

1877-2025

Antioch Baptist Church North

148th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, November 9, 2025, 10:00 am



*One Body, Many Generations: United in
Christ Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*

Romans 12:5

ANNIVERSARY PREACHER

Reverend J. Scott Copeland

*Pastor, Prospect Missionary Baptist Church
LaFayette, GA*

Antioch Baptist Church North

Rev. K. L. Alexander, Pastor

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AN ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

November 9, 2025

Greetings Antioch North Family,



Romans 12:4-5 tells us, “For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.” 148 years ago, eight former slaves were brave and faithful enough to come together for one simple reason—to pray on Thursdays. They met in a butcher shop and became known as the BeThursday Prayer Group because prayer meeting would be on **Thursday**. These eight Christians had endured slavery and were then free to gather during the turbulent times in which they lived.

They came together to not only fellowship with each other but also focus their faith and communicate with their God. Though these trailblazers had persevered through the bondage of slavery, they remained keenly aware of the persistent hardships of their present and future. So, this faith community kept praying and began attracting more people who realized they needed prayer also. BeThursday Prayer Group increased and formalized their prayer service which evolved to worship and praise under the name of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church North.

Antioch had humble beginnings, yet she has survived and thrived for 148 years. Only God has the record of how many souls have been saved, how many people have been baptized, how many sacred weddings have taken place, or how many lives have been celebrated as they transitioned from this world for that undiscovered country which has streets of gold and walls of jasper. God has kept Antioch’s record on high, however, the evidence of transformed lives is in our memories and hearts while we continue to hold up the blood-stained banner.

We are the lively stones for whom those who came before us prayed. We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us—who did not enjoy some of the blessings we enjoy—yet, they built a firm foundation from which we now rise. The membership has expanded from Fifth Ward to many parts of the world. We celebrate today as we reap the harvest of those who planted before us. When those eight former slaves came together, they were one body in Christ with a focus on prayer.

Antioch is known for fighting for voting rights, human rights, and serving the needs of people. We are one body in Christ that strives to do what Jesus told us to do. We provide 1,000 boxes or bags of food every week. We give water to the thirsty. We take in strangers and visit the sick and imprisoned. We house and provide supportive services, such as employment referrals and an apparel mart, for people who are HIV positive, men and women recovering from substance abuse.

We live in troubling days that press us to return to our basic beliefs and practices. Prayer is our focus and serving this present age is our calling. If all the generations who came before us could endure, build, and grow spiritually through their troubled times, then we have no reason to doubt that God will continue to bless us so that we can serve this present age, our calling to fulfill.

Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander
Reverend K. L. Alexander
Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

CELEBRATING 148 YEARS!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 • 10AM

The Ringing of the Bell.....	The Roberts Family
Entrance of the Word.....	The Burton Family
Devotion	
Prayer.....	Brother Tom Jennings
Song.....	Sister Freida Aden
The Call to Worship.....	Reverend Oscar Scott
Morning Hymn, #248.....	<i>"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"</i>
Announcements.....	The Speed Family
Historical Reflection.....	Sister Algernon Roberts
Recognition of Visitors.....	The Dortch Family
Greetings/Remarks.....	Councilman Michael Bond
Selection.....	Mass Choir/Youth Choir/Youth Dancers
Offertory Appeal/Prayer	
The Tithes & Offering	
Introduction of Speaker.....	Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander
Sermon Hymn, #135.....	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>
Sermon.....	Reverend J. Scott Copeland Pastor, Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, LaFayette, GA
The Invitation to Discipleship.....	Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander
Late Tithes & Offerings.....	Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander
Special Presentations.....	Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander
Closing Remarks.....	Reverend J. Scott Copeland
Benediction.....	Reverend J. Scott Copeland

(Dinner will be served downstairs in Fellowship Hall)

OUR SPEAKER

REVEREND JEFFERY SCOTT COPELAND PASTOR, PROSPECT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



The Reverend Jeffery Scott Copeland serves as the pastor of the Prospect Missionary Baptist Church in LaFayette, Georgia. Born and educated in Oak Ridge, TN. Rev Copeland accepted Christ at the age of 13 and was baptized by the late Elder D. J. Ward at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Oak Ridge. He accepted the call to preach and was licensed in 2001 and ordained in 2004 by the late Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander, Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church North in Atlanta, Georgia.

A veteran of the United States Navy Reverend Copeland served for four years and after being discharged he earned an Associate of Science degree from the RETS Electronics Institute in Louisville, KY, and later graduated with honors from Point University in Atlanta, Georgia, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Christian Ministry.

Reverend Copeland serves full-time on the staff of Antioch Baptist Church North as the Minister of the Day under the guidance of Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander. He also serves as Ministerial Advisor for Antioch's Care & Comfort Ministry and as the AUMI Substance Abuse Program Director for the Men & Women's Recovery Program.

Reverend Copeland is affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, USA, the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia and the First North GA Baptist Association. He currently serves as the Assistant Disaster relief coordinator for the 7th district of the GMBC. His benevolence and charitable Christian spirit and service have been recognized with numerous honors. He was named Man of the Year in 1999 by the Antioch Baptist Church North and received Overcomer of the year award from the Concerned Black Clergy in 2001 and in 2008 was honored with a community service award from The Product of the Power Recovery Ministry for his outstanding contributions to the greater Atlanta community in the field of substance abuse recovery.

Reverend Copeland is the devoted husband of Loressa (Lisa) Veonge Copeland and the proud father of Jeffery Noah Copeland. As a strong believer in Christ, Reverend Copeland believes with all his heart that anyone can be changed by the power of God. As a servant for Jesus Christ, he is committed wholeheartedly to the cause of Christ to care for the least, the last and the lost. Reverend Copeland is a witness that through a right relationship with Jesus Christ anyone can be set free to become all that God has called them to be. John 8:36 states, "If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Welcome Visitors!

Our Pastor, Rev. K. L. Alexander, and the entire Antioch Church Family, welcome you to our Sunday morning worship service. From your visit with us today, we hope you will feel the love of Christ and the sweet fellowship that comes from our love for him. This is our special way of providing for you a rewarding and memorable worship experience. God bless you, and we thank you for your visit.



As we celebrate 148 years of God's faithfulness to our beloved Antioch, we invite every member to prepare a special anniversary offering of \$148 or more as a token of gratitude for all God has done. Your gift—above your regular tithes and offerings—will help strengthen the ongoing ministry and work of Antioch for generations to come.

For your giving convenience



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(Example: ABCN 50 to give \$50.00)

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Historical Highlights of the Antioch Baptist Church North

by: The Late Brother Barney Simms updated Highlights from 2010-2014
Highlights updated by Sis. Karen McKinney Holley - 2022

Since 1877, the Antioch Baptist Church North has stood in Atlanta as a beacon of hope and a place of refuge. For six generations, the congregational family has nurtured thousands of persons who have been counted among the least, the last, and the lost. As a church family, we celebrate our 148th Anniversary with a renewed commitment to build upon the remarkable record of charitable Christian service that has made Antioch one of God's best churches. The journey from 1877 to 2022 has not been easy, but it certainly has been rewarding! Those rewards and God's promise of eternal life give our ever-growing congregation inspiration and meaning to continue the journey "to see what the end will be."

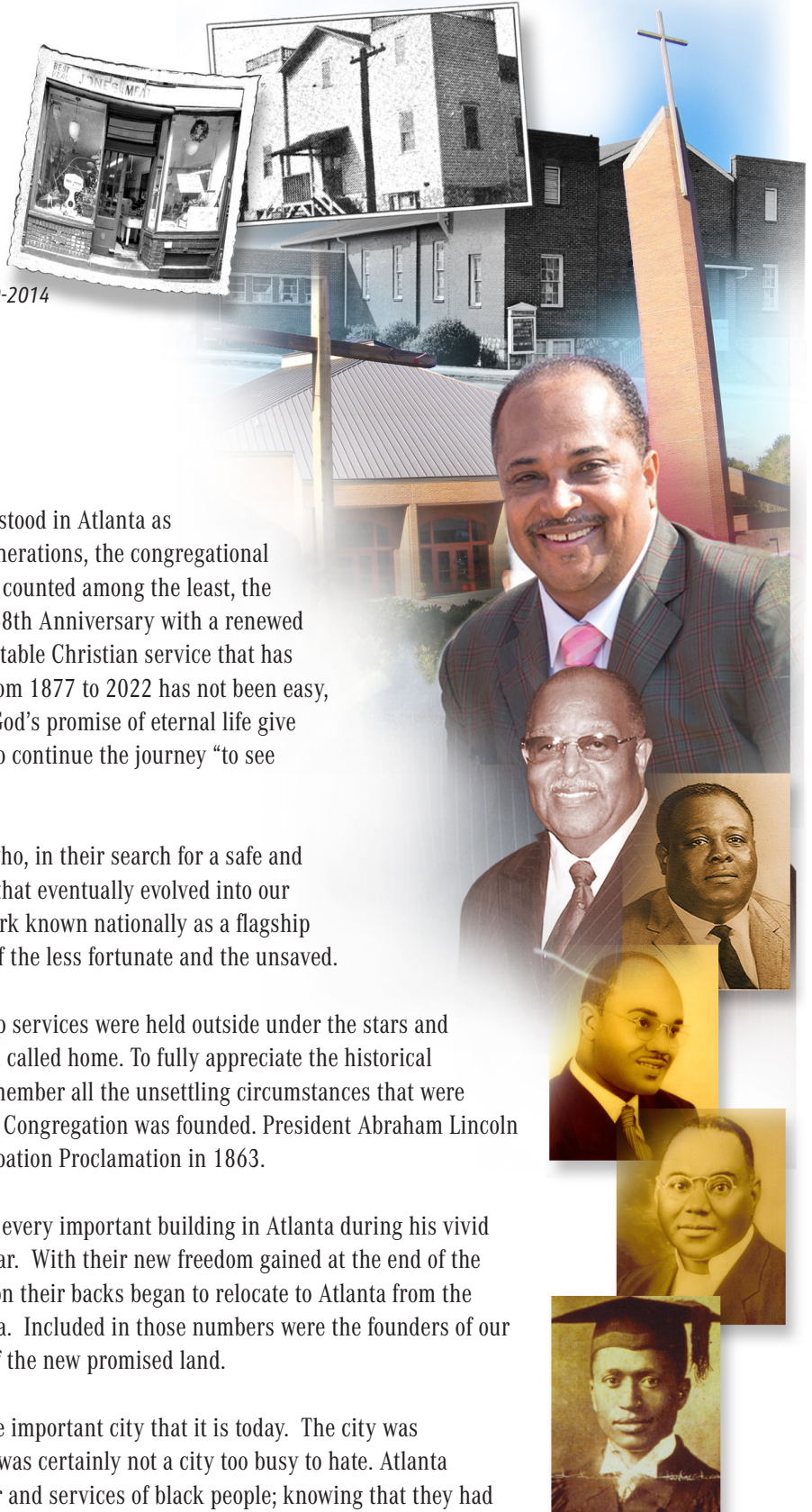
The Congregation remembers those eight former slaves who, in their search for a safe and secure place to praise God, loosely formed a prayer band that eventually evolved into our beloved Antioch Baptist Church North, an Atlanta landmark known nationally as a flagship church in the struggle for human dignity and the plight of the less fortunate and the unsaved.

The Antioch Congregation's earliest meetings and worship services were held outside under the stars and in shanty one-room structures that our founding brethren called home. To fully appreciate the historical significance of the Congregation's founding, one must remember all the unsettling circumstances that were happening in Atlanta during the 1880s when the Antioch Congregation was founded. President Abraham Lincoln had recently freed the slaves when he signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

In 1864, General William Sherman destroyed and burned every important building in Atlanta during his vivid march across Georgia during America's infamous Civil War. With their new freedom gained at the end of the Civil War, thousands of former slaves with only the rags on their backs began to relocate to Atlanta from the great cotton plantations of rural south and central Georgia. Included in those numbers were the founders of our congregation. They, too, were traveling north in search of the new promised land.

One hundred and forty-four years ago, Atlanta was not the important city that it is today. The city was beginning to rebuild from the ravages of the Civil War. It was certainly not a city too busy to hate. Atlanta merchants and builders took advantage of the cheap labor and services of black people; knowing that they had worked as slaves with no compensation, they would hire four to five blacks for the wages of one white person. As a result, of this practice, Atlanta's poor white citizens were resentful and began terrorizing these former slaves for taking jobs away from them.

Adding to the confusion, the newly organized Atlanta newspapers began to distort and sensationalize feelings between Atlanta's blacks and whites. As a result, black people became too frightened to travel distances. By 1877, black people in Atlanta had become isolated in



individual living wards and areas called “colored quarters.” In the quarters that became known as Fifth Ward, there was not a church close to where our founding members lived for worship and rejoicing. A trip across town, through white quarters, to the nearest colored church was like putting one’s life into the hands of the devil.

Out of this fear and the need to serve God, Oscar Young, Miles Crawford, Jordan Beavers, Lem Wright, and four other former slaves organized a prayer group, calling themselves the Bethursday Prayer Band because the “meetin’ be on Thursdays.” As the meetings grew in regularity, so did the number of persons attending. The meetings moved from house to house until the group was able to use space in a butcher shop where one of the members worked.

Eight years later in 1895, the members of the Bethursday Prayer Band borrowed \$200 from the Southern Home Building and Loan Association and purchased its first property, a dilapidated basement structure at number seven Wallace Street. It was a stretch, but the group agreed to pay back the loan at \$1.20 per month. While many of today’s congregational members may get a smile from this fact, it was an unbelievable amount of money to be entrusted to uneducated, former slaves without any collateral.

The initial loan to purchase the Wallace Street property was paid off in record time in 1899. The congregation then, more than a century ago, faced the same challenge that the Antioch Congregation faces in 2021. They wondered how they would address and serve the needs of their growing membership in spaces that had become over-crowded and too small even though they had just purchased the property five years earlier.

Their dilemma in 1899 was a cause of great concern as they questioned their preparedness for serving God’s people at the start of the 20th Century.

Today, the Antioch pastor, deacons, trustees, and membership face some of the same challenges and ask some of the same questions that the Bethursday Prayer Group asked. “How will we address the needs of an ever-growing membership and a community challenged by economic restraints during a struggling economy?”

In 1899, at the dawning of the 20th Century, the Bethursday Prayer Band renewed that initial loan and remodeled its basement structure to adequately serve its members. In addition, they changed their name and identity from the Bethursday Prayer Band to Antioch Baptist Church and moved into the 20th Century with jubilant enthusiasm and great excitement.

The founders should be commended on their choice of the name Antioch. It was a fine choice for it was at Antioch that the term “Christian” was first given to converts to the new faith, and it was Paul’s point of departure on his missionary journey.

By the early 1920s, the Antioch membership had grown tremendously and now included a few property owners, skilled laborers, and a few other persons who had been exposed to education; some could even read and write. This was a time of rapid growth and expansion for our young congregation.

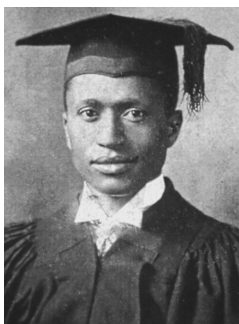
The names of the very early ministers who nurtured and served as pastors of the young Antioch congregation were never chronicled in written historical documents; however, oral histories and conversations with Antioch Pioneers identify the names of Rev. Jerry Davis, a Rev. Harris, a Rev. Briscoe, Rev. B. T. Harvey and Rev. Alfred C. Williams as early ministers who served at Antioch. These preachers are warmly remembered for courageously proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to our young congregational family.

1922-1927

In 1922, the Reverend Timothy Saine was called to Antioch and guided the young congregation through the 1920s. His leadership stressed the dignity of work and honest labor. He is especially remembered today for his leadership in the construction of Antioch’s first “new” building. In 1924, the congregation borrowed three thousand dollars to build its “new” church using its recently acquired properties at Wallace and Gray Streets as collateral.

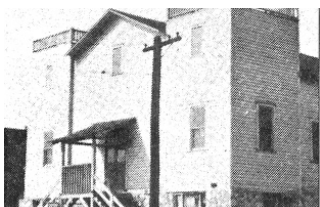
Antioch's first church building was no architectural wonder, but it was a fine example of civic architecture of the day wherein everyone in the congregation and community helped to build it. It was a stark clapboard structure housing the sanctuary atop a tall stone foundation that served as the first fellowship hall.

Having been trained at Hampton and Tuskegee Institutes, Reverend Saine encouraged the members to prepare themselves and their children for opportunities in teaching, railroad employment, carpentry and other skilled jobs. His teachings fostered at Antioch an atmosphere of encouragement and hope and accounted for a remarkable level of family solidarity and the upward mobility of the young church.



1927-1943

In 1927, Reverend Timothy George was called to lead Antioch. He provided guidance and leadership during the Great Depression when large masses of the congregational family found themselves unemployed following the famous stock market crash as Atlanta banks, businesses, and manufacturing companies closed. It is seldom talked about, but the young congregation could not meet its financial obligations and maintain the day-to-day financial operations of the church during this very difficult time. As a result, the church's property was foreclosed upon and sold on the steps of the Fulton County Courthouse. That was a sad time in the Congregation's history, but because of the membership's determined stewardship and faithfulness and the effective leadership of Rev. George, the property was quickly recovered.



By 1940 when the City of Atlanta proposed building federal public housing in the community, Antioch had regained its anchor and its voice as leader of the community. The congregation was elated about the idea of decent public housing for the area, not knowing at the time, however, that Herndon Homes would displace the church building.

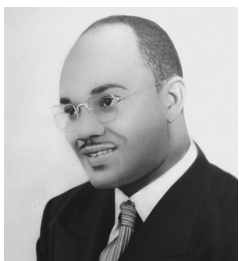
By an act of easement, the Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta paid the congregation \$8,300 for its Gray Street property. Not wanting to relocate from the area where the Congregation had been conceived, nurtured, and allowed to grow, Rev. George, the deacons, and the trustees agreed to purchase available property beginning at the southwest corner of Kennedy and Lambert Streets for sixteen hundred dollars. Antioch moved its wooden sanctuary from its Gray Street stone foundation to a newly-built foundation on Lambert Street. With the remaining funds, the Church made a few minor cosmetic changes to the building, but the warm-spirited feeling of the congregation remained as it was.



1943-1963

Rev. T. H. George's son, the charismatic and energetic, Rev. D.T. George served as pastor of Antioch during the 1940's, 50's, and early 60's. During his pastorate, the church facilities were drastically renovated. Instead of relocating the Congregation during the Northside Drive expansion as the State Department of Transportation had suggested, Antioch remained at its location, turned its façade from Lambert Street, now called Northside Drive, to Kennedy Street, which has since been renamed Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard.

Rev. D. T. George restructured the organization of the congregation because he did not want just a church full of Sunday worshippers. He organized a number of auxiliaries to ensure the maximum participation from all segments of the congregation.



Many of those organizations are still in existence today and are important to the vitality of the Antioch Congregation. Included are the Deaconess, the Matronettes, the Fisherman Club, the Service Guild, the Nurses Aid, the Male Chorus, and the Progressive Garden Club. Choirs numbered 2 and 3 and the D.T. George Gospel Chorus have grown and merged into the Antioch Adult Choir. Rev. George was impaired by a stroke and retired in 1963.

1963-1969

The Rev. W. Marcus Williams became pastor of Antioch in 1963. He was young, energetic, and only 36 years old when he became pastor of the church. Rev. Williams was an excellent, yet controlled speaker, but is most often

remembered at Antioch for his magnificent tenor voice.

Having found the Church in sound fiscal health, and having a keen interest in sociology, Rev. Williams geared the congregation's attention toward social programs that would benefit the membership. He organized a church credit union and a daycare center. In 1969, he resigned the Antioch pulpit and accepted a new challenge.



1969-2018

The Rev. Cameron Madison Alexander accepted the Call to Antioch in 1969. After 49 years of incredible service, his tenure as pastor was the longest in Antioch's history.

Under Pastor Alexander's dynamic and visionary leadership, the congregation grew from fewer than 500 persons to a membership that currently exceeds thousands. The Rev. Alexander was the driving force in the congregation's acquisition of more than 87 separate parcels of land to facilitate the daily operations of Antioch and to enhance future growth needs. Antioch's annual operating budget grew from slightly more than thirty thousand dollars when he arrived as pastor to an access of \$5M based not on raffles, bake sales and gimmicks, but strictly upon the congregation's generous tithes, offerings, and gifts.



To maintain the many programs associated with Pastor Alexander's ministry and his vision for Antioch's future spiritual and economic development and growth, the Church staff grew from the one part-time employee who worked when Pastor Alexander arrived to 45 full- and part-time staff members. These employees manage church administrative services, plant operations, the transportation fleet, the Antioch Urban Ministries, the music program, the worship services, and the other various outreach activities and services that Pastor Alexander organized to service the needs of the membership and community.

Pastor Alexander is credited with providing visionary leadership for the planning and the execution of the most ambitious building and land acquisition program in the Antioch Congregation's history. During the late 1970s, he led the Congregation to purchase 28 acres of beautiful, wooded land in Southwest Atlanta in the Adamsville Community. It was to become the site of the Congregation's new worship complex. However, the Holy Spirit directed Pastor Alexander to change all of the relocation plans for moving the congregation to Southwest Atlanta when more pressing needs for serving God's people remained in our current inner-city location where the congregation has served since 1877.

During the late 1980s under Pastor Alexander's leadership, the congregation began a strategic acquisition of additional properties, purchasing single parcels of land surrounding the church facilities. To the surprise of many, and especially to the Atlanta business community, Antioch built its new multi-million-dollar worship center, which was dedicated in 1990, and its new administrative wing the following year at its current location. The land that the church purchased in Southwest Atlanta was eventually sold and became the site of a subdivision.

Most congregations experience membership decline during large building and acquisition programs, but under Pastor Alexander's guidance, the Antioch membership quadrupled causing him to expand the Church's outreach ministries ten-fold to meet the needs of new members and those continually coming to Antioch for help and for direction. Inspired by the six ministries in the Book of Matthew that outline the Church's responsibility to the less fortunate, Pastor Alexander established Antioch Urban Ministries Incorporated (AUMI) in the early 1990s.

In 1991, as Chairman of the Board of AUMI, Pastor Alexander provided leadership in acquiring the 12-story Walton Hotel in downtown Atlanta. Valued at the time of purchase for more than \$15M, the hotel was transformed into apartments for the working homeless and persons with noninfectious tuberculosis. The apartments were renamed the Madison House as a fitting tribute to the pastor whose middle name was Madison. The Church sold the building in 2012 to expand its ever-growing outreach ministries.

In 1992, the Ananias House was opened as a temporary home for recovering addicts. In 1994, Ruth's Place was opened as

a temporary home for women recovering from addiction and Matthew's Place opened a home for those who are HIV positive or living with AIDS. Additionally, Pastor Alexander provided the leadership for the establishment of Project Redirection as an alternative to incarceration for first-time offenders, and Project Youth Redirection, a ministry for youth struggling and living in at-risk environments.



In 1997, Pastor Alexander led the Congregation in the purchase of the Selig business plaza located adjacent to our worship center for purpose of establishing the administrative offices of AUMI. Additionally, the former Danzig Motel in Northwest Atlanta on Chapel Road was also purchased, renovated, and at one time served as the home for Matthew's Place and to expand our service to HIV-positive persons.

In 1999, the Congregation embraced Pastor Alexander's vision to purchase a multi-purpose building at 590 North Avenue. Known to the Congregation as "the 590," the building became a central point of fellowship for congregational events, youth, and community activities.

In 2001, Pastor Alexander, as Chairman of the Bethursday Development Corporation, provided leadership in the purchase of more than eleven, "prized" acres of land located between Joseph E. Boone Boulevard and Jett Street. The purchase was considered a prize inasmuch as several developers wanted the property and its proximity to the Georgia World Congress Center. Later, four and a half acres of railroad right of way were purchased from the CSX Railroad. These acquisitions would become the canvas for redeveloping the English Avenue community.

In 2004, Antioch joined in celebrating the opening of the wonderful Gateway Apartment Community, a neighborhood development partnership opportunity spearheaded by the Bethursday Development Corporation. The apartment community provided 261 units of quality, affordable housing fronting Northside Drive. The complex was welcomed as the precursor for the continued and aggressive development of the English Avenue Community.



Continuing to focus of the development and revitalization of the English Avenue Community, the Bethursday Development Corporation completed the first phase of twenty-eight townhomes on Elm Street, just two blocks west of the Church in 2008.

In 2010, the City of Atlanta changed the name of Kennedy Street, NW to Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard as a tangible way for the City to honor Pastor Alexander for his long and dynamic legacy of community service and civic leadership to the vitality of the City of Atlanta.

At the 2014 Annual Church Conference, the Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander was formally voted in as Co-Pastor. With pastoral experience, service as executive director of AUMI and trusted advisor to Pastor C.M. Alexander on matters relating to AUMI, Bethursday Development and real estate acquisitions, Rev. K. L. Alexander accepted the clarion call, uniquely qualified to serve this present age alongside Pastor Alexander.

While many congregations as old as Antioch often split and its members and leadership reorganize or struggle with leadership directions, under Pastor Alexander's vision, Antioch has successfully established eight missions: New Hope Mission, the Viking Mission, Lakemont Mission, Antioch Lakewood Mission, Antioch Madison House Mission, Antioch North Baptist Mission, Antioch Lithia Springs Mission, and the Antioch Community Mission at John's Creek. Of the eight missions, five have become strong, thriving congregational churches: Lakemont Missionary Baptist Church, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Loving Spirit Missionary Baptist Church, and New Horizon Baptist Church. During his long tenure as the illustrious president of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., Dr. Alexander provided the leadership for the establishment of the Land of Promise Mission. All of these new church congregations serve as living testimonies that Antioch's commitment to Christian Service is as strong, as dedicated, and as much needed today as it was in 1877 when eight former slaves came together for the first time in what would eventually evolve into our beloved Antioch Missionary Baptist Church North.

2019 - Present

Rev. K. L. Alexander is the son of the late Reverend Dr. C. M. Alexander and Dr. Barbara J. Alexander. A third-generation Baptist preacher, Pastor Alexander exhibits strength, courage, and transparency in his call to preach the gospel and addressing some of life's most pressing challenges and needs of the church. His powerful voice and strong ability to lead with a servant's heart was cultivated and nurtured at Antioch during his 50+ year membership.

On Sunday, March 31, 2019, the Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander, a resolute and God-fearing man of God was Consecrated as Pastor of the historic Antioch Baptist Church North. Reverend Alexander has remained steadfast in delivering messages of hope, encouragement, and redemption to all of God's people.

Carrying out God's directives given in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), Pastor Alexander is more committed than ever to the pastorate and honoring the legacy of serving the least, the less and the lost. In 2019, his visionary leadership led to the completion of several major church and Antioch campus renovation projects. In 2022, he oversaw a critical sanctuary upgrade, including the installation of a state-of-the-art audio-visual system, new flooring, lights, and pew padding. Additionally, after storm damage, the roof was replaced. A Sanctuary Rededication Service and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was the lead-in to the 148th Church Anniversary Celebration.



Led by the Holy Spirit, Pastor Alexander demonstrated an unprecedented measure of leadership in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, keeping the congregation and community safe by moving to virtual worship service on the 3rd Sunday in March 2020, prior to government-issued shelter-in-place orders. Under his leadership, Antioch Baptist Church North Network (ABCNN) was launched, led by a production team dedicated to keeping our church family and friends connected virtually via Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and our church website. He established the Covid-19 Taskforce, a team of medical professionals and church leaders who were charged with providing recommendations, counsel and strategy for managing essential church operations and providing data-based guidance for the return to in-person worship. A phased-in re-entry with all safety protocols in place was begun on Resurrection Sunday, April 17, 2022. Worship services and Wednesday Night Bible Study continue to be streamed

on social media platforms and many church worship, Christian education, outreach and fellowship opportunities continue virtually throughout the week:

• Daily Morning Devotion • Noonday Service • Sunday School • Sunday Worship Service • Thursday Night Bible Classes and Bible Study • Various Ministry Activities

Reverend Alexander is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. (AUMI). AUMI serves as an advocate agency providing essential support to families in need, comprehensive substance abuse recovery services, housing for persons living with HIV and youth mentoring. The AUMI Food Bank provides for over 400 families each week through collaboration with the Atlanta Community Food Bank. AUMI nearly tripled its distribution of food during the height of the pandemic with over 30,000 clients receiving over one million pounds of food. Our food service program also expanded to include prepared hot meal distribution 3 days a week and food delivery to seniors. The Apparel Shoppe (formerly the Clothing Bank) distributes donated apparel, toiletries, shoes and other necessities to men, women and children weekly.

Antioch continues to serve as a beacon of hope within the metro-Atlanta community and beyond. Through partnerships, AUMI served as a designated Covid-19 testing site and continues to provide Covid vaccinations. The inaugural Antioch Urban Ministries' Recovery Walk in 2022 raised awareness about substance abuse and funds to combat it. AUMI also partnered with Morehouse School of Medicine on several initiatives in 2022, including a health fair, where basic vital health checks, such as blood pressure and cholesterol levels, healthy cooking demonstrations, educational and support materials were available free of charge.

Pastor Alexander co-led the first 40-Day Turn-Up in partnership with the founder of the program, Dr. Joseph Williams. The biblically-based program focused on healthy eating and exercise as well as weekly information and support sessions. The successful pivot to online sessions at the outset of the Covid-19 pandemic spawned an online program that now reaches thousands.

Concerned about the whole person, Pastor Alexander has been proactive providing mental health awareness events. He issued a

call for mental health professionals in the congregation to establish a Mental Health Ministry. The ministry raises awareness about mental health issues and provides seminars and information on resources.

Pastor Alexander serves on several boards and committees specifically representing Antioch Baptist Church North and AUMI and focused on protecting the interests of our church, our members and those perceived as the least of these throughout the community:

- Westside Future Fund Board of Directors • Church Mutual African American Advisory Board • City of Atlanta Use of Force Advisory Council • Bethursday Development Board Chair • Treasurer of the Morehouse School of Religion Board of Trustees • General Missionary Baptist Convention, Inc.

Celebrating our 148th Anniversary as members of the body of Christ headquartered at Antioch North, like our founding Bethursday Prayer Band, we gather to collectively praise God. As stated in Hebrews 4:16, we will continue to go to God's throne. The church marquee, which was dedicated during Pioneers' Observance Sunday in 2019, stands as a welcoming beacon of light. As we continue to rely on God's grace and mercy, we will show grace and mercy to others, lighting the world as a symbol of hope, a place of refuge, and a living testament to the greatness and goodness of God.



To Our Veterans: With Love, Laughter, and Lasting Gratitude Antioch Baptist Church North

To the brave souls who've served—women and men, young and seasoned, quiet and bold—we see you. We honor you. And we thank you.

You've stood watch so we could gather in peace. You've carried burdens so others could walk freely. And even now, you continue to serve—organizing food drives, mentoring our youth, lending a hand when the tables need setting or the chairs need stacking. Your service didn't end with a salute; it simply found new purpose in the life of this church.

We thank you not only for your courage, but for your presence. For the way you show up with grace. For the way you listen with care. For the way you remind us that strength wears many faces—and that faith, when lived out loud, is its own kind of bravery.

So today, as we celebrate 148 years of God's faithfulness to Antioch Baptist Church North, we lift you up with joy. We honor you with song, with prayer, and yes—with a table full of sweets that would tempt even the most disciplined among us. You've earned every bite.

With all our hearts,
Your Antioch Family

*"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."
—John 15:13 (KJV)*

CHURCH-WIDE END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Day of Service/Hands on Antioch	11/1
10 a.m. Worship Service/Concert/Added Members Orientation	11/2
Day of Service/Hands on Antioch	11/8
10 a.m. 148th Church Anniversary	11/9
Lady Lisa's Birthday Celebration	11/14
10 a.m. Worship Service/Holy Communion/Baptism/Right Hand of Fellowship	11/16
Thanksgiving Service at the Salvation Army	11/20
10 a.m. Worship Service/November Birth Month Recognition	11/23
Cottage Prayer	11/26
Thanksgiving Day	11/27

DECEMBER

Giving Tuesday	12/2
4th Quarter Birth Month Celebration	12/5
10 a.m. Worship Service/ACE Holiday Market	12/7
10 a.m. Worship Service/Added Members Orientation/Future Pioneers Sunday/Convalescence & Caregiver Sunday	12/14
Toy Give Away	12/20
10 a.m. Worship Service/Youth Christmas Play/Baptism/Right Hand Fellowship/December Birth Month Recognition	12/21
Cottage Prayer	12/24
Christmas Day	12/25
10 a.m. Worship Service Rev & Lady Lisa's 40th Wedding Anniversary	12/28
Watch Night	12/31



Happy Birthday

Lady Lisa Kathleen Gilbert Alexander!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025



Join us for
L. A. Lights

LISA IS TURNING
60
Sixty

Let's celebrate
Lisa Alexander

14 | FRIDAY
OF NOVEMBER
AT 7 PM

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Care & Comfort Ministry Sick & Shut-In

Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Bro. Daniel Michael Adams – Legacy Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. 204
Mother Grace Brooks – The Oaks at West Cobb, Marietta, Rm. 208
Sis. Zetha Cannon – A. G. Rhodes Health & Rehab, Atlanta, Rm. 105A
Sis. Dorothy Compton – Serenity Empire Personal Care Home, Fairburn
Mother Myrtle Dansby – The Retreat at Cascade Memory Care, Atlanta
Rev. John Ellis, Sr – Fairburn Healthcare Center, Fairburn, Rm. 401
Sis. Rose Scott Harden – Rock Ridge Senior Asst Living, North Hampton, MA
Dea. Clarence Hicks – Traditions Health & Rehab, Lithonia, Rm. B11
Dea. Alford Martin – Emory Long Term Acute Care, Decatur, Rm. 511
Sis. Betty Phillips – Westminster Commons, Atlanta
Sis. Estella Nabritt Ragland – Parkside at Budd Terrace, Atlanta, Rm. 304

Members Convalescing at Home

Sis. Joyce Epps Alexander	Bro. Michael Jackson	Sis. Karen Sills
Bro. T. J. Batiste	Bro. Calvin Jones	Sis. Virginia Smith
Sis. Evelyn Battle	Bro. Rufus Kelly	Sis. Jessie Stafford
Dea. Joseph Henry Beasley	Sis. Sylvia McClain	Sis. Sheila Stephney
Sis. Cynthia Boyd	Bro. Carl McLeod	Sis. Ave' Totten
Mother Emma Broomes	Sis. Linda Peek	Mother Willie Cookie Tuggle
Bro. Zion Alexander Calhoun	Sis. Gertrude Perkins	Bro. Walter Wilcher
Sis. Dorothy Cook	Bro. Richard Raglin	Sis. Anita Wilson
Sis. Patricia Edwards	Sis. Debra Robinson	Bro. Elwood Wilson, Jr.
Sis. Adrinette Ford	Bro. John Scott	

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest
prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

3 John 1:2



*Thank you for
Worshiping with
us today!*

