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Men's Division Culminating Services

7:45am: "Only what we do for Christ will last"

Bro. Barney Simms joked that he felt like he was being tested.

He thought Pastor Cameron Alexander wanted to see what he's learned over his 42 years at the church by informing him that he would be the speaker for the 7:45 a.m. Men's Culmination service.

"My heart is warm, but my knees are trembling," Bro. Simms said.

Bro. Simms didn't show anxiety about the task. He touched upon the theme of bearing the cross, first introduced at a Men's retreat earlier this year. Bro. Simms said everyone has a cross to bear to help their community, basing his remarks on Mark 8:34-37.

"Only what you will do for Christ will last," he said.

The Atlanta Housing Au-



"Men of Antioch, Bearing the Cross of Jesus"



The Men of Antioch kneel at the cross.

11:00am: "I done told ya"

Deacon Jerome Trimble said he had rarely been more nervous.

The featured speaker at Antioch's 11 a.m. Men's Culmination Service, Deacon Trimble made it plain in his 15 minute address, using a phrase that sure seems destined to be repeated often at Antioch.

"I done told ya," he said.

Deacon Trimble began with the story from the Gospel of John, Chapter 10, in which a group of doubting Jews demanded Jesus tell them if He is Christ. Jesus admonished the skeptics, saying in verse 10 that "I and my Father are one."

Deacon Trimble explained the verse in contemporary terms.

"I done told ya," he said.

Deacon Trimble, chairman of the Deacon's Ministry, used his 15 minute mes-

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A Message From The Pastor



My Brothers and Sisters:

The Men Division Culminating Worship Services on Sunday, June 26, 2011, brought closure to an incredible quarter of instructional programs and exciting activities that heightened our congregation's awareness of the Christian's responsibility for sharing information about our faith and the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Men of Antioch, under the very capable leadership of Deacon Calvin Booker, Sr., Deacon Milton Dodson, and Brother Darryl Speed, worked zealously to be "spreaders" of the Gospel.

As pastor, I was thoroughly impressed and spiritually inspired by the innovative ideas and by the camaraderie of the brotherhood as they demonstrated **Bearing the Cross of Jesus Christ**.

As I attended the many programs lead by the Men of Antioch during the past quarter, visitors were always quick to comment about the large numbers of men participating in what we call "regular" church activities, as if to say today's Church has developed a culture that is not welcoming to men. From these observations, I began to wonder quietly why so many people believe that men don't go or don't participate in activities of the Church.

Research proves that 90 percent of American men believe in God, and five out of six call themselves Christians, but only two out of six attend church on a given Sunday. Research also suggests that the average American man accepts the reality of Jesus Christ, but fails to see any value in going to church.

The activities of our Men Division during the past quarter of **Vision 2011** suggest that the Church can turn this alarming tide with men. Jesus built His church on twelve Spirit-filled men who changed their world. As a preacher with more than 55 years of pastoral experience, I am convinced that there cannot be a thriving church without a strong core of committed men who are true followers of Jesus Christ. At Antioch, our congregation is blessed to have such a core of men.

As we welcome the leadership from our Youth Division for the third quarter of **Vision 2011** with a focus on **FELLOWSHIP**, I challenge every adult member of our congregation to be supportive and encouraging mentors for our young people. Aid them in their planning and encourage their success as they work to implement programs and learning opportunities that will strengthen the fellowship within all levels and divisions of our congregational family. In so doing, we will be inspiring a new generation of Christian leaders for our congregational family while grooming devoted disciples for God's Church.

Yours in God's service,

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

Reverend C. M. Alexander
Pastor

Mother Hood: a spiritual beauty

Each Sunday, Antioch Baptist Church North is filled with some of the most striking and accomplished ladies in Georgia.

A team of judges recently recognized the beauty and talent of one such Antioch sister – Mother Mary Hood – and awarded her Miss Georgia Nursing Home.

"I wasn't expecting to win anything and when I did I was completely shocked," said Mother Hood, who won the title in April. "It was a good feeling."

Mother Hood, 81, first came to Antioch about 15 years ago and is a member of the Mother's Board. Her daughter, Sis. Bonita Williams, is a longtime Antioch member who is married to Deacon Benny Williams. Mother Hood has three children, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a large team of supporters who cheered her on the night she was chosen over more than one dozen semi-finalists.

A retired housekeeper and nurse, Mother Hood moved to the Signature Nursing Home in Buckhead about 18 months ago to get therapy after an illness. She didn't plan to stay after the therapy, but Mother Hood said God had something else in mind for her. Staff members came to her in search of spiritual guidance. She realized God needed her at the nursing home.

There, she is president of a council of residents. She is in-

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APRIL

Rev. Hope leads three night spring revival

The Rev. Winfred Hope, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Athens, was the guest speaker at Antioch's spring revival April 25-27. Here is a snapshot of each night's service:

Monday, April 25

Scripture: Luke 5:25-26

Subject: Faith Still Works

Sermon notes: Faith pleases God and causes a person to persevere even when there is no reward in sight. The believer is encouraged to hold fast to and abound in faith. In this scripture, faith is put on display in a paralyzed man and his friends who carry him to see Jesus. He is healed because of the faith and praise of his friends.

Tuesday, April 26

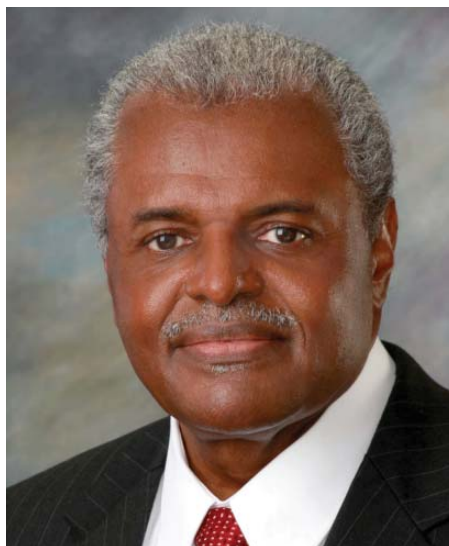
Scripture: Rev. 1: 4

Subject: The church needs some Christians

Sermon notes: Just as stores need shoppers and schools need students, churches need Christians. But having a membership, title or something to do is not enough. Christians must lift Jesus up by living as they ought, careful not to be well known to the church and unknown to the Lord; or having their names on the church role but absent from the Lamb's book of life..



Spring Concert



Rev. Winfred M. Hope

Wednesday, April 27

Scripture: Gen. 19:17

Subject: Looking back could be salty

Sermon notes: As Lot and his family ran from the city of Sodom, the Lord began his destruction of Sodom, raining down brimstone. When his wife looked back, disobeying God's instruction, she turned to a pillar of salt. Looking back can be costly.

ANTIOCH FAMILY!

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



Seven Last Words of Jesus

Between noon and 3:00 p.m. on April 22, the hours of Jesus's crucifixion, seven pastoring sons of Antioch preached the seven last words from Jesus while he hung on the cross. Below is a summary of those words:

Rev. Rodney K. Turner,
Pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

Scripture: Luke 23:34

Word: Forgiveness

Summary: "These words of forgiveness exchange Jesus' mercy for our mess-ups, release those who are shackled and restore those who are displaced and damaged by sin."



Rev. Brendan Jenkins,
Pastor of Old Friendship

Scripture: Luke 23:42-43

Word: Salvation

Summary: In an analogy to a famous football play, he said, "one malefactor, a practicing profligate who was literally 'hanging out' with Jesus, threw a Hail Mary pass with time running out when he cried, 'Lord, remember me,' and Jesus, the umpire of human judgment, called a time out and pronounced him, 'Safe, salvation is yours.'"



Rev. Ervin Richards,
Pastor of Loving Spirit

Scripture: John 19:25-27

Word: Affection

Summary: Jesus had every right to pronounce words of condemnation, but he realized that he was not the only one there who was suffering. His love caused him to commit his mother's care to his beloved disciple John. Likewise, because we "are a part of the family, God's love affectionately put forth his plan of salvation."



Rev. J.W. Calvin,
Pastor of Solomon Tabernacle

Scripture: Matthew 27:46

Word: Separation

Summary: The reason Jesus endured



the anguish of separation from the Father was because of the love he feels towards us and the hate he has for sin. Relieve those who are battered and beaten, revive those who are temporarily knocked down, refresh those who are mentally spent and depleted, realign those who are off track, and restore those who are displaced and damaged by sin.

Rev. Sean Smith,
Pastor of New Horizon Baptist Church

Scripture: John 19:28

Word: Suffering

Summary: We each have a cup intended for no one else. If we focus on ourselves in our suffering, it is pride; if we suffer in Christ, we are able to see his grace in our space and know humility as he is working on us.



Rev. James Walker,
Pastor of Mt. Nebo and Live Oak

Scripture: John 19:30

Word: Victory

Summary: Everybody's looking for the victory, but the problem is you have to defend the crown. When Jesus said "It is finished" as recorded in John 19:30, he ran the play through the alley called Golgotha so that every believer can have more than a winning streak and live the ultimate victory, an undefeated life.



Min. Kenneth Alexander, Presiding
Minister of Antioch Lakewood Mission

Scripture: Luke 23:46

Word: Contentment

Summary: Just as we know our earthly father's hands, Jesus knew his heavenly Father's hands and had a feeling of contentment because he was back in his Father's hands. Because Jesus died, we can be held in God's hands, good hands. You can have contentment when you are in good hands.



Street Corner Preaching: *Four Saved*

Twenty preaching sons of Antioch, deacons, the S.W.A.T. Team, deacons' and ministers' wives, and other members of Antioch gathered April 23 to bring God's word to nearly 100 souls.

Teams of ministers stood on the street corners throughout "The Bluff" and proclaimed what thus saith the Lord according to John 3:1-7. Those accompanying the preachers reached out to passersby on foot and in vehicles and those who peeped out of their houses to find out what was going on.

They passed out tracts proclaiming God's salvation for every sinner, sack lunches, and shared personal testimony about what

the Lord has done in their lives.

During the closing prayer circle gathering, several people gave their testimonies, including a woman named Marie who said that two years ago she was homeless, living under a bridge, but by God's grace she now has a place to live.

A woman named Susan said that during two years of unemployment God kept her, her children and grandchildren in their home even though she paid no rent.

"I couldn't afford a cell phone, but the Lord just blessed me with a job making calls to set appointments, so the job has not only given me money to live on but a cell phone, too." she said.



Minister Bright spreads the Word.

The Rev. Ruffin from Skidaway Baptist Church joined the Antioch group in the closing service as songs were sung, the scripture was read, prayers offered, and Antioch members con-

tinued to witness to those who had come.

When the doors of the church were opened, four people gave their lives to Christ. Selah.

Madison House celebrates dual anniversaries

Members of both Antioch North and Lakewood Mission turned out in large numbers April 10 to celebrate the dual anniversaries of the Madison House and its presiding minister, the Rev. Carlton Williams. The day marked the 19th anniversary of the Madison House and William's 12th year as head of the downtown Atlanta ministry.

The Rev. Kenneth Alexander, presiding minister of Antioch Lakewood and

guest speaker, recounted the obstacles in obtaining the Madison House and the dogged determination with which its acquisition was pursued by Pastor Cameron Alexander in order to serve "the least, the loss, and the less" and bring them in "from the fringes of society to the center of Atlanta not only symbolically but physically."

The young Alexander said that there is no one more resourceful than

Williams, who he credited with making major advancements in not only the physical plant but the spiritual lives of those who live, pass through, and wander into the Madison House.

Basing his sermon on John 5:2-15, he challenged all present to examine their lives and determine if they have just been sitting and waiting or if they want to be healed from whatever sin is crippling



Rev. Carlton Williams

them and keeping them from taking up their beds and walking in the path Jesus has laid for each Christian.

In Brief:

A look at some Antioch external convention activities

Mt. Hermon Association

Sis. Brigitte Hill, Director of Christian Education, Sister Francene Coleman, Coordinator of Missions, and Senior Mission members Mother Frances Miles and Sis. Francine Reeves attended the Mt. Hermon Mission Institute.

The three night session, March 22-24, was held at Zion Grove Baptist Church, where the Rev. H.D. Freeman is pastor.

Rev. Stanley Smith, Moderator of the Association, announced the theme, "Being a Better Servant in Changing Times," and Dean, Sis. Alice Doanes, provided an overview of the classes, which were held for every age from primary through adult, with a special class for ministers and laymen.

Fifth District Session

The GMBC Fifth District Convention was held from April 11 – 13 at Cornerstone Community Baptist Church, the Rev. Dr. W.J. Lawson, pastor.

The theme, "Churches Working Together for the Cause of Christ" based on Acts 3:1 was well exemplified through the par-



Mrs. Alexander's Birthday Celebration

ticipation of the member churches, which were in attendance in record numbers through all the auxiliaries of the district.

The Annual Session is a combination business, study, and worship experience.

Classes focused on leadership, Baptist doctrine and how to make sure church members know what it means to be Baptist.

Public awareness workshops focused on disaster relief and safeguarding the community.

Each auxiliary, the Laymen, the Usher's and the Women, President Gwen-

dolyn Jones West, the daughter of the late Deacon Johnny and Sis. Delaware Jones presents a program which emphasizes its mission and ministry.

GMBC ushers gather

A large contingent of Antioch ushers and health care workers attended the General Missionary Baptist Convention's Ushers and Health Professionals Conference.

That contributed to the Fifth District, of which Antioch is a part, coming in first place in the number of first-time attendees.

Sister Brenda Eason is

the Statewide Coordinator, and she and her committee have structured a comprehensive series of classes that begin with basic duties and responsibilities, for first-year attendees, and move progressively through Baptist doctrine and biblical studies.

Every class was packed out by the 2,000 in attendance, and the worship services, especially the culminating service, at which the Rev. Clarence Moore, President of GMBC and a son of Antioch, lifted the congregation to ever higher heights.

Youth Conference

On May 21, Alaila, Mahalia, and Karen S. McKinney attended the Fifth District Youth Conference.

Activity-filled classes for each age focused on the Conference Theme, "Solidarity with the Savior," based.

Youth at each age level were led to explore how they can demonstrate their bond with Christ in their daily lives while the adult workshop focused on innovative methods to help youth grow in their knowledge and love of Christ.

A special class for youth ushers covered the biblical background and the basics of ushering, and the youth put their skills to work during the afternoon worship assembly.

MAY

On the road to college and career

For some time, experts have been saying that a typical bachelor's degree recipient can expect to earn about 61 percent more over a 40-year work span than the typical high school graduate earns over the same period.

In fact, according to officials at the University of Maryland a person with a bachelor's degree can expect to earn an average of \$2.0 million in their lifetime, while those with a high school education will average about \$1.6 million."

From the looks of the recent graduate roster – nearly two dozen graduated recently from high

school and twelve received either a bachelor's or master's from college - Antioch youth and their parents understand this.

But making the transition from high school to college is almost as challenging a task as deciding which college or university to attend.

With that in mind, here are some tips to help make that transition easier:

- *Attend summer orientation at your college or university
- *Communicate with your professors
- *Get involved with organizations
- *Get help when you need it



See more graduation pics at antiochnorth.org/graduates.htm

High School Graduates

Amira Sakile Davis
 Brittany Janice Hall
 Whitney S. Jackson
 Morgan Nicole Jones
 Erica Maria Mansfield
 Nadjé C'Ne Marks
 Brandis Olivia Rencher
 Joncel Lanese Stephens
 Shuree Golden Stovall

Cortney Marie Yarbough
 Khari Jordan Arnold
 Ryan T. Bright
 Collis Lamar Clark, II
 Kristofer Arnold Curtis
 Devin Jamal Hunter
 Dennis Avery Morton
 Corey Lamar Redwine
 Sharrod Milton Stovall

Antioch sons receive advanced degrees

Ministers Eddie Bright and Sean Smith have each earned Master of Divinity degrees.

• Bright, graduated May 7 from the Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse School of Religion. He credited Pastor Cameron Alexander for encouraging him and other Antioch sons to pursue post graduate work.

"I encourage specifically my fellow brothers in the ministry and anyone who desires to further their

education," Bright said. "If God did it for me, God can truly do it for you."

• Smith, pastor of New Horizon Baptist Church, received his degree from the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University. For a long time, including the time he served at Antioch, the Rev. Smith has been working in what he calls "grassroots capacities."

Entering seminary, he said, gave him "an opportunity to find the route to speak more globally, reaf-



Min. Eddie Bright



Rev. Sean Smith

firmed his pastoral identity and enriched" his life in many ways. Smith said he

plans to pursue a doctoral degree in the area of Ethics.

ADDED MEMBERS

April Baptism: 4 persons Baptized

NAME	BIRTH MONTH
Marcia S. Ellis	June
James Butler	Sept
Jasmine Silva	Dec.
Electria Pullum	March

Christian Experience

NAME	BIRTH MONTH
Robert Ellis	Feb.
Robert Royal	Jan
Wilma Johnson	June
Malik Shannon	May
Julia Byrd	July
Tara Christian	Sept.
Pezo Johnson	April
Clarice Grant	June
Rev. Jonathan Grant	Feb.
Rev. B. Martin Ambush	May

Total of 14 persons received the Right of Fellowship in April 2011

May Baptism: 3 persons Baptized

NAME	BIRTH MONTH
Michael G. Clark	Oct.
Devynn L. Jackson	Dec
Dayna T. Jackson	June

Christian Experience

NAME	BIRTH MONTH
Juaacklyn Clark	Nov
Caroline Dixon	July
Claude R. Roney Sr.	Sept

Total of 6 persons received the Right Hand of Fellowship

June Baptism: 11 persons Baptized

NAME	Birth Month
Jumi Ekunseitan	June
Kristen VonDyke	Jan.
Maia VonDyke	Dec.
Cameron Paschal	July
Alana Paschal	Aug.
Valencia VonDyke	Oct.
Johnnie Thomas	July
Corey Porter	Dec.
Lauren Taylor	Dec.
Ethan Armstead	May
Amir Armstead	May

Christian Experience

NAME	Birth Month
Jewel Emerson	Oct.
Oliscea Taylor	Aug.
Amanda Huff Armstead	Feb.

The total 14 persons received the Right Hand of Fellowship.

Source: Sis. Bonita Hammond

Deacon focuses on helping a nation grow

Deacon Joe Beasley has traveled the globe for about three decades in his efforts to help people of African heritage.

Some of the most dedicated supporters of his efforts last year helped create a foundation in his name to assist in his mission. Last month, the foundation held a networking event in Atlanta to raise money and awareness about their ongoing work in places like Ghana, Haiti and Kenya.

As Deacon Beasley noted, there are an estimated 1 billion people living in Africa and about an additional 250 million living in other parts of the African Diaspora. Many of them, he said, are living on the margins.

“Unified, we’ll be a very formidable force in the world,” Deacon Beasley said.

The immediate goal in Haiti is to get an estimated 1 million people there in permanent housing. Deacon Beasley said less than 10 percent of the money pledged to Haiti after the devastating earthquake in 2010 has reached the impoverished nation.

Deacon Beasley said his first visit to Haiti was about 16 years ago. Pastor Cameron Alexander offered help to reestablish an orphanage, a school and a clinic in Haiti. Deacon Beasley is currently involved in efforts to set up the orphanage in Tapio, which he said is about one hour away from Port Au Prince, the Haitian capital that was extremely battered by



Dea. Joe Beasley

the earthquake. Deacon Beasley is thankful to Antioch for the \$20,000 the church has raised for Haiti and credits the Rev. Alexander for what he has done there and in other nations.

In the past, Deacon Beasley has been responsible for coordinating multi-million dollar shipments of medical supplies, school supplies, dry goods, clothes and money to Haiti, Gambia, Liberia, San Andreas Island and Zambia.

In Africa, much of Deacon Beasley’s work is aimed at assisting nations overcome the neo-colonialism that he said is still hampering those countries from growing economically.

A team from the foundation has plans to visit Haiti in October. Deacon Beasley plans to visit the nation soon. For more information about the foundation, go to www.joebeasleyfoundation.org

JUNE

Celebrating Antioch's youth

More than 100 Antioch youth, post-graduates, and retirees were recognized June 2 for their academic performance and service during the seventh annual achievement banquet.

The banquet, hosted by the Men's Division and Youth Ministry, featured dancing, singing and youth sharing their aspirations for the future.

Floyd White and Kayla Wilson were master and mistress of ceremony.

The Rev. Eddie Bright, the guest speaker, encouraged those gathered to keep pressing on to get better things in life and to remember that the ultimate accomplishment is to press toward the mark of the high school of Jesus Christ.



Bro. Eric Alexander hands out awards at Youth Banquet

"This is a journey whereby the transition takes more than textbooks," he said.

In closing remarks, Pastor Cameron Alexander reminded the youth that the

ultimate goal is to be saved. "God is not out of miracles, dreams, and answers to prayers," he said. "With God, all things are possible."

Vacation Bible School 'back to the basics'

After reviewing many commercial Vacation Bible School materials at the GMBC Vacation Bible School Workshop, Sis. Brigitte Hill, director of Christian Education, was not impressed.

Soon after Pastor Alexander told her that he wanted this year's VBS to go back to the basics and salvation through Jesus Christ, the

foundation of the Christian faith.

The theme, "Let's Go to Heaven: The ABCs of Salvation," had a familiar ring. Deacon Ronald Smith closes his remarks to the added members with the invitation, "now, let's go to heaven together."

Youth classes followed The Wordless Book, which describes the plan of salva-

tion through colors: black is sin and red is the blood of Jesus that covers our sin. The adults followed an abbreviated form of the Evangelistic Task Force (ETF) training and everyone had an opportunity to engage the creative side of the brain, with the adults going "hi-tech" thanks to Sis. Laura Woods.

ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

Bro. & Sis. Samuel & Janie Grundy
 Bro. & Sis. Calvin & India Jones
 Bro. & Sis. Michael & Sandra Milligan
 Bro. & Sis. Andre & Shelia Stepney
 Dea. & Sis. Benny & Bonita Williams
 Bro. & Sis. Randall & Carol Wilson
 Bro. & Sis. Gerald & Angela Owens
 Bro. & Sis. Justin & Kimberly Murry
 Bro. & Sis. LaVelle Claybrook
 Bro. & Sis. Myron & Stephanie Hicks
 Bro. & Sis. Arthur & Jeannette Williams
 Bro. & Sis. Randall & Carol Wilson
 Bro. & Sis. Charles & Marvella Walker
 Bro. & Sis. Vincent & Shawn Oates

MAY

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 Bro. & Sis. Leonard & J. Renee Livsey
 Bro. & Sis. Sterling & Stephanie Taylor
 Bro. & Sis. Vincent & Bethany Watson
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 Bro. & Sis. Roy & Audrey Cooper
 Bro. & Sis. Richard & Libra Burton
 Bro. & Sis. Donaldson & Valerie Garner
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 Bro. & Sis. Clifford & Gwendolyn Spikes
 Bro. & Sis. Ernest & Fasia Prue
 Bro. & Sis. Gesner & Carolyn Herard
 Bro. & Sis. Hearn & Marilyn Dukes

Happy Anniversary!

Taste of Antioch



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thority executive spoke of many of the ills facing the black community, such as AIDS, the high incarceration rate of its men, welfare and music that degrades women.

He criticized how many have devalued the meaning of the cross, thinking it's a fashion accessory.

"The cross symbolizes a way of life... it is our sign of life over death," Bro. Simms said.

Before his message, the Men's Division passed along the torch to Antioch's youth, who will help lead services and programs over the next three months. The service contained several elements that were repeated during the 11 a.m. service. Three men of Antioch carried wooden crosses to the pulpit as the men promised to "bear the cross" to being better husbands, fathers, sons and men. A choir of about 100 men sang uplifting hymns. The men



Bro. Barney Simms

also gave tribute to the late Deacon William Harding.

The Men's Division was lead by Deacons Calvin Booker and Milton Dodson and Brother Darryl Speed.

Bro. Simms gave a history lesson on why Romans used the cross and broke down the importance of the Gospel of Mark. He ended his message by urging the congregation to call on Jesus during the burdens of life.

His knees might have been trembling but there was little evidence.

sage to talk about the power of Jesus. He was emotional as he talked about the love and support about a dozen family members and friends who came to hear him speak. He was passionate as he spoke about the love and salvation that only Jesus can offer.

"Whatever you need, God has it in His hands," Deacon Trimble said.

The message apparently made a connection with three members of the congregation who gave their lives to Christ.

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The Men's Division was lead by Deacons Calvin Booker and Milton Dodson and Brother Darryl Speed.

Pastor Cameron Alexander praised Deacon Trimble's faithfulness.

Then he ended the service with the phrase Trimble repeated throughout his message.

"I done told ya," the pastor said.

College Graduates

Autumn Javonne Glencamp

Joy Analyssia Hall

Allison Elizabeth Jones

Colette Lynell Ray

Jacquelyn Nicole Ross

Jeremy Vinson Spikes

Jamila Felder Staples

Post College Graduates

Rev. Eddie L. Bright

Phaedra Elizabeth Brown

Stephanie Denise Scott

Rev. Sean B. Smith

Jermaine Tyler

Congratulations!



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involved in Bible study on Wednesdays and participates in talent shows.

The day of the finals, Mother Hood arrived at the Marriott hotel in Stone Mountain dressed in a sequined, coffee-colored jacket and matching dress. Two men, including her escort, a U.S. Marine, told her she would win.

The judges asked Mother Hood questions about life in her nursing home and her hobbies. She talked about her love of reading.

And just like those men



Mother Mary Hood

said, she won.

“God is good,” Mother Hood said. “It was God’s favor to me.”

Hunter recognized for administrative service

Maria Hunter, daughter of Pastor Cameron and Sis. Barbara Alexander, was the recipient of an administrative service award recently from Georgia Tech University.



The award is the highest honor given to administrative staff at

Georgia Tech and honors individuals who make an extraordinary contribution to the university.

“The recipient’s work rises above and beyond the standard job description, making a positive impact outside the immediate department and actively contributing to the fulfillment of the Institute’s mission,” said a university spokesman.

Hunter, Interim Associate Director of Information Technology at Tech, was among more than 30 staff members to receive recognition for her excellent work.

The award included a \$2,500 prize.



10	Sun	Antioch Goes to Chattanooga, TN
18-22	Mon-Fri	GMBC Congress of Christian Education
24	Sun	Teacher & Student Prayer Rededication
24	Sun	Book Signing by Dr. Margaret Weaver
27	Wed	Middle of the Bible Preaching
29	Fri	July Birth Month Fellowship
30	Sat	Youth Brunch with Pastor
31	Sun	High School Fellowship with Pastor
Aug 7	Sun	Pastor’s 42nd Anniv. Worship Services
Aug 26	Fri	4th Annual CMA Golf Classic
Aug 27	Sat	From Trash to Treasure

Pastor's BBQ



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