1 Peter 5:2 (NIV)

A Servant's Heart: Shepherding, Guiding and Protecting God's Flock

REV. KENNETH L.

WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday, February 28, 2021 10AM

Antioch Baptist Church North

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A Message from the Pastor



My heart is full of joy as we celebrate my second anniversary as pastor. Of course, we have not been able to celebrate as we would normally, but God has been good to us. During so many trials and challenges, God has opened new windows and doors for us to Serve This Present Age and lift the name of Jesus. I never imagined that prior to the first anniversary celebration I would have to ask our members to stay home. When I first received calls about the dangers the virus would present if our churches continued to meet, my reaction was, "they do not know Antioch!" I thought to myself, "if I ask Antioch members to stay home, they will show up and have service in the parking lot." On a lighter note, I even imagined members saying it did not take a year before we had to close under Rev. K. Alexander's pastorate.

But after much prayer, God led us in the way we should go, and I am grateful that we have chosen safety and life over death. Having said that, we have been challenged to say goodbye to so many members in such a short period. Though we miss those who have passed, we are comforted by the fact that they have reached their eternal home with our Father because of our Savior. The strength needed to continue to stand and conduct Home Going Celebrations comes from knowing that all who have accepted Christ as their Savior have the promise of their soul's eternal salvation.

We did not have a plan of what to do if a pandemic occurred, but God did. By the leadership of the Holy Spirit, our technology team developed ways for us to convene in ways we had not considered. Our Worship Service and Wednesday Night Service went virtual, and to our joyous surprise, we are reaching more people than we were reaching prior to the pandemic. Our young adults can now participate in our services no matter what city or country they are in. Sunday School, Christian Education, and the Noonday preachers pivoted and have continued to meet the spiritual needs of our membership.

We have been reminded that church is not a building, but we are the church. First Corinthians 3:16 tells us, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you." I am grateful that you have stayed connected with your church and have spread the Word to your friends and family members through Facebook, other platforms, and word-of-mouth. Antioch now has more people watching than were attending in our physical sanctuary. We are following the words of Christ when He said in Mark 16:15, "And He said unto them, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Antioch is active every day of the week. Through Grief Share, the Womanhood Ministry, the M.A.N. Ministry, Christian Education daily devotions and Thursday classes, the Care and Comfort Ministry, Prayer Warriors, and many of our other ministries and individual members, we are Serving This Present Age. No one has calculated the amount of work hours that go into providing our Sunday Services, inclusive of our devotions, announcements, and choir selections. What a joy when we can see the Verse Speakers, Vessels of Praise, Anthem/Acapella, Note Singers and other choirs, Ushers, and members when we are able to incorporate recordings from services when we were gathering. What a blessing to see our children, young people, and young adults when they participate and lead our Worship Services on Youth on 5th Sundays.

We give God the praise that while we are not able to gather together at the present time, the Holy Spirit has led us, like other churches, to make needed repairs and additions to our facility. When we gather again, we will see the choirs better because of new stage lighting and lower hanging chandeliers. Four wide screen monitors are being installed so there will be no seat in the sanctuary where we will not be able to see the choirs. A new video system is currently being installed to give us the ability to still patch our out-of-town members into the service for various presentations. This system will also allow us to view the words to our congregational songs and scriptures from the sermons. A new sound system is being installed to replace some partially 30-year-old systems, so that members will not be forced to search for a seat where they can hear the service.

Your commitment to serving the least of these through financial support of Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. has allowed us to give more than 800 boxes or bags of groceries a week to families in need. As we fight the pandemic, our COVID-19 Re-entry Task Force has provided counsel to ensure we carry out the will of God in the safest way we can. COVID-19 testing is available twice a week in our parking lot. Through a grant from Fulton County, A.U.M.I. was able to provide mortgage, rental, utility, and food assistance, while Antioch Baptist Church provided \$100,000.00 in small business assistance.

I appreciate the love, prayers, and encouragement that you have shared with me and my family. I am overwhelmed with your love for me. While we celebrate the Pastor's 2nd Anniversary, I cherish the work God has allowed us to do. Please know that it is the power of God and your prayers that I have been able to stand during difficult times. During these unprecedented times, you have shown me unprecedented love. There is never a time when I do not feel your prayers lifting me. While we celebrate what God has done, we vow to never forget those who have passed during this period. We are planning to have a proper service to remember and pay our respects and celebrate the lives that we miss.

God knew it was time for us to grow. God knew it was time for us to reach out in ways we were not using prior to this period. God knew that we could reach more people, and we praise God that through the technological tools we use, souls are still accepting Christ, renewing their relationships with God and choosing to make Antioch their church home.

Thank you to the Pastor's Anniversary Committee for all you have done. You have really shown out. I see people slowing down on our street to read the signs in the yard. We have eaten well all week. And we have received so many calls and letters that it is impossible for us to not know we are loved. Though we cannot meet, this still feels like the best anniversary ever.

I grew up at Antioch. I accepted Christ at Antioch. I was married at Antioch. I renewed my relationship with God at Antioch. I was licensed at Antioch. I was ordained at Antioch. I served under and alongside our Pastor, Dr. C. M. Alexander, at Antioch. But I never imagined I would receive as much love as I have received at Antioch. But it was at Antioch where they were first called Christians. I am humbled by your love. I am grateful for your prayers. And I appreciate every expression of love you have shown me. As you can probably tell, I could go on and on, but I will stop here and simply say, "THANK YOU." I love you so much, and there is nothing you can do about it. God bless you until we meet again. I look towards the day when we shall worship together in one place again. Oh, what a time, what a time that will be.

Yours In God's Service,

Kunth Myunder Rev. K. L. Alexander













WORSHIP SERVICE 2ND PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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

Presider..... Reverend John Brydsell

The Call to Worship	Reverend John Brydsell
The Devotion	Deacons' Ministry
Announcements	Sis. Lauren Hill
Black History Observance	Bro. Keenan Conigland
Solo Lift Every Voice And Sing	Sis. Charlene Johnson
Occasion	Sis. Myrna White
Special Tributes from Members Sis. Mary Hill, Sis. Joann Guise, Bro. Marcus Lee, Jr., College Students	
Special Tribute	The Honorable Keisha Lance Bottoms
Special Musical Tribute	The Wardlaw Brothers
Tithes & Offerings	
Introduction of the Speaker.	
Selection	CMA Ensemble
The Anniversary Message	
The Invitation to Discipleship	
Late Tithes and Offerings	
Tribute from AUMI, Inc	Reverend Terry Hightower
Tribute from Antioch Baptist Church North Deacon Bob Jones	
Remarks Reverend K.	L. Alexander and Lady Lisa Alexander
Benediction	Reverend Dr. Rodney K. Turner

Our Anniversary Speaker



Reverend Dr. Rodney K. Turner

Reverend Rodney Kirk Turner was born in Atlanta, Georgia. He is the son of Rufus and Betty Turner. He is a product of the Atlanta Public School system and a graduate of the Frederick Douglas High School class of 1975. Rev. Turner obtained his college education at the Historic Morehouse College as a sociology and criminology major. While pursuing 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. In May 2015, Rev. Turner received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Carver College for his twenty-nine years of service work in the field of substance abuse and outreach ministry throughout the State of Georgia and across the country. For nine plus years, Rev. Turner served as Pastor of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Roanoke, Alabama and is presently entering his sixteenth year as Pastor and undershepherd of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a proud father and a loving husband to former State Representative LaNett L. Stanley of Atlanta, GA.

Rev. Turner was licensed to preach in February 1990 and ordained in January 1995 at the Antioch Baptist Church North in Atlanta, Georgia by the Rev. Dr. C. M. Alexander, Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church North and President Emeritus of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. While attending Antioch, Rev. Turner served as an associate minister and worked on the staff of Antioch for over seventeen plus 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 of one of the nation's most successful recovery ministries, Product of the Power Ministry, a Christian-based recovery ministry that addresses the needs of those suffering with substance abuse issues and other spiritual behavioral disorders. He has authored six books that address how to overcome sin and addiction from a biblical perspective. Many churches across denominational lines and other Christian organizations around the nation seeking to start a Christian-based recovery ministry or program use Rev. Turner's seven-step model and materials from his books on Christian recovery as their model for recovery ministry.

Rev. Turner has served on the Governor's AIDS Task force, the SCLC Wings of Hope Anti-Drug Taskforce, the Fulton County Street Team and was chosen by Armac to participate in a one-year internship at Atlanta West Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center and Methadone Clinic. Rev. Turner has taught recovery classes in the urban ministries department at Beulah Heights Bible College and has served as a faculty member of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. Rev. Turner served for twenty-four years as a faculty member of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Congress of Christian Education, where he taught and lectured on Christian based recovery. He has served as lead columnist for the nationally published magazine Recovery Solutions.

Rev. Turner was a consultant and life skills counselor for twenty-four years 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, Cobb and Fulton Counties through Project Redirection's youth initiatives. He has served as a chaplain for the Fulton County Jail Division for over twenty years and is a member of the Georgia Sheriff Association Chaplain's Division.

Rev. Turner was a 2017 Inductee into the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers. He currently serves as a board member for Antioch Urban Ministries. Rev. Turner has received several awards including the 2000 Atlanta Dairy Association's Movers and Shakers Award, the 2002 Antioch Baptist Church North's Man of The Year and Community Service Award, the 2004 Antioch Urban Ministries Mighty Faith Award, the 2005 Concerned Black Clergy's Community Service Award, the 2006 Gospel Choice Chosen Award and the 2012 God's Trombone Award from Rainbow PUSH. In 2015, Rev. Turner was recognized by the Apex Museum for his work in the field of recovery and outreach ministry. In 2017, he received the President Barack Obama's Lifetime Achievement Award for National and Community Service. In June 2019, he was chosen to serve on the Mayor's Task Force to Reimagine the Atlanta City Detention Center as a Center for Equity.

With over thirty-two years of Christ-centered recovery work and outreach initiatives, Rev. Turner has helped countless men and women turn their lives around through a right functioning relationship with Jesus Christ. He is a leader and advocate for the disadvantaged, the hungry and the homeless in the community, always sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Rev. 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.

A Tribute to Lady Lisa Kathleen Alexander

A Godly Woman A woman of beauty A woman of grace A woman of excellence Beholding God's face

She walks with the Lord With integrity, Knowing her purpose And destiny

No matter what happens She walks in God's love, Reflecting the beauty, Of her Father above - M.S.Lowndes

WE LOVE YOU LADY LISA!











February 28, 2021

Greetings Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander

The General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. salutes you as you celebrate your 2nd Year of Pastoring and Preaching at Antioch Baptist Church North, Atlanta, GA.

We encourage you to continue with the great works God has already ordained for you. May you continue to be a blessing to the Antioch North family, the community, state and country.

God has truly called you for such a time as this. Your ministry has touch so many lives and blessings have been received time and time again in addition to encouraging others to grow and become productive within the various ministries at Antioch North.

"finish your race with joy, and the ministry which you have received from Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." (Acts 20:24b)

Because of Calvary,

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To Reverend Kenneth Lamont Alexander:

It is with great joy and honor that I extend a heartfelt thanks and congratulations to my pastor, Rev. Kenneth Lamont Alexander for his 2 years of service and over 50 years of membership at our church. 1 Timothy 5:17 best describes the labor and honor of a great leader, "Let the elders that rule be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine". I join with the members of the State Senate and the Great State of Georgia in honoring Rev. Kenny, a pillar and shepherd in our community.

I am blessed to celebrate my pastor, who is loved and whose inspiration knows no bounds. His dedication and commitment to serving the Lord has been an inspiration to our church and the community. I am so proud of his teaching and preaching for my family and me for the past 2 years. I credit him for his prayers, guidance, and direction through the hardships of COVID-19 and 2020.

My family joins me in congratulating Rev. Kenny for 2 years of preaching the gospel and over 50 years of membership at Antioch Baptist Church North, where I accepted my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I love you and God Bless you and the entire Alexander family.

Love You All,

Valenci Seay

Your favorite Georgia State Senator Valencia Seay District 34







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February 26, 2021

Rev. Kenneth Lamont Alexander Antioch Baptist Church North 540 Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard NW Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Greetings:

On behalf of the Atlanta City Council, I am pleased to celebrate this joyous occasion, paying tribute to the Reverend Kenneth Lamont Alexander, as you commemorate your 2nd Pastoral Anniversary of the historic Antioch Baptist Church North. With remarkable faith and love in your heart, you have found your voice as a leader, pastor, and faithful servant of God.

It is a humble servant that serves the masses with a smile and spirit of goodness. Your dedication to growth, development, and healthy living is a testament to your leadership and your holistic approach to teaching the word of God. Health and wellness are the keys to a healthy relationship with God.

Your dedication to serving others and gathering in fellowship demonstrates the rich spiritual heritage rooted in this church. You are an inspiration to us all, and I am proud to recognize you as you celebrate this momentous milestone. I applaud you for remaining steadfast in your mission to serve the community.

On behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, I am proud to extend my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

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Andrea L. Boone



Reverend Kenneth Alexander, Senior Pastor Antioch North Baptist Church 540 Cameron M. Alexander Blvd NW Atlanta, Ga. 33018

February 27, 2021

Reverend Kenneth Alexander:

On behalf of the Morehouse School of Religion, we congratulation and celebrate alongside the Antioch North congregation and community, your second pastoral anniversary. We believe that God has called you to serve the Church of God during the grimiest period in recent national memory. In response to a corrupt American president, who was impeached twice, suspected of duplicitous behavior which includes undermining American democratic values, and responsible for not telling the American public about the dangerous of COVID19, you have provided a steady and sure hand and preached the steely Word of God.

We have observed your abilities to discover and implement innovative ministries for one of the nation's consequential churches. We admire your collaborative leadership style that inspires the Antioch North membership to expand its outreach to sociomarginalized people while continuing to care for the flock of God (1 Peter5:2).

On a personal note, the Morehouse School of Religion has benefited from your service as an engaged member of the Board of Directors. Many improvements to our capacities to provide resources to our seminary students points directly toward you. We honor the Lord for your leadership team that helped produced a brilliant *One Hundred Fifty-Third Morehouse School of Religion Founder's Day Observance*. We know that you will not rest on your laurels, but nevertheless, you have earned such laurels – congratulations.

In His Name,

Joseph Evans, Dean Morehouse School of Religion



February 22, 2021

Reverend Kenneth Alexander Senior Pastor Antioch Baptist Church North 540 Cameron M. Alexander Boulevard, NW Atlanta, GA 30318

Dear Reverend Alexander,

Congratulations on your second anniversary as Senior Pastor to Antioch Baptist Church North. I was honored to speak at your consecration, and I am honored to pay tribute to your spiritual leadership on the occasion of your second anniversary.

I know from our conversations and your comments at Board meetings of the Westside Future Fund that COVID-19 has meant an incredibly challenging year. Seared into my memory are your remarks that pre-COVID-19, you conducted a few funerals a month, but with the onset of COVID-19, it became a few a week. Continuing to lead in the face of such tragedy is a testament to your strong heart and connection to God.

Rev. Dr. King said,

"Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of selfishness. This is the judgment. Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"

The shadow of COVID-19 makes it easy to walk into the darkness of selfishness, but this is not the path you have chosen. You have continued to lead and is so doing, become a light of creative altruism. I know that I am better for your leadership and friendship, as is the Westside Future Fund, your congregation, the Westside, and our City.

Thank you, Kenny! I hope I am writing a letter such as this for many years to come!

Love you! arati nn Ahmani

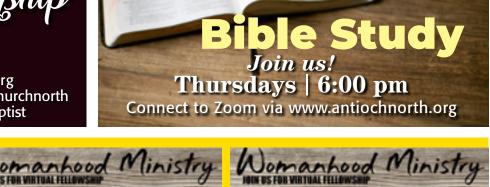
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Join us each week...virtually!



Wednesday Night Bible Study Starting at 7:00 pm

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OTHER VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

MORNING DEVOTION

7:30 A.M. Via Facebook.com/antiochbaptistchurchnorth

NOONDAY SERVICE

12:00 NOON Via Facebook.com/antiochbaptistchurchnorth

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Every Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

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Classes will be held every second Saturday of the month from 9:00 am-12 Noon via Zoom.

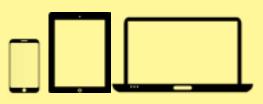
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Please continue to pray for our members who are in bereavement, receiving treatment in hospitals, being cared for in nursing homes and convalescing at home.



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VIRTUAL SERVICE

Sunday, April 4, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Interested in an Easter speech?



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Congratulations Pastor Alexander on your 2nd Pastoral Anniversary!

