

God's Grace

I witnessed U.S. history being made

By C. Renee Sudderth

My mother went to be with the Lord two years ago but when I entered those Inauguration gates I could feel her presence.

For months I had looked forward to this moment and now, surrounded by many from my Antioch family, it was happening. God had kept Barack Obama, his wife and their two young daughters safe and now he was being sworn in as the first African-American President of the United States.

It was hard to believe I was actually there to witness this historical, unforgettable, emotional moment but I was.

I looked down at my feet, dressed in my mother's snow-winter boots, and I cried.

"Mama, you are with me to witness what our ancestors would had never believed," I whispered to myself.

For the first time in history, America had put aside her racial differences and elected Obama based on the content of his character.

Only God could have made



Renee at the inauguration

this moment possible. May He continue to bless and change our hearts.

Editor's Note: If you have a testimony you'd like to share about God's Grace in your life, please email it to Sis. Gracie Staples at gstaples@ajc.com.

March 8 is Scholarship Sunday

On the eve of Antioch's annual scholarship observance, Sis. Roselle Wright talked about her long role in helping send thousands of church members to college.

It is a service she has gladly rendered for some 40 years, first as a member of the scholarship committee and now as the current chairperson.

But it is one that would not have been possible, she said, without the generosity of Antioch members who give annually to the fund.

Beginning March 8 and throughout the year, the committee will be accepting donations for both the fund and for memorial scholarships.

Affectionately known as the "flame," Sis. Wright's fire stretches far beyond Antioch's walls and into the community where she taught in the At-



lanta Public School system for over 35 years.

She says her favorite scripture is Psalms 121: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the Hill, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." That scripture has sustained her for most of her life and explains why she is still running for Jesus.

"I'm not tired yet," she said.

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Antioch Newsletter is 1 year old

During the 1970's, the church published a wonderful newsletter that was informative and filled with information regarding congregational activities and things that were happening in the surrounding community.

Remembering the success of that paper, I thought it would be beneficial for the congregation to regenerate a newsletter. Our membership has grown immensely, and we are more diverse in our outreach and much more expansive in our commute to the campus. The newsletter really helps to keep us all grounded and informed of church activities, and at the same time, informs us of other activities and leadership roles in which the members are engaged within the larger community.

As we celebrate the first
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The Georgia General Assembly's celebration of Black History month included honors for Pastor Alexander on February 19th. Pictured: Arnold Curtis, Pastor & Mrs. Alexander, Senator Valencia Seay, Representative Tyrone Brooks

GA Senate recognizes Pastor Alexander

The Rev. Cameron Alexander and his family walked through the main doors of the Georgia Senate down the center aisle to the podium, where the President Pro Tempore

and the Senate body waited to present a resolution in his honor.

"It's our pastor's time to shine in 2009," said State Sen-

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Jelyne Martin to speak in Kuwait

Jelyne Martin, an active member at Antioch Baptist Church North, was recently selected to make a presentation to Kuwaiti educators and parents on the use of assistive technology for children with developmental disabilities.

Sis. Martin will be part of a global initiative team from Kennesaw State University addressing the needs of special education students.

She will make a two-hour power point presentation on assistive devices and how to use them in the classroom.

The lecture series, scheduled for March 10-19, will also include Kuwait's National Minister of Education, the University of Kuwait's School of Education Faculty, and Kuwait's National Parent Association.

Martin, an educational specialist for the Cobb County School District, was chosen because of her expertise with the learning disabled.

"I was shocked but very hon-

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Brothers & Sisters:

First of all, I am humbled by the recognition which I have received over the past 2 months - humbled, because I know that much of it would not have been possible without the support of my church families – past and present. During my 55 years preaching and my 40 years as Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church North, the members have always been the impetus for the actions taken to lessen the burdens of “the least, the less, and the lost” be it through the Civil Rights Movement, community or global outreach. Consequently, if I have achieved anything in my lifetime for the benefit of God’s children, it is because of the members whom God has commissioned me to serve and to represent.

I thank God for his provision and protection, and I thank you for your charity.

Towards this end, we are reminded of what a great fellowship we have – one that is uplifting and reaffirming.

The Antioch North Youth Academy has enrolled 22 students and 18 volunteers working together towards academic excellence. The Youth Black Heritage Festival was a plethora of “young, gifted, and Black” talent which, if properly nourished, will produce persons achieving world-wide acclaim. Under the theme, “God will make a way – somehow,” the Care and Comfort Employment Ministry has been implemented to provide resources for employment and spiritual support for the unemployed of our fellowship. The Evangelistic Task Force (E.T.F.) has begun their evangelistic training and members have another opportunity to learn how to become an effective witness for Christ. Our “Let’s Go to Heaven Together” series continue to inform, inspire, and strengthen us on our Christian journey. S.N.A.C.K.S. (Spiritual Nourishment and Christian Kare – Selah!) gives us a weekly dose of hope. Under the Christian Education Ministry, the Antioch School of the Bible provides a curriculum of Christian development which keeps us Bible-based, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led, and Mission-bound.

As we come together in April to celebrate the Triumphal Entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and the Risen Savior on Easter Sunday, let us give thanks for this wonderful gift of his – Salvation. It is through this glorious gift that we, as Christians, can come together in fellowship “one with the other” uplifting, teaching, learning.

Let us celebrate this Easter with our dedication and commitment to Fellowship where we will learn to become a blessing to others, as God has allowed me to become these past 55/40 years – by his grace and mercy.

Thank you, and may God continue to bless you and keep you forever in His care.

In God’s service,

Rev. C. M. Alexander

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anniversary of the publication, I must say that the newsletter has exceeded my wildest imagination! It is absolutely fantastic! Having an experienced, first-class editor with impeccable credentials and such a gifted and committed staff really guaranteed the success of the publication. The brainpower that produces the newsletter has taken my modest idea to another level.

The pastor and the congregation look forward to every new edition as it is such an informative tool for the congregation to learn “what’s going on” and to gain insight into a variety of church programs, personalities, and the like. It really helps a “big” church remain grounded and connected. Through the newsletter, the members are informed, leadership for various activities, auxiliaries, or ministries becomes more easily identifiable, and our mission is embraced and reinforced while our foundation is strengthened as a congregational family.

I invite the membership to contact the managing editor or a staff member to inform them of any honors, accomplishments, or other acknowledgements received so that you or your family member can be recognized in the newsletter. In addition, if you would like to join the staff as a writer, proofreader, or reporter, please feel free to call us.

We salute the managing editor and the entire staff for a job well done.

Staff Advisor,
Sis. Barbara J. Alexander

10 questions with the newsletter managing editor...

Q: Tell us a little about yourself: how did you come to Antioch and how long have you been here?

A: I’m Jamila’s and Asha’s mama and Jimmy’s wife. Richard and Pam Brooks invited us to Antioch. We joined in October 2000.

Q: How did you get involved in the newsletter?

A: Sis. Alexander asked if I could resurrect the newsletter and I asked when did she want it? We agreed on the first Sunday in March and with the help of Linda Harper and a few others, The Church at Antioch was born.

Q: What inspires you about the newsletter?

A: Every day I’m reminded to work as unto the Lord both at home and on my job but nothing energizes me more than using my talents for the Lord.

Q: What other ministries are you involved in at Antioch?

A: The Sylvil Garvin Sunday School Class, Ministers’ Wives and the adult choir.

Q: So you make your career as a journalist; how did you get into that profession?

A: I was a high school student when a teacher told me I could write. A college professor told me the same thing but went a step further and suggested I take journalism classes. I majored in journalism and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1979.

Q: What has been your proudest moment as a journalist?

A: In addition to being a Pulitzer finalist, I’ve interviewed some pretty influential people including Henry Kissinger, Ben Carson and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. My biggest joy, however,

has been meeting ordinary folk and hearing they were inspired by my stories.

Q: What have you learned about life or people in your job as a journalist?

A: We all want the same thing, most especially to be loved and appreciated.

Q: What advice would you give someone who is thinking about becoming a writer?

A: Write every day to write well and read other writers to grow.

Q: So, the newsletter needs volunteers: what do you look for in newsletter volunteers?

A: People who have a mind to work, who understand that service often demands sacrifice and who don’t get weary in well-doing.

Q: Do you foresee doing any-



Sis. Gracie Bonds Staples

thing new or different with the church newsletter?

A: The Church at Antioch will only be as good as its readers so I want to hear from them. What we’re doing right and wrong? What they’d like to see more and less of? I want the staff and the congregation to take a personal interest in this publication. I want to do more stories about the goodness of God in our lives.

The man behind the designs

He doesn’t preach, nor does he lead the choir.

But Reggie Tolbert is a critical piece to the inner workings of Antioch Baptist Church North.

Bro. Tolbert designs the eye-catching church programs, Antioch’s informative web site and the monthly newsletter.

The design of the church perched atop four pillars with each of Antioch’s four pillars; a picture of a suitcase next to a message for the “Let’s Go To Heaven Together Series” – none of these things would be possible without the creativity of Bro. Tolbert.

“They just come to me,” Bro. Tolbert said, explaining how he comes up with his ideas. “I don’t like to design things the “normal” way. I want it to be eye-catching. I like to play with ideas until I find something I like, and I do it.”

The self-employed graphic designer’s company, Tolbert Graphics, also designs billboards and web sites for other churches and organizations.

“I love it when churches say ‘we must have had 25 new members today’ [because of his designs],” said Bro. Tolbert, who joined Antioch in 1990 and met his future wife

at the church. “That’s what I love to hear.”

Bro. Tolbert grew up with an interest in drawing, but encountered a job market with few well-paying opportunities. One area where he could earn a good salary was advertising. The Williston, SC native came to Atlanta in 1983 because it was the closest major ad market and soon found work.

Early in his career, the personal computer industry blossomed. Bro. Tolbert taught himself how to use all of the computer software that he uses today.

“I just thought it was amaz-



At work in his home-based office

ing that computers could do the things that they do,” he said. “It still amazes me.”

Bro. Tolbert said he enjoys helping young people with an interest in graphic design harness their talent.

Meet the Church At Antioch staff

Each month the members of the Newsletter Ministry try hard to offer Antioch's congregation the best and latest news about what's happening in and around the church. We highlight member accomplishments and events. We do our best to enlighten you with each publication. Members of the ministry have all sorts of talents and do other things in the church. As the newsletter celebrates its first anniversary, we thought we'd take this opportunity to introduce the people behind the words and the pictures. And maybe you'll think about joining us.



Monica R. Richardson, newsletter editor

Family: 1 brother, parents in Virginia. Significant other: Kenneth Abram (Antioch Member)
 Career: Senior Editor, Atlanta Journal-Constitution
 Church Involvement: Newsletter
 Favorite Scripture: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3: 5 & 6 and Psalm 23.

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Betty Jo Cooke, newsletter writer

Family: Husband David B. Cooke, III, one daughter/son-in-law Gerald and Kim Gray, 2 grandchildren Gerald Gray III and Daniel Gray
 Career: Administrative Specialist at Clark Atlanta University
 Church Involvement: Member of the Adult Choir
 Favorite Scripture: "I can do all Things through Christ which strengthen me." Philippians 4:13

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Vivian Edwards, newsletter writer

Family: Single. 2 sisters living, 1 sister (deceased), 1 brother, Parents (deceased)
 Career: Accounting Administrator at Georgia Tech
 Church Involvement: Adult Choir/Anthem Accapella
 Favorite Scripture: "Create in me a clean heart, O'God; and renew a right spirit within in." Psalm 51:10

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Linda M. Harper, newsletter writer

Family: Husband Jerry L. Harper, 3 children
 Career: Assistant to the Director of Human Resources, Antioch Baptist Church North
 Church Involvement: Coordinator, AIMM Ministry
 Favorite Scripture: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ." I Cor. 12:12

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Karen McKinney, newsletter writer

Family: Widow of the late Rev. Arnold McKinney, Mother: Erica (Larry) Durham, Derek (LaCresha) McKinney; Grandmother: Larry and McKinney Durham; Alaila, Mahalia, Derek (DJ) McKinney
 Career: Associate Professor, Humanities Department, Georgia Perimeter College

Church Involvement: Christian Education; Sunday School and Antioch School of the Bible Teacher; Children's Church; Minister's Wives; Adult, Anthem/A/Cappella, Adult Bell Choirs; Newsletter
 Favorite Scripture: Isaiah 40:31 and Ephesians 3:20



Olivia Rencher, newsletter writer

Family: Son James Tartena Rencher, daughter Brandis Olivia Rencher
 Career: Information Technology Supervisor with the Social Security Administration, Career Civil Servant
 Church Involvement: Assistant to the Pastor for Youth, volunteer with the Youth Ministry
 Favorite Scripture: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

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Darryl Speed, newsletter photographer

Family: Wife Holly, children Nathan, 5 and Chelsea, 4
 Career: Photographer, Operations Manager
 Church Involvement: Church photographer and Men's Division Co-Coordinator
 Favorite Scripture: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth... The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." Psalm 121

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Holly Speed, newsletter writer

Family: Husband Darryl, children Nathan, 5; Chelsea, 4
 Career: Writer, Training Development, Communications Manager
 Church Involvement: Church Historian, Women's Division
 Favorite Scripture: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

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Eric Stirgus, newsletter writer

Family: Son Eyan, 14 months
 Career: Staff Writer, Atlanta Journal-Constitution
 Church Involvement: Newsletter
 Favorite Scripture: "Trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5

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Surprise! Ministers honor their Pastor

It was billed as a salute to 55 years of preaching but it was more than that, really.

The sons of Antioch Baptist Church North and their wives wanted to show their love and appreciation for their pastor, the Rev. Cameron Madison Alexander in a memorable and tangible way.

They dressed up and turned out by the dozens. As the band played and a montage of days gone by flashed on a video screen, they feasted on shrimp, lobster and filet mignon at the Eagle's Landing Country Club in Stockbridge.

"I hope at some point in each pastor's life you will experience what I have tonight," the Rev. Alexander would say later.

"This has been an awesome period in my life – so many accomplishments, so many awards all the sudden but this tonight caps it off."

It was a crowning moment in a preaching career that has spanned some 40 years at Antioch and has seen more than 150 sons join the ministry.

The sons' tribute was just one of several made to Rev. Alexander over the last few months. Since August, he has been inducted into both the Atlanta Business League's Legends Hall of Fame and the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site.

More recently he was invited to submit one of his inaugural sermons to the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

Now his church and family



Rev. Alexander poses with some of his sons in the ministry during a recent event to honor his work in the ministry.



Rev. Alexander poses with event coordinators: Rev. Fred Robinson, Rev. Herman Cain and Rev. Rodney Turner

pastor of Israel Missionary Baptist Church, said "many of us lead congregations but it takes a unique person to lead preachers and maintain their respect."

Then an even bigger surprise came as the Rev. Herman Cain, who helped organize the night along with the Rev. Rodney Turner and Fredrick Robinson, stood to present a commissioned portrait of the Rev. Alexander.

"It takes a super gift for a super preacher, pastor, leader and friend," Cain said to amen's and applause.

Cain said that because of the paperboy Pastor Alexander has been "and the paper boys he has created, we know we'll see heaven."

Visibly moved by the gesture, Rev. Alexander said he'd never forget the evening; that it had come at a time in his life when he needed it.

"This awesome painting," he said, "I'll be studying and looking at it for the rest of my life."

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members had come to heap on more praise and honor.

His daughter Maria Hunter told him it had been a joy watching him live what he preaches.

"The man I see on Sunday is the same man I see at home," she said.

Other tributes echoed those sentiments.

The Rev. William Smith,

Meet a ministry that does a little of this and that

“Not by might, nor by power but by the spirit we work.” That’s the motto of Antioch Baptist Church North’s Matrons ministry, founded by the Rev. D. T. George in 1945.

Affectionately known as the Matronettes, it is not unusual to see them helping others both in and outside the church.

For instance, members of the ministry recently assisted a mother and her five children. In addition to enjoying breakfast with the young family, they donated gifts and a gift certificate to them to help ensure they had a happy

Christmas.

Over the years they have prepared care packages for the sick and shut-in, provided gift certificates for the Carrie Pitts home for under privileged children. They also prepared 54 Easter baskets to be distributed among the children. On Palm Sunday the ladies are out front in the vestibule pinning our members with a palm to represent that Sunday. The Matrons and the Fishermen club often work together, volunteering at the clothing and food bank on Saturdays and other charitable organizations.



Antioch’s Matrons Ministry pose for a recent picture

The Matrons are also credited with establishing the children’s nursery so parents can enjoy the worship service uninterrupted.

The ministry meets every

third Sunday following the 10:45 service in Room 3 under the leadership of their current president, Sis. Alberta Buchanan. New members are welcomed.

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ator Valencia Seay told the crowd.

It was February 19 and dozens of Antioch Baptist Church North members jammed the senate floor to watch as legislators gathered to honor their pastor who this year will celebrate 55 years of preaching and 40 years at Antioch.

When Pastor Alexander stepped forth, he looked over the crowd and quipped: “With these many people it’s very inviting for me to ask for an offering.”

He moved quickly, however, to a more serious note, calling the Senate to task for how they were treating the state’s veterans.

“We’re more than numbers and digits,” Alexander said, noting he’s a veteran. “We’re people with feelings, and we hurt. We sent you here to help us, and we expect you to do that.”



He said he had to be true to his calling and warned the legislative body that “there’s an eternal session that’s more significant than this session.”

“That day is called Judgment Day. You don’t know exactly when that day will come, but you need to put it on your calendar every day. God is going to ask you, ‘what did you do with the time that I gave you on earth? Did you make life

more miserable for people, or were you compassionate and loving?’ There will be no more Democrat or Republican; you will be sent left or right!”

Pastor Alexander told the Senators that he had hope in some things he’d heard. “Take care of us so that we do not become the land of the spree and the home of rage. We must be brave enough to be free and free enough to be brave.”

At a reception following the presentation, Sen. Seay she was on the Clayton County School Board when Pastor Alexander and Dea. Joseph Beasley encouraged her to run for the senate.

“I had only served one term, and I was enjoying it, but they told me I needed to run for the Senate, and I stand today representing District 34,” she said.

Pastor Alexander was part of the movement that helped change the nation’s Jim Crow laws, Seay said, and urged everyone to get involved in the legislative process by paying attention to the bills and getting on the agenda to speak out.

As Pastor and Sister Alexander cut a congratulatory cake, he quipped, “We didn’t get a chance to do this 54 years ago; we didn’t have a cake at our wedding.”

ADDED MEMBERS

Antioch added 16 members to the family. The following persons received the Right Hand of Fellowship under Christian Experience

The members are listed with their birth month.

- Corey Dortch, March
- Jason A. Lewis, November
- Nicole L. Morrison, April
- Carlo Hicks, December
- Patrice Bryant, December
- Jasmine Bryant, January
- Jonathan Bryant, September
- Kamiko Tucker, September
- Ralph Williams, November
- Desalynda Sizemore, May
- Eldridge Simms, November
- Tracy Hodge, August
- Darryl Hodge, September
- Nathaniel R. Laster, Jr., July
- Tiffany Brown, March

Anthem Choir member: roots in conducting and teaching

From her first encounter with conducting in middle school to her work with her church youth choir at First Timothy Baptist in Jacksonville, Roxanne Smith dreamed of a career in teaching and conducting.

She loved music and set high standards not only for herself but also for her students. To get respect, she believed, you had to show respect.

The Jacksonville, Fla., native, who holds both a Bachelor of Science degree and a masters in music education, is now working toward being an Education Specialist in Arts Integration at Lesley University.

Since graduating from Florida A&M University, Sis. Smith has taught music in schools and churches across the country, including Bethel Christian academy in Tallahassee, Teasley Elementary School in Smyrna and Wheeler High School where she received superior and excellent ratings at local festivals.

In addition to performing at festivals, her choirs have sung at the Vinnings Jubilee Christmas tree lighting and rendered the national anthem for a Braves game.



At Antioch, Sis. Smith’s greatest joy is serving with the Anthem Choir. Because of Sis. Wendolyn Harding, she said, she has become a better person, teacher and conductor.

“I’m so grateful that there are still churches that have a mixture of choirs to meet the needs of its congregation,” she said. “I feel blessed to be a part of such a great ministry.”

Sis. Smith is the daughter of Mr. Claude and Mrs. Doretha Smith of Jacksonville. Her sister, Claudine Smith, is a member of Antioch’s verse speakers and hand bell choirs.

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ored when they asked me to come,” Sis. Martin said.

“I do what I do because I like teaching,” she said.

It comes natural.

Most of Martin’s family members, particularly those on her mother’s side, are teachers.

Those teachers and her father Joseph, she said, have been her biggest supporters.

Her teaching extends beyond the schoolhouse to Antioch’s classrooms, where she teaches both Sunday school and Baptist Training Union.

She also serves as secretary



of the Christian Education Ministry and is a member of the Antioch Adult Choir and Sign Language Ministry.



Come fellowship and enjoy our Youth Basketball Teams

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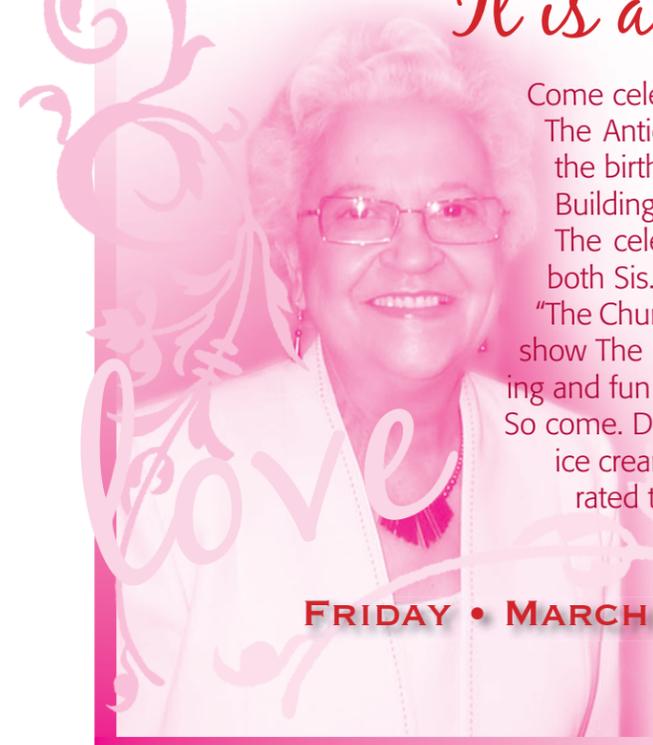
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It is a birthday expression



Come celebrate Sis. Alexander's birthday
The Antioch Baptist Church North family is invited to help celebrate the birthday of Sis. Barbara Alexander at 7 p.m. March 27 at the 590 Building.
The celebration promises to be an exciting evening of surprises for both Sis. Alexander and the church family.
"The Church Family Friendly Feud," an adaptation of the television game show The Family Feud, will give members a chance to find out interesting and fun facts about Mrs. Alexander.
So come. Decorate your own party table. Bring your own food. Cake and ice cream will be furnished and a prize will be given to the best-decorated table. Sign up now!

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Spotlight on Alexis Nelson



Alexis Charmaine Nelson is a standout in many ways.

The 17-year-old recently participated in Sigma Gamma Rho's annual Debutante Ball at the Georgia Depot in Underground Atlanta.

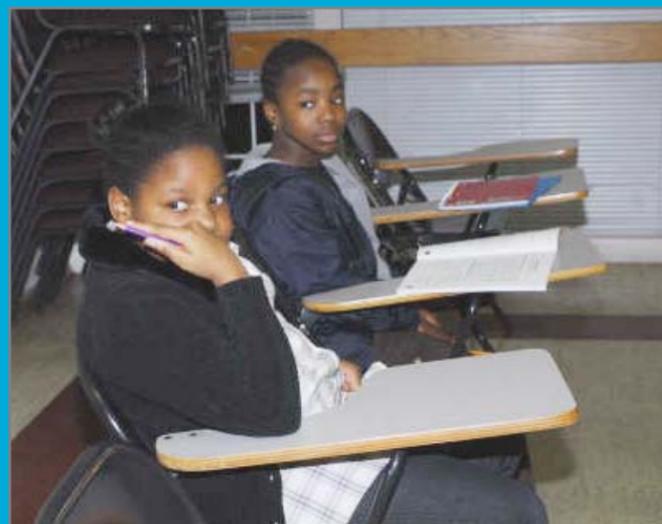
"We are very proud of Alexis because she works hard and is determined to become the best possible person that she can in Christ," said her parents, mother, Bro. Rickey Nelson, Sr. and Sis. Frances A. Nelson. "We are pleased by her faith in God and her goals to continue her education."

Alexis is a senior at Mays High School where she served as a sponsor during the school's homecoming game. She is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club.

At Antioch, she serves with the junior ushers and sings with the M.A.D.D. for Christ Choir.

After graduation, Alexis plans to further her education at a college or university in Atlanta to pursue studies in pharmacology or dermatology.

Scenes from Antioch's Youth Academy



The Antioch Youth Academy meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 pm, in classrooms on the Fellowship Hall level. All youth, grades 1-12 are encouraged and invited to participate in this first tutorial phase. Saturday sessions will be available upon request.

Please contact Sis. Barbara Barnes, 404-688-5679. Thank you.

Whatever happened to Takiyah McClain?

Takiyah "Kia" R. McClain, one of Antioch Baptist Church North's scholarship recipients.



Where'd she go from here? She graduated in 2000 from Emory University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, earned her Doctorate of Jurisprudence Degree four years later from Vanderbilt University School of Law.

How did it go at Emory? She was on the Dean's List, Residence Hall Council, Student Admissions Association, Student Activities Committee Intramurals, Baptist Student Union, Alpha Phi Omega (National Co-ed Service Fraternity), Ben Pius Mock Trial, and Pre-Law Society.

How did it go at Vanderbilt? She was on the staff of the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law, a mentor with the Vanderbilt Law Ambassadors, a member of the Women Law Students Association and the Christian Legal Society. Her article entitled "An Ounce of Prevention: Improving the Preventative Measures of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act" was published in the March 2007 edition of the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law.

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