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Pastor's Anniversary: "We're well fed"

Every called preacher knows that feeding the sheep is crucial to kingdom building.

And at Antioch Baptist Church North, "we have been fed," the Rev. Rodney Turner declared during the Aug. 7 morning service celebrating Pastor Cameron Alexander's 42nd anniversary.

Turner, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, preached from the third chapter of Jeremiah.

In Jeremiah 3:12, God told the prophet to tell them to return to him and he would restore them. In verse 13, he instructs them to acknowledge their sin against him. And in verse 14, he tells them that once they have followed his instructions that they will be released from captivity.

"Then I'm going to send
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Adam Alexander sings during Youth Culmination

"In youth, we see promise, hope and joy."

Minister Oscar Scott

Youth Culminating Services held

7:45am

The Rev. Charles "Skip" Walker still remembers trying out for his high school basketball team.

He was sure he made the team.

And he was sure surprised when he didn't make it.

"Even chosen folk have to go through sometimes," Rev. Walker told the Antioch congregation.

But if they stay focused on the Lord and with a little help, they will be victorious.



Min. C. Walker

11:00am

"Our young men need role models," he said.

More than two dozen men answered the call.

These young men are part of the next "chosen generation," the theme Antioch's youth used for its culmination service.

"In youth, we see promise," said Min. Oscar Scott, who delivered the sermon. "We see hope and most of all, we see joy."

The spiritual foundation for the theme
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Min. O. Scott

**FALL CONCERT
OCTOBER 23, 2011**

**134TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
NOVEMBER 13, 2011**

**FALL REVIVAL
OCTOBER 24-26, 2011**

A Message From The Pastor



My Brothers and Sisters:

This wonderful new edition of The Church at Antioch is a visual feast and a fascinating recap of some of the many events and occurrences that happened within our Church Family during the past few months. I am certain that your hearts will be warmed as you recall the activities and learn some interesting facts about personalities within our fellowship. The newsletter staff, under the watchful directions of Sister Barbara Alexander and Sister Gracie Staples, continues to do an incredible job of keeping our Congregational Family informed, educated, and excited about the membership at Antioch.

This edition of the newsletter appears at the dawn of autumn when the vibrant beauty and splendor of God's goodness can be seen everywhere, especially in nature. The trees are about to be touched in mellow colors of the season as they begin to fall and flutter away. While the songs of the birds remain melodious and beautiful, the birds are preparing to migrate farther south.

During this season, it is my prayer that each of you will find times for solitude and seek out places of refuge where you can commune privately and praise the Lord of glory for the riches associated with the autumn season. It is truly a blessing to enjoy the fascinating wonders of God's creations and the magnificence of His splendor that is displayed everywhere. During your quiet times, ask God to purify your mind and your spirit. Ask Him also to quicken all of us to live lives worthy of the glowing wonders of this season.

Enjoy the newsletter and enjoy the season!

Yours in God's service,

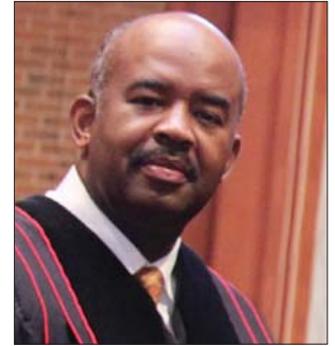
Reverend C. M. Alexander
Pastor

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you pastors, men in the flesh who will love you like I love you," said Turner, quoting scripture. "They are going to present you living bread, the word to nourish and build you up."

He said that God didn't promise to send people who would turn the pulpit into a playground, the church into a circus or those who would conform to this world or chose political correctness over what is biblical.

"I'm going to send you pastors, overseers, lead-



Rev. R. K. Turner

ers who will feed you the word so that you will be able to carry out the will of God," Turner said.

Because of Pastor Alexander, he said, "We are not spiritually weak but strong in the Lord.

11 a.m. "A gospel that works"

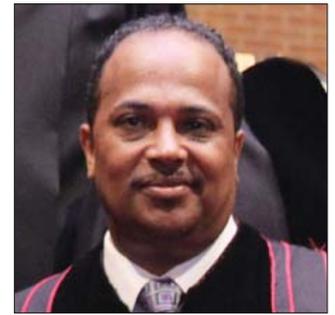
For 42 years, Pastor Cameron Alexander has preached the uncompromising truth.

He has taught us that faith without works is dead. He has taught us to begin and end each year in prayer. He has taught us that God does not require us to be successful but that we be faithful.

In short, God's word has been the thrust of his ministry, the Rev. Kenneth Alexander told those gathered to celebrate the Pastor's 42 anniversary.

Alexander, presiding minister of the Lakewood Mission, said that for 42 years his father has preached from the same book that tells us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts.

"He has taught us that



Rev. K. L. Alexander

when we're in the midst of a storm, don't panic because God doesn't have to do anything by Friday," he said.

But does that gospel work?

Alexander recounted the story of Paul and Silas who had preached the word and cast out demons only to be thrown in jail. But at midnight, they were released.

"Paul and Silas had a gospel that worked," he said.

JULY

Margaret Weaver: Don't Quit

Sis. Margaret Weaver knows what it feels like to want to give up.

"I have had some real challenges as a business owner," she said, slightly emphasizing the word "real" as she talked.

"But what I have seen is God comes through and He does in magnificent ways."

Sis. Weaver, a psychologist and longtime Antioch member, has the educational training and spiritual background to deal with such pressures better than many. In an effort to help others manage adversity and persevere in the face of difficulty, she penned "Don't Give Up."

The book, published earlier this year, is the first in a series of devotional books by Sis. Weaver, director of Antioch's Evangelistic Task Force.

"When faced with adversity, it is sometimes tempting to give up, quit, surrender to despair, and accept defeat," Weaver writes on her website. "But, hopefully, you will be encouraged to keep pressing on during

those tumultuous, and, at times, seemingly relentless storms of life."

Sis. Weaver's book offers what's in short supply in her industry: support with a spiritual foundation. It's what brought her to Atlanta. She was working in Philadelphia when she heard about a Christian-based counseling program in Atlanta.

"I knew it was my life's assignment," Sis. Weaver, a former music major, said of psychology.

Sis. Weaver said the book is doing surprisingly well and that she's particularly thankful to Antioch Members who have purchased the book. Many people, she said, are buying multiple copies and giving them to others.

Sis. Weaver, who has been in private practice since the early 1990s, said she was encouraged for years to write a book by her parents, Mrs. Mae Weaver and the late Rev. George E. Weaver, author of three books. Sis. Weaver said she started collecting material for the



Dr. Margaret Weaver signs books at Antioch.

book several years ago from speeches she's given over the years.

"My hope was the book would glorify God and second, it would impact people," Sis. Weaver said.

Sis. Weaver said much of the wisdom in the book comes from Rev. Cameron M. Alexander and his teachings at Antioch. She called Alexander a "master motivator" and recited some of his more encouraging phrases.

You've got more going for you than you've got going against you.

So does Rev. Alexander get a share of the royalties?

"He has taught tithes and offerings, and I am doing that," Sis. Weaver replied with a hearty laugh.

Her message to others?

"With God, all things are possible. Keep going and trusting in Him."

Don't Give Up can be purchased from some of the following places:

www.margaretoweaver.com

www.authorhouse.com

Barnes & Noble

Books A Million

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.



Sisters By Choice host Pink Ribbon Walk

Mother Emma Kelly is a cancer survivor; so are Sisters Janet Hill and Karen McKinney.

They know better than anyone, perhaps, that African-Americans are more likely to die of breast cancer than other ethnic groups and not only is it often diagnosed later and at an advanced stage, studies show that tumors in black women are more aggressive.

To help spread the word, Kelly, her daughters, Jocelyn Curry and Stephanie Scott, Hill and McKinney, all members of Antioch Baptist Church North, were among thousands of survivors and supporters who turned out July 16 for the second annual Sisters By Choice Pink Ribbon Walk.

The walk, held annually to help raise funds for and awareness about breast cancer, is sponsored by Sisters By Choice, a breast cancer survivor support group begun in 1989 by renowned surgeon Dr. Ragsbert F. Phillips.

Because early detection is key to full recovery, women are urged to do monthly breast exams and get annual mammograms.

In their own words:

Youth share why they are proud to be Americans



Alexis Rockward

"I love being an American because I can smile and laugh. In other countries, the faces of children are stricken with sorrow and pain, and they never get to be just kids. I love America because I am free to pursue my happiness.



Charnel Stribling

I am proud to be an American because we have freedom of choice and speech. In other countries they don't allow, that, especially for women. I'm also proud to be an American for free Education. Being an American gave me the chance to go to school and study to do I would like, be a psychiatrist.



Andrea Trimble

The United States is not perfect... but I am still proud to live in a country that allows me to worship my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ without fear of being arrested for my beliefs.

Youth attend Congress of Christian Education

In a time when everyone, particularly our youth, are exposed to many different belief systems, it is imperative that the unadulterated Word of God and the tenets of the Baptist faith are taught.

For many youth, the Congress of Christian Education, the educational arm of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc, is the source of those teachings.

Antioch youth were

among those gathered July 18 – 22 in Kingsland, where they attended a range of classes, including Youth Understanding Themselves, Discipline at Home, Church, and School and The African-American Presence in the Bible.

Daily worship services provided an opportunity to hear the preached word as well as participate in other aspects of the service.

Antioch youth won first place in the Martin Luther

King, Jr. Christian Arts Competition for liturgical dance; and first and second places in The Great Debate, junior age category.

This is the first year that the Children's Rally for ages 12 and under, a dramatic presentation entitled The Master Plan, was held. The rally was written by Sis. Homerzelle Gentry with directorial assistance from Sis. Dorcas Ford Jones, both members of Antioch.

Antioch youth shine at annual conference

Antioch Baptist Church feel they best exemplify; North youth placed in three and for reading and writing of four competitions held book reports. recently at the seventh The conference was host- annual Southeast Region ed by New Pilgrim Baptist Youth Conference. Church in Macon, where

Winners include Alaila the Rev. Curtis Raines is McKinney, first place in pastor. the Bible Book Drill for The Antioch basketball those age eight and un- team represented the State der; Ga'dore Butts, second of Georgia and soundly beat place, Bible Scripture Drill; South Carolina in the State and Devonté Reynolds tied Basketball Tournament. for second place in the Bi- To see pictures and com- ble Olympics. ments from the Conference,

McKinney also won for log on to the Facebook page her age group in the Rose developed by the Network Pageant, which prepares Coordinator, Antioch's own young ladies to speak on Sis. Amira Davis. the fruit of the spirit they



Memorial Scholarships Applications

The Scholarship Ministry will begin accepting applications next month for the spring semester.

Applications will be available beginning on November 6. The deadline to apply is December 4. To qualify, students must be a sophomore or greater at an accredited university and be a member of Antioch Baptist Church North or an Antioch mission.

Please visit the church website – www.antioch-north.org - for more information.

McCracken singing into the hearts of others

For as long as she can remember, Jade Audrea-Joy McCracken has loved to sing.

She even believed she was good at it. Now others do, too.

A rising senior at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, McCracken's vocals have catapulted her into the hearts of her fellow choir members and Vesper Choir director Michael Bates.

"I knew I was talented but he saw more in me



Jade Audrea-Joy McCracken

than I saw in myself," McCracken said.

A member of the Mu Alpha Mu Honorary Choral

Sorority, McCracken, was honored recently for Outstanding Performance and named Female Vocalist of the Year.

In addition, she was elected president of both Mu Alpha Mu and the Vesper Choir, which has performed in United States and Europe. The choir is a valued treasure to UA and considered one of the most talented university choirs in the nation.

Jade has been the recipient of a UAPB Vesper

Choir Scholarship since her freshman year. This Scholarship has renewed and increased each year because of her excellence in and strong commitment to the choir's programs and activities.

After graduating, McCracken, daughter of Sis. Marsha McCracken and a long time member of Antioch, hopes to secure a job in communications or public relations and pursue her master's degree.

Antioch celebrates Ladd's Anniversary

As the B. W. Terrill Verse Speakers said, when Antioch was invited to join in the celebration of Reverend William Terry Ladd, III's second anniversary as pastor of First Baptist Church, "We got excited, prayed and started shouting road trip."



Rev. Terry Ladd

But this was more than just a road trip. It was a chance to honor and congratulate the Rev. Ladd, his wife and their Chattanooga, TN, family.

And so dozens of Antioch Baptist Church members and ministries, including the ushers, Note Singers, the Verse Speakers, the Vessels of Praise Dancers, and the Anthem/Accapella Choir showed up to give God praise.

Evenso, it was hard not to notice the beauty of the magnificent 144-year-old church built by slaves, said the Rev. Cameron Alexander, Antioch North's pastor.

America, he said, had lost a great deal "all those years by not using the tal-

ent and intellect that came over in the bottom of ships."

Basing his sermon on Romans 8:10 and Joshua 5:15, Alexander challenged Rev. Ladd and all assembled to honestly answer, "What is your record?"

He reminded them that "we are members not of a particular church but of the body of Jesus Christ. Therefore, while we are waiting for the Lord's return, we must work to prepare for Him."

The tributes to Rev. Ladd gave testimony that in his years of service - in the community and the church - he has been busy working while he waits.

ADDED MEMBERS

The following 8 people were Baptized in September. There were no Baptism in July or August.

NAME	BIRTH MONTH
Aniya C. Rolle	February
Andre C. Rolle Jr.	August
John Seay Oliver	September
Joshua James Oscar Scott	June
Cameron Woods	March
Zachary Johnson	August
Makai Snowden	November
Rosalyn White	December

The Following 14 people had Christian Experience.

NAME	BIRTH MONTH
Charlene Ayodele	October
Terguese Ivory	October
Ralph Concentine	October
Loou Alice Green	April
Dianne J. Brown	August
Rev. William H. Huff Jr.	May
Cheryl L. Huff	July
Susie L. Huff	December
Carl M. Miller Sr.	July
Joya Neal Thomas	March
Eric D. Gibson	October
Rosalind J. Upshaw	July
Craig Hall	August
Stephen J. Bailey	July

Total of 22 people received the Right Hand of Fellowship

Ant anthem/Acapella choir attends 9/11 concert

Sister Wendy Harding, director of Antioch's Anthem/Acapella Choir and several of its members attended a 9/11 commemorative concert Sept. 11 at the Morehouse College Chapel.

The concert featured an ecumenical choir composed of Atlanta churches of different denominations and

audience participation. The music - contemporary lyrics set to old hymn tunes and some lesser-known hymns was selected from a series entitled New Wine in Old Wineskins edited by James Abbington, an associate professor at Emory, but more significantly, co-director of the Hampton University

Choir Directors' and Organists' Guild Workshop attended annually by Harding and Antioch choir members.

Antioch benefitted on the third Sunday morning when the Anthem/Acapella sang a selection from the concert during the morning worship services.

MAY

When hard sayings are preached, will you stay or go?

Jesus, being God's son, never gets sick. He never gets old. He never dies.

And as long as he was performing miracles, he couldn't move for the crowds who followed him, Pastor Cameron Alexander preached recently.

"They loved him," he said. But in a sobering second-Sunday sermon taken from John 6:53-69, Alexander said "Jesus came to do more than perform miracles."

In fact, he said, many of us today still want Jesus just to be a miracle worker. If, for instance, Jesus keeps us in good health, keeps us in a good job, we'll be diligent in serving him.

"Let me declare today that God is not a bell hop," Pastor Alexander said.



Rev. C. M. Alexander

Despite the miracles, he said, Jesus eventually lost his crowd.

"They were fine when he was just a miracle worker," he said, "but they left him when he started identifying who he was, the son of

God."

Pastor Alexander said that the truth doesn't always draw crowds but the truth will set you free.

Jesus, he reminded the congregation, said that he knew from the beginning

that some didn't believe in him.

"From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." (John 5:66)

They fell away, Alexander said, not because of bad press but because they wanted a magician, not a master.

And so just as Jesus had done with his disciples when he asked "Will you also go," Pastor Alexander turned to Antioch's ministers and asked: "If the truth drives everybody away and we're not popular anymore, will you also go?"

He asked the deacons and then the congregation, "If we stay in this Bible and it rubs people the wrong way, will you also go?"

Rev. Johnson retires from law enforcement

Dozens of Antioch Baptist Church North members, family, friends and colleagues turned out Aug. 13 to celebrate Rev. Craig Johnson's retirement.

Johnson said that he wanted to retire while he was still in good health, could provide for his family and practice his calling to preach, teach and someday pastor.

"I thank God for answering my prayers," he said.

A son of Antioch and a graduate of Saint Paul's College, Rev. Johnson served 29 years in law enforcement, including the last 22 as a special agent with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

He began his career in 1983 as a police officer in Richmond, Virginia where he served for seven years before becoming a special agent with the DEA in 1990.



Rev. Craig Johnson receives accolades at retirement luncheon.

AUMI testimony

“But for the grace of God”

It's difficult to think of my sobriety without being thankful for the hope I've found in Christ and at Antioch Urban Ministries Inc.

And so I thank Pastor Cameron Alexander first for baptizing me and starting me on this Christian journey. You taught me the importance of staying connected to God, my church family and others who've encouraged me to seek God's will for my life.

If you hadn't had the vi-

sion to start Luke's Place, where men suffering from chemical and alcohol dependencies could come, dry out and be restored to God, I don't know where I'd be.

I thank Mrs. Barbara J. Alexander for loving me when I didn't love myself, for telling me to stay when all I wanted to do was run, and for being a “Mother” to those of us at Luke's Place who wouldn't otherwise have one.

I thank Rev. Kenny Alex-



Bro. Emmett Ruth

ander and his wife, Lisa, for always telling me the truth and for teaching me that sanctification is a process. Most of all I thank my Antioch North family for allowing God to use you to support AUMI.

Without your financial contributions and prayers, recovering addicts like me would have no where to go and no one to take our hands and gently lead us back to God.

You give us hope.

Antioch well represented at Congress of Christian Education

Wednesday through Friday evenings, August 24 – 26, found several Antioch members fully engaged as teachers or students in the Fifth District Congress of Christian Education held at Antioch East Baptist Church.

Indeed, except for the locale, one might have thought Antioch East was Antioch North.

Sis. Mary Hicks, Director of Curriculum Development, taught the deaconess class. Dea. Clarence Hicks taught the deacons and Sis. Brenda Eason taught the Advanced ushers class.

Antioch North Sisters Francene Coleman, Eunice Harrison, Brigitte Hill, Dorcas Ford Jones, Karen S.

McKinney, and Algernon Roberts each enrolled in a Certificate of Progress Program class entitled Effective Bible Reading.

In addition to the classes, participants were challenged each night through the messages, including one from the Rev. John Williams, pastor at Antioch East and president of Congress.

Williams urged those gathered to concentrate on the wonders of the Word, its inspiration, formation, preservation, and message.

“The word of God will produce change in the White House, the outhouse, the jail house, and your house,” he said.

National Baptist Convention convenes

The National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. convened Sept. 5-9 in Orlando, Fla. with a large contingent of Antioch Baptist Church North members in attendance.

The Annual Session combines the business of the convention with education, mission, evangelism, and worship.

As Vice President at Large of the Ushers' and Nurses' Auxiliary, Sis. Brenda Eason was instrumental in programming courses certified by the national organization during this session as the ushers and nurses often do not have the opportunity to enroll in courses

at other sessions because they are on duty.

Sis. Karen S. McKinney serves as the Southeast Region Director of the Young People's Department where workshops consisted of creative praise and worship, parliamentary procedure, and health.

Also in attendance were, Sis. Peggy Cooper and several of the pastoring sons of Antioch, including Dr. Clarence Moore, vice president of the Southeast Region, Rev. Fredrick A. Davis, board chairman of Morehouse School of Religion, and Dr. Ronald Terry, president of the Music Auxiliary.

SEPTEMBER

Youth hold three day revival

The Lindsey Street Baptist Church Mime group and the Antioch Lakewood Steppers brought the congregation to its feet during the three-day Antioch Youth Explosion held in September.

The performances, along with the spoken word, were among a myriad of activities held during the three-day power-packed event.

And after hearing the Rev. Charles “Skip” Walker, Antioch’s Youth Minister, break down the 100th Psalm and explain its relevance to our lives today, few if any will ever merely recite the passage during the Litany of Praise in worship service. They will live it.

Classes exploring the theme, “Chosen to Lead” based on the scripture, 1 Peter 2:9, were held for those age three and older. Topics included “Bullying and Peer Pressure,” taught by Dr. Stephanie Green and Sis. Stephanie Scott; steps for managing anger management led by the Rev. James Hill and Sis. Brenda Edwards; and “Children of the Web: Temptations Encountered through Music, TV and Social Media” taught by Min. Michael Price and Dea. Jerome Trimble.

Although Wednesday night had its regular offering of prayer and teaching, it was anything but “normal.” The youth led throughout the evening and proved once again that they are indeed, leaders, and our future is in capable hands.

Youth Brunch



Happy Anniversary!

JULY

- Bro. & Sis. Arnold & Denise Curtis – 7/7/84
Bro. & Sis. Carl & Nachele Hemphill – 7/8/00
Bro. & Sis. Eric & Yvonnia Henderson – 7/6/97
Bro. & Sis. Jeffrey & Myra Reeves – 7/25/92
Bro. & Sis. Damon & Beatrice Copeland 7-15-09
Bro. & Sis. Geoffrey & Charlin King – 7-3-09
Bro. & Sis Walter & Valencia Seay – 7-17-76
Bro. & Sis. Steven & Melodee Thomas – 7-8-89
Bro. & Sis, Charles & Tiffany Hill – 7-14-07
Bro. & Sis. Leslie & Nikki Moore -07-21-90
Bro. & Sis. Christopher & Regina Harden 07-22-95
Bro. & Sis. Derman & Shalitha Lawrence 07-30-05
Bro. & Sis. Darwin & Stephany Walls
Bro. & Sis. Jesse & Buelah Rosser
Bro. & Sis. Michael & Felecia Martin
Bro. & Sis. Willie & Fran Carter
Bro. & Sis Terrence & Tanya Abrams - 7-09-99
Bro. & Sis. Larry D.& Rhea L. Hood -07-18-87
Bro. & Sis. Jim Wesley & Shea Daniels -07-09-05
Bro. & Sis. Robert & Tracy Bosley 7/24/99
Bro. & Sis. Jay & Angel Johnson 7/13/02
Bro. & Sis Robert & Marcia Ellis 7/3/06

AUGUST

- Dea. & Sis. Willie & Fran Carter – 8/3/03
Bro. & Sis. Darnell & Anthea Evans – 8/14/04
Bro. & Sis. David & Adrienne Jackson – 8/29/02
Bro. & Sis. Michael & Felecia Martin – 8/10/85
Bro. & Sis. Al & Dot McGuire – 8/1/81
Rev. & Sis. Charles & Marvella Walker – 8/10/91
Bro. & Sis. Willard & Effie Nalls – 8-4-63
Bro. & Sis. Tavaris & Natalie Rachel – 8-1-09
Bro. & Sis. Robert & Bonita Davis – 8-22-92
Bro. & Sis. LaMarcus & Ellide Smith 8-31-08
Bro. & Sis. Rodney & LaTonya Thompson 08/06/88
Dea. & Sis. Leo & Sherilyn Walker 08-26-78
Bro. & Sis. Allen & Denine Jones
Bro. & Sis. Corey & LaQuenta Barnes – 8/16/08
Bro. & Sis. John Paul & Sandra Blanton 08/03/99
Bro. & Sis. James & Patricia Miles 8/2/75
Bro. & Sis. Donovan & Lisa Kirkland 08/13/05
Bro. & Sis Frederick & Alfreda Pinkston 08/19/61

SEPTEMBER

- Bro. & Sis. Lee & Veronica Baker – 9/5/92
Bro. & Sis. James & Lindsey Swittenberg – 9/15/07
Bro. & Sis. Borquaye & Shatavia Thomas – 9/20/08
Bro. & Sis. Hilton & Tammy Borne – 9-24-94
Bro. & Sis. Darryl & Holly Speed - 9/9/00
Bro. & Sis. Johnn & Cynthia Daniels - 9-2-1989
Bro. & Sis. Reginald & Leda Everett-09-17-04
Bro. & Sis. Larry & Garnetta Riley-09-05-92
Bro. & Sis. Nevin & Andrea Harton -09-15-90
Bro. & Sis. Garry & Sharon Mott -09-18-82
Bro. & Sis. Phillip & Joyce Lyde 9/6/86
Bro. & Sis. Van & Gail Herrin 09-05-81
Bro. & Sis. Tony & Kim Johnson 9/14/10
Bro. & Sis. Kerry & Lanika Blackmon 09/27/08
Bro. & Sis. Tracy & Gaile Bulloch 09-04-82

Youth Explosion



Middle-of-the-Bible Preaching

Harkening back to revivals of yesteryear, five sons of Antioch preached July 27 from the Scripture found in the middle of the Bible, Psalm 118:8. "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."

Below is a brief synopsis of each of their messages:

Min. Daniel Shelton

His message: *Trust in man is misplaced.*

Min. Derek McKinney

His message: *Lest we are tempted to put our trust in our own abilities and accomplishments and boast that we have "pulled ourselves up by our own bootstraps," we have to remember that it was the Lord God Almighty who provided us with all the materials for the straps and the boots, the idea to make them, and the strength to pull the straps in the first place.*

Min. Derek Jackson

His message: *Jesus is always in the midst. When you put your trust in the Lord, He'll feed you long after the check is gone, you'll find time for everything, and He'll make your Jericho walls come down.*

Min. Ed London

His message: *Trust is faith, and it is only as good as the one you put your faith in; only God is totally trustworthy.*

Min. Lester Duncan

His message: *The pieces of our lives will only fit together properly when we read the instruction manual, God's Word, first.*

Simon named professor of music

Carlos Simon, Antioch Baptist Church North's pianist for the past three years, has been named a professor of music theory at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Although barely 25 years of age, Simon has already acquired an impressive resume, performing all over the world with such artists as N'Dambi, Yahzarah, Russell Taylor, Gabbie McGhee and Angie Stone.

A graduate of both Morehouse College and Georgia State University, where he received his bachelor and masters degrees, respectively, the Washington, D.C., native has studied composition with Robert Tanner, Uzee Brown, TJ Anderson and Nicktas Demos. He has had works performed by the Morehouse College Glee Club, the National Conference for Catholic Musicians and the Spelman/Morehouse String Quartet, and his music has appeared nightly on the Herman Cain Show.

Mr. Simon, who has compositions published by GIA Publications, is a member of ASCAP, Society of Composers and Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society.



Bro. Carlos Simon

At Morehouse, he will teach a range of senior level courses, including Advanced Music Theory, Contrapuntal Techniques and Music Appreciation.

Unfortunately for the Antioch family, Simon stepped down Sept. 4 as church pianist.

"My time at Antioch has provided me with such an amazing opportunity to grow and learn on a professional level," he said. "I will truly miss my family at Antioch."

Culminating Services *continued from cover*

7:45am Service

The advice was part of Rev. Walker's sermon during the 7:45 a.m. Youth Culmination Service. The message dovetailed with the theme picked by Antioch's youth, a "chosen generation."

Heeding Rev. Cameron Alexander's call to fill the choir stand, about 100 young people sang, performed an interpretative dance, read the Scripture, read the announcements and welcomed the visitors. The youth conducted similar duties and helped lead the 11 a.m. service.

Dressed in white T-shirts they designed for the occasion, the youth passed the torch of leadership to Antioch's Family Division, which will help lead the church through the remainder of the year.

Rev. Walker noted Antioch's youth had taken the

church "through an awesome quarter" just as Jesus led the first chosen generation when God decided He alone needed to help His people.

"So don't get discouraged," Rev. Walker said when things don't go your way. "This ain't home for us."

He reminded the congregation that God "chose you for a whole new purpose."

A few days after learning he didn't make the team, he said the coach called to inform him he made the basketball team. Rev. Walker later learned his father had talked to the coach. He likened his experience to the evening when God talked to Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.

"It wasn't nothing but Daddy talking to the coach," Rev. Walker said.

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came from I Peter 2:9 in which the disciple Peter reminds the believers that they are a chosen generation. Min. Scott focused his sermon on the final two words of that verse, a "marvelous light."

Heeding Rev. Alexander's call to fill the choir stand, about 100 young people sang, performed an interpretative dance, read the Scripture, read the announcements and welcomed the visitors. The youth conducted similar duties and helped lead the 7:45 a.m. service.

Dressed in white T-shirts they designed for the occasion that were tucked neatly into their black pants and skirts, the youth passed the torch of leadership to Antioch's Family Division, which will help lead the church through the remainder of the year.

But before the service ended, Min. Scott issued a challenge to the youth: Lead us.

Min. Scott spoke of past

chosen generations. They attended college in record numbers. They opened the door knobs of opportunity. They led the Civil Rights Movement.

Min. Scott talked about how each generation has sometimes fallen short of its responsibilities. He noted the record number of African-Americans who helped elect Barack Obama as president in 2008. Yet, he said, many are still not registered to vote and, thus, cannot serve on juries that sentence men to death, a reference to the September execution of Troy Anthony Davis.

The speaker warned the youth that some will try to extinguish the marvelous light that God has created in them. They tried to do the same with Jesus, he said.

Min. Scott offered a message Rev. Alexander would like to hear more men give the youth.

"We're here to help you," he said.



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