worship and many outreach programs, he demonstrates the very spirit of God's love. Our neighbors and communities have benefited tremendously from his commitment to faith, devotion and spiritual leadership. Reverend Alexander's dedication to serve others and gather in fellowship reflects the rich spiritual heritage that is rooted in the history of our nation's faith community.

The City of Atlanta commends Reverend Alexander on more than four decades of ministry. We are proud to honor him for these 42 years of faithful service and recognize the generous contributions he has made in the lives our residents.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I am proud to extend best wishes for a memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

Kasim Reed



JOHN LEWIS

August 7, 2011

Dear Rev. Cameron M. Alexander:

As the Representative of Georgia's Fifth Congressional District, I am pleased to extend congratulations to you, my good friend, as you celebrate your 42nd Pastoral Anniversary.

Your dedication to Antioch Baptist Church North and your work in the community are truly commendable. Through your outreach programs, as well as your never ending commitment to helping those in need, brother you have touched and helped change the lives of many. You have set an example of service that will never be forgotten.

You have my sincerest wishes for continued success, and I am confident that you will continue to make a positive impact on everyone around you, the city of Atlanta and the World.

Sincerely, John Lewis Member of Congress



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Julius R. Scruggs President

July 27, 2011

The Reverend C. M. Alexander, Pastor Antioch Baptist Church North 540 Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Dear Reverend Alexander:

Congratulations on completing forty-two (42) years of fruitful and faithful service as pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church North. I am sure that these have been some joy-filled years as well as some challenging ones. I am delighted that your members and colleagues are expressing to you their appreciation for a job well done. I gladly join them in saluting you.

Your outreach ministry to the community reflects your genuine understanding of Christ's call to reach the lost, the least, and the underprivileged, and I appreciate your leadership at the Antioch Baptist Church North, the Georgia State Convention, as well as your long years of labor in the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated.

I am sure that you have fond memories of these years of service to God's People. I am also sure that you are thankful to God for sustaining you through the time of great success as well as the challenging moments.

Again, I salute you on this special occasion and pray that God will continue to guide you and the Antioch Baptist Church North as you continue to glorify him and edify humanity.

For His Cause,

Julius R. Scruggs, President National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.



Dr. Clarence Moore, President P.O. Box 92340 155 Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard, NW Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Rev. Dr. Cameron M. Alexander, Pastor Antioch Baptist Church, North 540 Cameron M.Alexander Blvd., N.W. Atlanta, GA 30318

Dear Dr. Alexander,

I am, once again, delighted to have the opportunity to extend greetings and best wishes to you as you celebrate your 42nd Pastoral Anniversary. The membership of our Convention join me in saluting you for having provided spiritual enrichment, education, guidance and support to so many travelers along this journey.

As the Lord's anointed Leader of this great congregation, Dr. Alexander, you have been a most powerful and influential witness for the cause of Christ and Kingdom building. Antioch continues to be a beacon in the community, the city, the state , the nation and beyond. What a tremendous blessing to have a street named in your honor!

As you pause to reflect on the past, to rejoice at the present and chart the course for the future, we pray that you will be encouraged to continue to hold fast to God's unchanging hand. We pray that God will give you renewed strength enabling you to remain steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord for we know that our labors are not in vain in the Lord.

We thank you for the dynamic leadership that you so capably provided to the Convention for more than 30 years, and we continue to hold you in highest esteem as President Emeritus. On a personal note, I thank you for your charitable Christian spirit, and for your strong support of the Convention. Love to Sister Barbara Alexander and the family.

We share your joy! To God be the Glory!

Yours in God's service,

Dr. Clarence Moore President

A PASTOR'S HEART Highlights of Pastor Alexander's Ministry at Antioch Baptist Church North

- 1969: Accepted the call to pastor at Antioch. His first sermon to the membership was "There Is a Man In Town." Started the Antioch Foods Program
- 1970: Began enhancing current auxiliaries and creating new ministries to meet the spiritual and human welfare needs of the church and community. Began purchasing parcels of land around the church for parking and future expansion. Led the purchase of 4 parcels of land along Jett Street.
- 1971: Implemented the Birth Month Clubs to increase fellowship and to facilitate an additional revenue stream for the building of a new edifice. Implemented the Antioch Scholarship Ministry
- 1974: Led the purchase of 2 parcels on Jett Street which included an old apartment building to serve as a temporary Family Life Center. Led the purchase of 28 acres of land in Southwest Atlanta for investment purposes and later sold it to underwrite construction of new edifice
- 1975: Elected President of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia GMBC). Led the purchase of another parcel of land along Jett Street
- 1977: Challenged Atlanta-based American corporations to divest in South Africa protest Apartheid with a direct challenge to Nations Bank that managed Antioch accounts
- 1978: Led the purchase of 4 parcels along Kennedy Street which included the purchase of the old Turner AME Church property. Added the 8:00 worship service to accommodate the growing membership.
- 1979: Elected Vice-President, National Baptist Convention, Inc. Appointed by Mayor Maynard Jackson to lead the Atlanta Religious Mobilization Against Crime (1979-80; 1990-93)
- 1980: Started AIDS Ministry at Antioch. Started Antioch Senior Care (ASK) ministry. Led the purchase of property along Johnson Street and Northside Drive.
- 1981: Led a cortege of hearses (called Parade of Hearses) from Antioch to Salem Baptist Churches symbolizing the children who were victims during Atlanta's Missing and Murdered period (1979-1981). Led the purchase of 2 parcels on Walnut Street.
- 1982: Preached at St. John Baptist Church in Russia. Spearheaded a community march from Fulton County Stadium to Woodruff Park in protest Black on Black crime. Opened Antioch Food Bank in conjunction with the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Implemented the Evangelistic Task Force (ETF)
- 1983: Formed the Atlanta Action Alliance, a coalition of downtown churches, in partnership with Dr. Charles Stanley, First Baptist Church, to provide resources for homeless persons in the downtown area. Became member of Atlanta Community Food Bank to augment Antioch Food Bank Resources. Started Antioch Clothing Bank
- 1984: Implemented Antioch's Satellite Sunday School in the Herndon Homes community.
- 1985: Hosted National Baptist Convention (also 1992, 2005). Chaired the first Football Classic in Atlanta and hosted 7 African Ambassadors representing 7 different African countries. Implemented Project Redirection in conjunction with Clark Atlanta University and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

Computer Lab in collaboration with Educational Development Systems

- 2000: Called for a picket of the Super Bowl XXXIV game to protest the confederate emblem on the Georgia flag. Led a Millennium March through downtown Atlanta, an interfaith march with rally at the Civic Center. Led the purchase of property to construct Jett Street parking lot, the purchase of 646 Griffin Street (Ruth's Place), and the purchase of the Elm Street properties.
- 2001: Organized Antioch Lithia Spring Mission (10/26), name changed in 2005 to "Antioch's Loving Spirit Mission" became a church in 2008, "Loving Spirit Missionary Baptist Church." Organized Antioch North Baptist Mission (3/25). Led the purchase of CSX Railroad lot and 4 adjacent acres to prevent the church from becoming landlocked.
- 2002: Led purchase of 11 acres of additional land surrounding Antioch. Opened Job's Christian Recovery Home a ministry for disabled men recovering from substance abuse. Opened Lydia's House, a Christian-based residential services for working women who are chemically dependent. Started the NCEI Employment Resource Center.
- 2003: Implemented the AIMM Ministry, the foreign missions ministry to address international initiatives. Led the purchase of Southeast Recycling Property (approximately 4.2 acres).
- 2004: Resigned Presidency of GMBC, awarded President Emeritus status. Sponsored Haitian Relief Drive and sent two 55' containers of non-perishable food, clothes, and household supplies to northern areas of Haiti ravaged by Hurricane Jeanne. Led the purchase of Kennedy/Griffin apartments
- 2005: Opened Gateway Apartments, spearheaded by Bethursday Development Corporation. Led march from the Richard Russell building to Morris Brown College supporting the reinstatement of the Voter's Rights Act. Provided housing at the Lakewood Playhouse and food and clothes through the Antioch Food and Clothing Banks for victims of Hurricane Katrina.
- 2006: Renewal of Paramount Chief status by the African community at Christmas Tree Extravaganza.
- 2007: Implemented Vision 2007, church-wide celebration of the four pillars, Fellowship, Evangelism, Doctrine, Stewardship, with emphasis on the spiritual foundation of the church's program, Bible-based, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led, Mission-bound. Sponsored two buses of members to the Jena 6 Rally in Jena, LA. Led the purchase of the McCloudy properties. Led the construction on Elm Street Town Homes.
- 2008: Created "Connecting the dot . . ." series with Rev. C. T. Vivian, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Ambassador Andrew Young, Congressman John Lewis, guest speakers. Sponsored forum on the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA) for the enlightenment of the membership and the community. Recognized by Atlanta Business League's 50 Men of Influence, inducted into the ABL Legends Hall of Fame.
- 2009: Inducted into the Civil Rights Walk of Fame. Sermons on the impact of the Obama election preserved at the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress. Recognized by the Georgia Senate and House of Representatives through a Resolution. Appointed to the Global Advisory Board for the Center for Civil and Human Rights of Atlanta. Honored by Hank Stewart's "White Linen Affair."
- 2010: Implemented the Antioch newsletter, "The Church at Antioch." Begun the observance of Wedding Anniversaries on the first Sunday of each month to recognize and observe married couples within

- 1986: Provided leadership for the ceremonial groundbreaking for Antioch's new worship center complex
- 1987: Chaired Martin Luther King, Jr. Week Interfaith Service. Led the purchase of Chapel Road property (original Matthew's Place).
- 1988: Delivered the benediction at the Democratic National Convention. Held first pre-bid meeting for construction of new edifice. Started Antioch Hope Line. Opened Ananias House Recovery Ministry.
- 1989: Erected the dross overlooking the plaza. Started "Mission–in-Action." First African American minister to preach at this Baptist Church in Jamaica, accompanied by Psalms 150 Choir. Led the purchase of additional property along Kennedy Street which is now the Eden Parking Lot.
- 1990: Entered the newly-constructed Antioch Baptist Church North
- 1991: Implemented AUMI, a 501©(3) organization to expand human resources programming. Led purchase of Old Walton Hotel (now Madison House) for AIDS ministry; housed non-infectious TB homeless persons (.B.R.E.A.T.H.)..Began structuring Antioch School of the Bible (1993 implemented).
- 1992: Delivered the address for Sunday Prayer Breakfast for NAREB (National Association of Real Estate Brokers) Convention in the Bahamas where there was an emphasis on a National Housing Ministry. Sent medical supplies to Haiti, constructed a health clinic and multi purpose room for a school and worship center in Tapio. Organized the Madison House Mission.
- 1993: Hosted Nelson Mandela's 1st visit to Atlanta; 300 voice Antioch choir performs for the ceremony in Dobbs Stadium at Georgia Tech. Negotiated the opening of Welcome House for homeless persons who had occupied the old Imperial Hotel.
- 1994: Provided original resources for Jesse Jackson's first Presidential campaign. Mobilized resources for Albany residents flooded by tropical storm Alberto. Negotiated the building of 4 Habitat Houses by Super Bowl 28, (first new housing in English Avenue in 40 years). Became Chairman of Board, Bethursday Development Corporation. Hosted by African Ambassadors in Washington, DC. in the interest of Africare Inc., started Africare Chapter in Atlanta. Opened the Land of Promise Mission. Opened Matthew's Place for those living with AIDS or who are HIV positive. Opened Ruth's Place for women in recovery
- 1995: Built 40 Habitat Homes in English Avenue in partnership with Peachtree Presbyterian Church. Served as Co-Chair – Atlanta Billy Graham Crusade. Organized Antioch Lakewood Mission. Opened Luke's Place Christian Recovery Program for men. Started the Land of Promise Recovery Program for men in Culloden, GA.
- 1996: Visited the Holy Land. Demanded that jobs for the community and Olympic venues be constructed on the Atlanta University campus for 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta
- 1997: Crowned Paramount Chief of African nations in Georgia. Led the purchase of the Selig Building to house the administrative offices of Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. and the Department of Human Resources.
- 1998: Started "Dreaming Out Loud" (formerly Project Youth Redirection) in collaboration with Burger King Corporation
- 1999: Led the purchase of the 590 North Avenue building for youth and church-wide events. Opened a

the membership; revived the Birth Month Fellowships to increase fellowship opportunities among the membership and to support church improvements. Hosted the Southeastern Baptist Youth Convention, General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. Celebrated Scholarship Sunday with an announcement that cumulative gifts of \$1,205,000 had been given in Scholarships to date. The Atlanta City Council and the Mayor approved the renaming of "Kennedy Street" in Pastor's honor to "Cameron M. Alexander Blvd." A commemorative parade and program held to immortalize this historic event.



THE PASTORATE

by the late Rev. Levi Terrill

Roman 10:15 states: "And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!" This lyrical scripture states eloquently the mode of transportation of the early preachers. Our pastor, cut from the same mold, has served the pastorate well by bringing the good news to us in our sick rooms, during our lonely hours, during moments of despair, and during our times of confusion.

In Psalms 66:9, God is praised for not suffering our feet to be moved. Those who occupy the pastorate must forever be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." Reverend Alexander has stood in the gap for forty-two years resisting the wiles of the devil while teaching us to be strong in the Lord. His feet have not moved.

Isaiah 52:7 states: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth!"

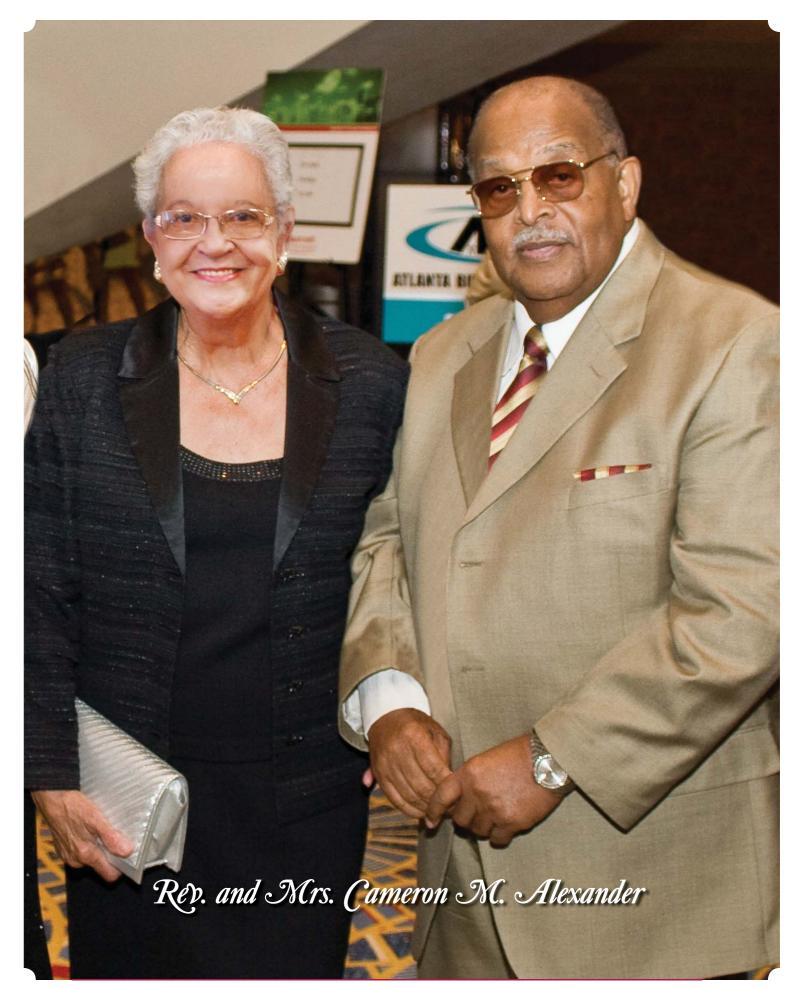
The man who sits in the seat of the pastorate must always bring the good news and keep the peace and lead the way to heaven. Our pastor has certainly done that! Reverend Alexander's forty-two years at Antioch North have been years of peace, joy, prosperity, and obedience for those who dwell herein. His sounding of the good news has pointed the way to salvation for thousands. Our pastor has kept his "feet" shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

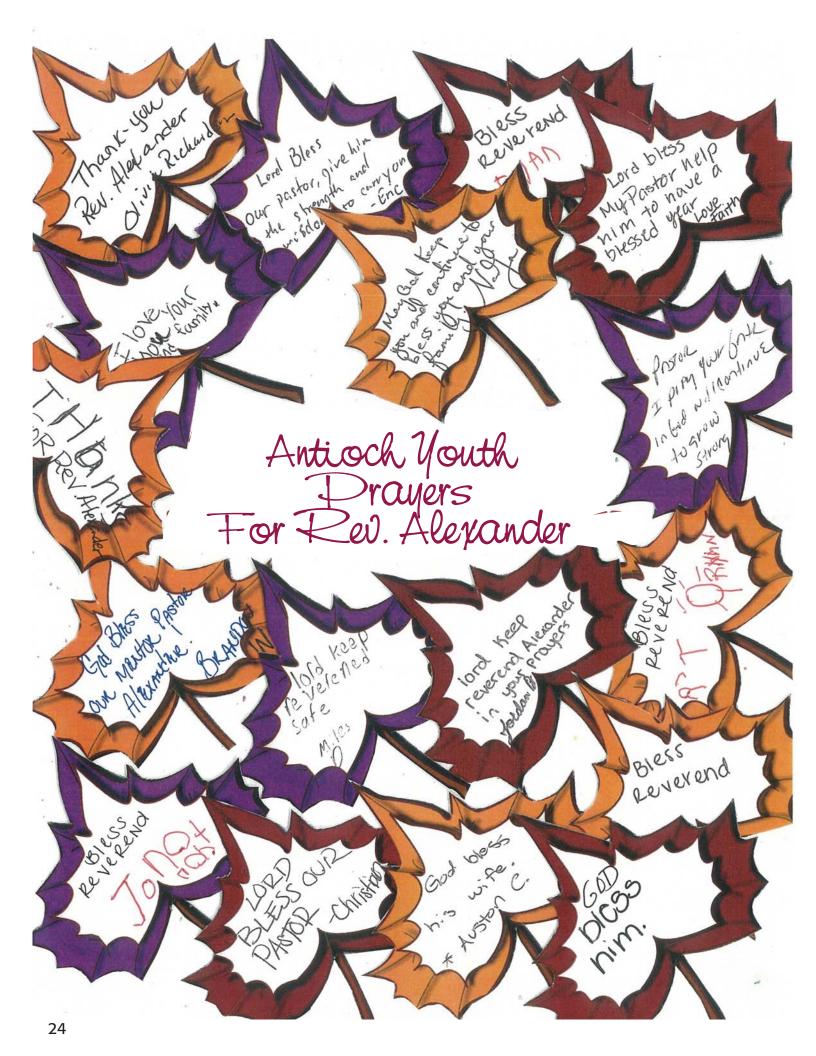
The Pastorate requires strong feet, for the shepherd must lead the flock on the long journey. May the feet of this occupant of Antioch's Pastorate remain strong, steady, straight, and solid. As his strong voice continues to proclaim God's Eternal Truth, may his feet forever remain in the "paths of righteousness."

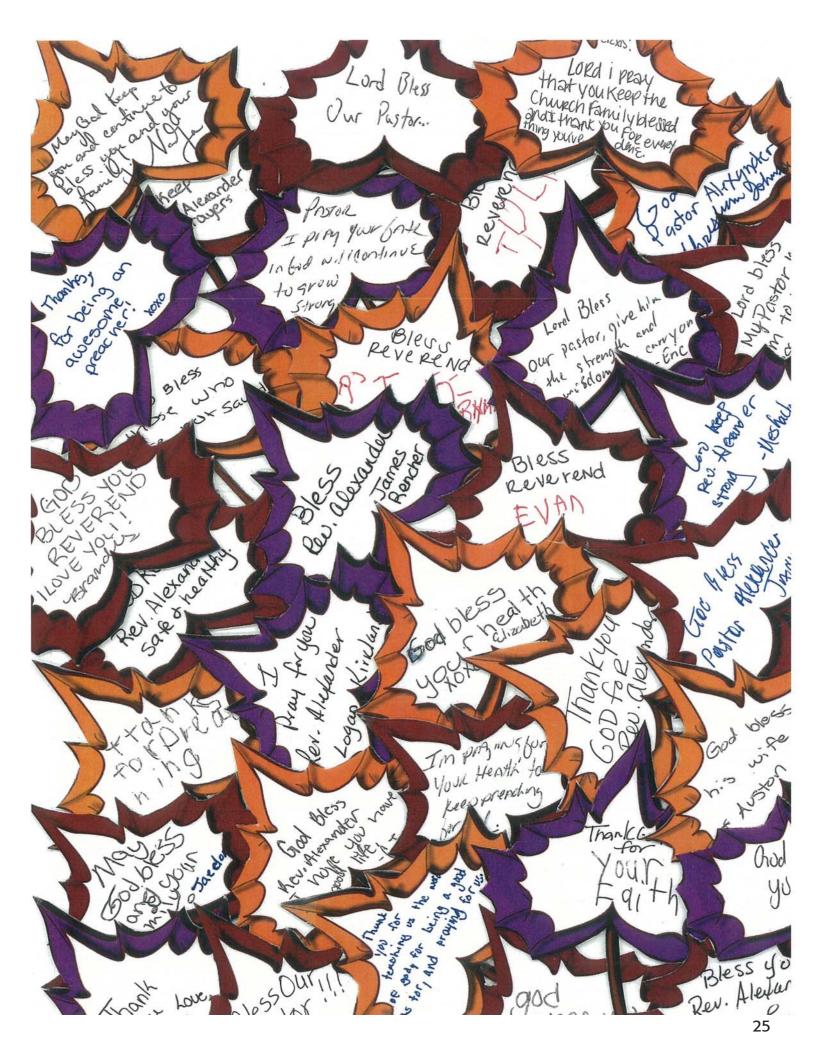
From today's vantage point, it is extremely difficult to imagine where our beloved Antioch would be if it had not been for the Lord sending one of His best under shepherds to our pulpit at a time when we needed him most. Just like a tree planted by rivers of water, Reverend Alexander has nurtured within the hearts and souls of the Antioch congregational family a strong belief and persistence that everything having to do with "Church" must be Bible-based, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led and Mission-bound. Having abided by that basic principle, today, Antioch stands tall as a place of refuge, a stalwart and an uncompromising beacon of hope that sheds a true light of promise at the corner of Northside Drive and Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard.

The Alexander Family









42nd Pastoral Anniversary Events









Taste of Antioch







7 Last Words



Churchwide Birthmonth



SERVING THE LEAST OF THESE...

TELEPHONE HOPE LINE MINISTRY offers prayer and confidential support. The phone number is 404-522-HOPE(4673).

HUMAN SERVICES MINISTRY

For the week ending July 30, 2010, 396 food boxes were distributed. The value of the groceries was \$9,470 (average cost per family estimated at \$48/box if purchased retail). A total of 8,189 pounds of food was distributed, 396 meals served to AUMI residents, and 257 community meals were served.

CLOTHING BANK

Thirty-five(35) families received clothing through the Clothing Bank.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Ministry requests your presence at Sunday School. Today's lesson is **"Overcoming Obstacles"**. The Scripture comes from **Phillippians 1:18b-29**. The lesson for next Sunday will be **"Serving Others"**, **Phillippians 2:1-13**. We have classes for every age group so we look forward to seeing you in Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. today. All college students are encouraged to attend the College Student's class in room 4.

4TH ANNUAL CMA GOLF CLASSIC

The 4th Annual Cameron M. Alexander Golf Classic will be held on Friday, August 26, 9:00 a.m. in Villa Rica, GA at the Canongate Mirrorlake Golf Course. This event will benefit the Antioch Urban Ministries. Women are also invited!! Register early and save! If you are interested in participating or need additional information, please contact Dea. Benny Williams in the church office.

TRASH TO TREASURE

Trash to Treasure! Saturday, August 27 – 12:00 Noon at the 590 Building! Place this event at the top of your weekly list, Tack it to your refrigerator, calendar or place a note around your wrist. Whatever it takes to help you remember, do it! Your giving is needed before September. Mid August is the deadline for accepting donations, so, clear out your cabinets and closets of all those accumulations. We want your new and nearly new items taking up your needed space, those things never unwrapped, still boxed and bagged need a new home place. Please place your donations in the designated bins throughout the church



IN MEMORY

The flowers in the baptistry are in memory of Pastor Alexander's parents, the Reverend Homer and Sis. Augustus Alexander.

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER

Please be in prayer for Rev. Eddie & Sis. Vivian Bright and Family. Her Mother, Mrs. Myrtle Bush passed. Services were held on Thursday, August 4, in Barnwell, SC. Also be in prayer for Bro. Joseph & Sis. Gwendolyn Johnson & Family. His Sister, Sis. Sallie Harden passed. Services were held on Tuesday, August 2, in Atlanta. Please keep Rev. Terry Hightower & family in your prayers. Services for his Mother were held on Saturday, August 6, at the Lakewood Mission.

BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL

On Saturday, August 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the 590 Building, the Youth Division will sponsor the Annual Back to School Festival. You are asked to please donate school supplies which are listed on posters around the church and on Antioch's website. Collection bins are available throughout the church. Please register your child today after both services in the Northex or downstairs outside Fellowship Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Antioch's Youth Basketball Team for taking 1st place in the Basketball tournament held during the National Baptist Convention Southeast Regional Youth Conference. The Conference was held on July 28, 29 and July 30, in Macon, GA. The Trophy can be viewed today in the Northex. We want to also congratulate Coach Felicia Davis.

Worship Service Coordinator:

7:45am & 11am - Sis. Lauren Flowers Security Chiefs on duty:

7:45am-Bro. Larry Parks, 11am-Bro. Julius Simmons Trustees on duty:

7:45am-Min. Darrell Arnold, 11am-Bro. William Clement **Health Professionals on duty**:

7:45am-Sis. Sherlyn Walker, 11am-Sis. Carol Thomas

Care & Comfort Ministry - Sick & Shut-In Lists

Members in Hospitals

Mother Annie Harding - South Fulton Hospital, ICU 4010 Sis. Stephanie Johnson - Emory Hospital, Rm 617 Sis. Jaqueline McCullough – South Fulton Hospital, Rm 4011 Sis. Julia Scott – Atlanta Medical Center – Rm 459 Mother Lula West – Emory Univ. Hospital, Rm G433

Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Sis. Ozrie Canady – AG Rhodes/Wesley Wood Rehab Ctr., 1819 Clifton Rd., Rm. 410, Atlanta 30329 Sis. Mary Carson – Carestone Assist. Living, 1345 Milford Church Rd, Rm 102, Marietta 30008 Sis. Celestia Dallas - Reliable Health & Rehab, 3301 Lakewood Ave, Atl 30315 Mother Annie Harding – Sunbridge Nursing Home, 2850 Springdale Rd, Atl 30315 Sis. Bettye Harris – Nursecare of Buckhead, 2920 Pharr Court South, NW 30305, Rm 205 Sis. Billie Hartley – College Park Healthcare Center, Rm 215, 1765 E. Temple Ave. 30337 Mother Mary Hood – Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, 54 P'tree Pk. Dr. Rm 406, Atl 30309 Bro. James Hopkins - Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, 54 P'tree Pk Dr, Atl 30309 Mother Willie Mae Hunter – Arbor Terrace, 1001 Research Ctr., Apt. 213, 30331 Mother Ella Mae Merritt - Sadie Mayes Nursing Home, 1821 Anderson Ave, Atl 30318 Sis. Ruby Rhodes - Heritage Helthcare, 2645 Whiting St, NW Atlanta 30318 Bro. Franklin Robinson - Sadie Mayes Nursing Home, 1821 Anderson Ave, Atl 30318 Sis. Rosalie Thomas - Summerset Assisted Living, 3711 Benjamin E. Mays Dr. SW, 30331 Sis. Betty Tye – Lake City Nursing Rehab Center, 2055 Rex Rd, Rm 511A, Lake City 30260 Sis. Roselle Wright-Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, 54 P'tree Pk Dr. Rm 307, Atl 30309

Members Convalescing at Home

Sis. Lisa Alexander – 2805 Palm View Court SW, Atlanta 30331 Sis. Wanda Alexander - 2697 Morris St NW, Atlanta 30318 Sis. Zeporia Alexander - 707 Caron Circle NW, Atlanta 30318 Bro. Patrick Bell - 3041 Landrum Dr SW, Atlanta 30311 Sis. Bernice Brown - 2240 Peachtree Rd, Apt 415, Atlanta 30309 Sis. LaSandra Brown - 1690 Pinehurst Drive, SW 30311 Sis. Robertine Bryant – 2746 Claire Terrace, Decatur 30032 Bro. Jesse Davis - 170 Cottsford Dr SW, Atlanta 30331 Sis. Essie Gant - 3188 Abbey Wood Dr, Decatur 30034 Sis. Minnie George – 603 Champions Drive, McDonough 30252 Bro. Collier Glover – 2395 Cove Lake Way, Lithonia 30058 Mother Virginia Hall - 2820 Peachtree Rd NW #803, Atlanta 30305 Bro. Carlton Hendrix - 3069 Valleydale Rd. Atlanta 30311 Sis. Shante Holiday – 21 Bookout Loop, Powder Springs 30127 Sis. Irene Hudgins - 2730 Valante Terrace, East Point 30344 Sis. Georgia Jernigan – 2011 Bader Avenue, SW 30310 Sis. Gwendolyn Johnson - 1811 Fayetteville Ct. SE, Atlanta 303116 Bro. Joseph Johnson – 1811 Fayetteville Ct. SE, Atlanta 30316 Sis. Wilma Johnson - 3364 Raes Creek Rd, Marietta, GA 30008 Bro. Phillip Lyde - 3460 Heritage Valley Rd SW, Atlanta 30331 Bro. David McCier-Big Bethel Village, 500 Richard Allen Blvd SW, Apt 140, Atl 30331 Sis. Sylvia McClain – 1793 Mary Lou Lane, SE Atlanta 30316 Sis. Ramona Moore - 195 Evergreen Terrace, Apt 405, Stockbridge, GA 30281 Sis. Sallie O'Bryant - 2610 M. L. K. Drive, NW #716 30311 Bro. Larry Parks - 2421 Tiffany Place, Decatur 30035 Sis. Mary Perkins - 2315 Carver Drive, NW 30314 Sis. Cynthia Price - 562 Meldrum St. Atlanta 30318 Sis. Jessie Ross – 7331 Bramble Oak Dr. Douglasville 30134 Bro. Fred Samuels, Jr. - 4050 Morgan Rd. Apt. 121, Union City, 30291 Sis. Jessie Stafford - 1298 Lockhaven Cir., Atl 30311 Sis. Wilma Sherman - 2788 Summit Pkwy SW, Atl 30331 Sis. Janie Starks – 308 Verdon Place, Trotwood, OH 45426 Bro. Leroy Walker - 267 Barfield Avenue SW, Atlanta 30310 Mother Dorothy Williams – 209 Lee St, #2-11, Calhoun, SC 29628 Bro. James Williams - 1828 Windsor Dr. SW, Atlanta 30311