ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH NORTH
REV. C. M. ALEXANDER, PASTOR

## 136th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Rekindle the Flame...Catch on Fire!!!

Jeremiah 20:9



Sunday, November 10, 2013 7:45AM & 11AM Worship Services

BIBLE-BASED • CHRIST-CENTERED • HOLY SPIRIT-LED • MISSION-BOUND FELLOWSHIP • EVANGELISM • DOCTRINE • STEWARDSHIP

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## An Anniversary Message From the Pastor

November 10, 2013

My Brothers and Sisters,



Today as we observe our Annual Church Anniversary, we certainly have a lot to celebrate! First and foremost, we must thank God for a continuous showering of His richest blessings upon our Church Family for the past 136 years. Since the early days of the Bethursday Prayer Band, God and the Holy Spirit have been with us...our guide and our spiritual force. Through our mission of Christian Service as a missionary Baptist church and because of our uncompromising Biblebased message, the Antioch fellowship has stood a remarkable test of time.

Since 1877, Antioch has been stable. God has kept us girded and positioned to do His work even as the world around us has changed. The buildings of our church campus—even when we worshipped in the borrowed butcher shop and now in the comforts of our modern worship center—have always served as vessels for God's purpose. The results of our six decades of service have made this beloved place that we call Antioch a laudable landmark that anchors this community. It is a holy place where the love of Jesus Christ and of His people is truly in the hearts, minds, and souls of its worshippers.

As pastor, I am grateful to be standing on the shoulders of those great men who served as pastor before me. Those early preachers understood the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40). Their legacy to serve God's people and their willingness to express their love of God still burns after 136 years of unbridle Christian Service. As keepers of our pioneers' dreams, we must *Rekindle the Flame* and *Catch on Fire* as we position Antioch for Christian Service in tomorrow's world.

I am elated to welcome the Reverend William Terry Ladd, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee who will preach our Anniversary Sermons. As a "Son of Antioch" I am proud of the work and leadership that Reverend Ladd is providing in Chattanooga. His growth and spiritual maturity warms my heart and makes me proud to call him one of my sons in ministry.

Be of good cheer and remain prayerful as we celebrate the move of the Holy Spirit!

Yours in God's service,

Reverend Cameron M. Alexander

**Pastor** 

## ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2013 • 7:45AM & 11:00AM

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

7:45am - Antioch Choir, Vessels of Praise Dance Ministry, and BWT Verse Speakers
11:00am - Antioch Choir, Teen Dance Ministry, and Hand Bell Choirs

The Announcements & Recognition of Visitors

The 136th Church Anniversary Committee presentation

## THE LITANY OF PRAISE

MINISTER: Let us stand for our Litany of Praise

MINISTER: We are...

**CONGREGATION:** Bible-based, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-led, and Mission-bound

MINISTER: We stand on...

**CONGREGATION:** The four pillars, Fellowship, Evangelism, Doctrine, and Stewardship

MINISTER: So, let us...

ALL: Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is GOD: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD IS good; HIS mercy is everlasting; and HIS truth endureth to ALL generations.

Psalm 100

THE DOXOLOGY......Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **The Offertory Prayer**

O Heavenly Father, deliver us from vanity, selfishness, and conceit. Touch our hearts and help us to exercise the grace of sharing and giving. Lead us and guide us, Dear Lord, as we offer our gifts. It's in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!

The Tithes & Offering		Deacons & Ushers' Ministries
The Sermon Hymn	Amazing Grace	Congregation
The Anniversary Sermon		Reverend Terry Ladd
•	Pastor, First Baptist Ch	urch 8th Street, Chattanooga, TN

## The Invitation to Discipleship

(Please refrain from walking during the Invitation to Discipleship)

Special Anniversary Recessional

'Til We Meet Again



## Our Foundation-The Four Pillars

Fellowship is the union of Christian believers sharing their Christian experience, which is every Christian's responsibility. As Christians, we must assemble ourselves together to share, to learn and to gather strength from one another. Members are asked to attend all activities such as workshops, special services, etc., during special days or special events. (Hebrew 10:25), "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Evangelism is the means for Christians to spread the news of God's goodness. Jesus commands us to evangelize and to be fishers of men. During special events and activities, members are asked to witness to at least one unchurched person and bring that person to our special activities. John 15:15, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it to you."

Doctrine is the system of teaching by which Christians must advocate the Word of the Lord. It is a set of Biblical principles and laws by which we are governed. As prophets, it is imperative for us to understand and proclaim the basic beliefs, practices and principles that make us unique as Baptists. Revivals, special activities, and other learning experiences are available to strengthen our beliefs. In addition to our ongoing Sunday School and Nurturing Baptist Church classes (Baptist Training Union), other services are provided in an effort for us to learn more about Baptist Doctrine. Mark 4:2, "and he taught them many things by parables and said unto them in His doctrine..."

Stewardship reminds us that as Christians, we are responsible for managing God's property. Stewardship involves Christians contributing, managing their time, talents, money and resources in doing God's work. We must recognize the fact that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and they that dwell therein..." (Psalm 24:1). As owner, God will come back expecting us as Christians to give a report of our stewardship. As we wait for His return, we must demonstrate our commitment through our gifts of time, talent, and tithes. Members are encouraged to tithe consistently and cheerfully. Luke 12:42, "and the Lord said, who then is that faithful and wise steward who his Lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them portion of meat in due season?"

## Antioch Baptist Church North works aggressively to serve this present age as a rock that is:

**Bible-based**: 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; Psalm 119:105 **Christ-centered**: John 14:6; Revelation 17:14; John 1:1; Matthew 28:18

**Holy Spirit-led**: John 16:7-14; Galatians 5:25 **Mission-bound**: Matthew 25:31-46

## **OUR 136TH ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER**

## Reverend William Terry Ladd, III

Pastor, First Baptist Church 8th Street, Chattanooga, TN



Rev. William Terry Ladd, III serves as pastor of the First Baptist Church East 8th Street located in Chattanooga, TN. He is the 13th pastor in the 147 year history of the church and is known as a gifted preacher, teacher, and leader for the cause of Christ, social justice, and equality.

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Pastor Ladd is a graduate of Morehouse College, where he received the Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics, and Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology, where he earned the Master of Divinity Degree and received the William Ollie and Nell Ray Key Award for Excellence in Congregational Leadership.

Since his early youth, Pastor Ladd has been actively involved in the work of the Church. He was licensed to preach the gospel and ordained into the gospel ministry at the Antioch Baptist Church North in Atlanta, Georgia, where Rev. Dr. Cameron M. Alexander serves as pastor. It was under Dr. Alexander's tutelage that Pastor Ladd's keen church administrative skills and emphasis on preaching the prophetic message of the social gospel were developed.

Pastor Ladd currently serves as a member of the Board of Visitors of the McAfee School of Theology; President of T.O.F.F.E.E., a Tennessee affiliate of the national social justice organization Gamaliel; Tennessee State Director for the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Faith Based Development Initiative; Eastern Region Vice President of the Ministers Division of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention; Dean of the Congress of Christian Education for the Chattanooga – Hamilton County Baptist Missionary and Education Association. He is a member of the NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. In 2012, Pastor Ladd was inducted into the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel Board of Preachers.

Pastor Ladd is married to the former Terrilyn Hollings of Mobile, AL and has one son Aaron.



# Historical Highlights of the Antioch Baptist Church North

By Brother Barney Simms

ince 1877, the Antioch Baptist Church North has stood in Atlanta as a beacon of hope and a place of refuge. For six generations, the congregational family has nurtured thousands of persons who have been counted among the least, the last, and the lost. As a Church Family, we celebrate our 136th Anniversary with a renewed commitment to build upon the remarkable record of charitable Christian Service that has made Antioch one of God's best churches. The journey from 1877 to 2013 has not been easy, but it certainly has been rewarding! Those rewards and God's promise of eternal life give our ever growing congregation inspiration and meaning to continue the journey "to see what the end will be."

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

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

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

One hundred and thirty-six years ago, Atlanta was not the important city that it is today. The city was beginning to rebuild from the ravages of the Civil War. It was certainly not a city too busy to hate. Atlanta merchants and builders took advantage of the labor and services of black people; knowing that they had worked as slaves with no compensa-

tion, would hire four to five blacks for the wages of one white person. As a result of this practice, Atlanta's poor white citizens were resentful and began terrorizing these former slaves for taking jobs away from them.

Adding to the confusion, the newly organized Atlanta newspapers began to distort and sensationalize feelings between Atlanta's blacks and whites. As a result, black people became too frightened to travel distances. By 1877, black people In Atlanta had become isolated in individual living wards and areas called "colored quarters." In the quarters that became known as Fifth Ward, there was not a church close to where our founding members lived for worship and rejoicing. A trip across town, through white quarters, to the nearest colored

church was like putting one's life into the hands of the devil.

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

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

money to be entrusted to uneducated, former slaves without any collateral.

The initial loan to purchase the Wallace Street property was paid off in record time in 1899. The congregation then, more than a century ago, faced the same challenge that the Antioch Congregation faces in 2013. They wondered how would they address and serve the needs of their growing membership in spaces that had become over-crowded and too small even though they had just purchased the property five years earlier. Their dilemma in 1899 was a cause of great concern as they questioned their preparedness for serving God's people at the start of the 20th Century.

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

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

The founders should be commended on their choice of the name Antioch. It was a fine choice for it was at Antioch that the term "Christian" was first given to converts to the new faith and it was

Paul's point of departure on his missionary journey.

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

The names of the very early ministers who nurtured and served as pastors of the young Antioch congregation were never chronicled in written historical documents, however oral histories and conversations of Antioch Pioneers identify the names of Rev. Jerry Davis, a Rev. Harris, a Rev. Briscoe, Rev. B. T. Harvey and Rev. Alfred

C. Williams as early ministers who served at Antioch. These preachers are warmly remembered for courageously proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to our young congregational family.

## Antioch: 1922-1927

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

as collateral.

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

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

## Antioch: 1927-1943

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

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

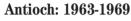
By an act of easement, the Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta paid the congregation \$8,300 for its Gray Street property. Not wanting to relocate from the area where the Congregation had been conceived, nurtured, and allowed to grow, Rev. George, the deacons and the trustees agreed to purchase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

## Antioch: 1943-1963

Rev. T. H. George's son, the charismatic and energetic, Rev. D.T. George served as pastor of Antioch during the 1940's, 50's, and early 60's. During his pastorate, the church facilities were drastically renovated. Instead of relocating the Congregation during the Northside Drive expansion as the State Department of Transportation

had suggested, Antioch remained at its location, turned its façade from Lambert Street now called Northside Drive, to Kennedy Street.

Rev. D. T. George restructured the organization of the congregation because he did not want just a church full of Sunday worshippers. He organized a number of auxiliaries to ensure the maximum participation from all segments of the congregation. Many of those organizations are still in existence today and are important to the vitality of the Antioch Congregation. Included are the Deaconess, the Matronetts, the Fisherman Club, the Service Guild, the Nurses Aid, the Male Chorus, the Progressive Garden Club, and choirs numbered 2 and 3, and the D.T. George Gospel Chorus all of which have grown into the Antioch Choir. Rev. George was impaired by a stroke and retired in 1963.



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

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

accepted a new challenge.

## **Antioch: 1969-Present**

The Rev. Cameron Madison Alexander accepted the Call to Antioch in 1969. After 43 years of incredible service, his tenure as pastor has been the longest in Antioch's history. Under his dynamic and visionary leadership, the congregation has grown from less than 500 persons to a membership that currently exceeds 14,000. The Rev. Alexander has been the driving force in the congregation's acquiring more than 87 separate parcels of land to facilitate the daily operations of Antioch and to enhance future growth needs. Antioch's annual operating budget has grown

from slightly more than thirty thousand dollars when he arrived as pastor to an access of 5 million dollars based not on raffles, bake sales and gimmicks, but strictly upon the congregation's generous tithes, offerings, and gifts.

To maintain the many programs associated with Pastor Alexander's ministry and his vision for Antioch's future spiritual and economic development and growth, the Church staff has grown from the one part-time em-



ployee who worked when Pastor Alexander arrived to 45 full and part-time staff members. These employees manage church administrative services, plant operations, the transportation fleet, the Antioch Urban Ministries, the music program, the worship services, and the other various outreach activities and services that Pastor Alexander has organized to service the needs of the membership.

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

During the late 1980's under Pastor Alexander's leadership, the congregation began a strategic acquisition of

additional properties and purchasing single parcels of land surrounding the church facilities. To the surprise of many and especially to the Atlanta business community, Antioch built its new multi-million dollar worship center, which was dedicated in 1990, and its new administrative wing the following year at its 540 Kennedy Street location. The land that the church purchased in Southwest Atlanta was eventually sold and became the site of a subdivision.

Most congregations experience membership decline during large building and acquisition programs, but under Pastor Alexander's guidance, the Antioch membership quadrupled causing him to expand his outreach ministries ten-fold to meet the needs of new members and those continually coming to Antioch for help and for directions.

Inspired by the six ministries in the Book of Matthew that outline the Church's responsibility to the less fortunate, Pastor Alexander established Antioch's Urban Ministries in the early 1990's. In 1991, as Chairman of the Board for AUMI, Pastor Alexander provided leadership in acquiring the 12-story Walton Hotel in downtown Atlanta. Valued at the time of purchase for more than 15 million dollars, the hotel was transformed into apartments for the working homeless and persons with noninfectious tuberculosis. The hotel was renamed the Madison House as a fitting tribute to the pastor whose middle name is Madison.

In 1992, the Ananias House was opened as a temporary home for recovering addicts and in 1994; Ruth's Place was opened for women dealing with similar problems. Also in 1994, Matthew's Place was opened as a home for those who are HIV-positive or living with AIDS. Pastor Alexander provided the leadership for the establishment of Project Redirection as an alternative to incarceration for first time offenders, and Project Youth Redirection, a ministry to youth who struggle and live within at risk environments.

In 1997, Pastor Alexander led the Congregation into purchasing the Selig business plaza located adjacent the worship center to house the offices and administrative staff for the Antioch Urban Ministries. In addition, the old Danzig Motel that was located in Northeast Atlanta on Chapel Road was purchased, renovated, and at



In 1999, again under Pastor Alexander's leadership, the Congregation purchased a multi-purpose building at 590 North Avenue. Known to the Congregation as "the 590," the building hosts a variety of congregation events and is used most frequently for youth activities.

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

In 2004, Antioch joined in celebrating the opening of the wonderful Gateway Apartment Community, a neighborhood development partnership opportunity spearheaded by Bethursday Development Corporation. The apartment community provides 261 units of quality affordable housing fronting Northside Drive. The complex is welcomed as the precursor for continued and aggressive development of the English Avenue Community. Complementing the apartment homes is a 400 car parking deck, an 8,000 square foot retail component, full sized swimming pool, and interior courts with wonderful green spaces. In 2008, Bethursday Development Corporation completed the first phase of twenty-eight town homes on Elm Street, just two blocks west of the Church.

While many congregations as old as Antioch often split and its members and leadership reorganize or struggle with leadership directions, under Pastor Alexander's vision, Antioch has successfully established eight missions: New Hope Mission, the Viking Mission, Lakemont Mission, Antioch Lakewood Mission, Antioch Madison House Mission, Antioch North Baptist Mission, Antioch Lithia Springs Mission, and the Antioch Community Mission at John's Creek; five of which have become strong, thriving congregational churches: Lakemont Missionary Baptist Church, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Loving Spirit Missionary Baptist Church, and New Horizon Baptist Church.

During his long tenure as the illustrious president of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., Dr. Alexander provided the leadership for the establishment of the Land of Promise Mission. All of these new church congregations serve as living testimonies that Antioch's commitment to Christian Service is as strong, as dedicated, and as much needed today as it was in 1877 when eight former slaves came together for the first time in what would eventually evolve into our beloved Antioch Missionary Baptist Church North.

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

Today, no one can predict all the challenges that the Antioch Congregation will face during the 21st Century. But as members of the body of Christ known and loved as Antioch, our Congregation will use the observance of its 136th Anniversary to reflect upon our past and make a collective pledge that our membership will stand strong on God's promises and remain receptive to the move of the Holy Spirit. We will continue to pray that our beloved Antioch will remain anchored to the traditions of our founding brethren in our spirit and in our commitment to God's Word.

As a congregation, we will all work aggressively to keep Antioch as a symbol of hope...a place of refuge...and a living testament to the greatness and goodness of God. In so doing, we will continue the journey and build upon a legacy of strong Christian Service worthy of continued emulation as a very special place close to our Savior's throne.

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Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Alexander

## **NEW AND ADDED MEMBERS**

ATTENTION!! ALL NEW AND ADDED MEMBERS!! If you joined the Antioch Baptist Church North family between January 1st 2011 and today, the Family Division needs YOU!! Please meet with the Family Division leaders immediately after each service down front near the Mother's corner for a VERY important meeting. We are making plans to celebrate "YOU", our "Added Members" on Sunday, December 8th. We want to make sure that you are actively working with a ministry of your choice!! If not, we hope to assist you in meeting members of your church congregation and the various ministry leaders. Our goal is to make SURE you are busy doing our Father's business!! Again, if you joined between January 1st 2011 and today, please meet with the Family Division leaders down front near the mother's corner for a brief meeting. As Deacon Ron admonished you, "let's go to work, so we can go to Heaven together"!!!!



If you have a loved one who is recently deceased and was a member of Antioch for 25 continuous years or more, you are invited to provide a lasting memorial in the form of a Memorial Plaque that will be purchased and mounted in the Antioch Memorial Garden located on the South wing of the church. A nominal fee of \$100 covers the cost of the Memorial Plaque and its mounting. The Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, November 24, during the 7:45 Worship Service. This opportunity is made available only once a year to family and friends who want the memory of their loved ones memorialized at the church. For more information on this most important opportunity, please contact Sis. Dianne Williams through the church office at 404-688-5679.



The Sports Ministry will host a Player, Coaches and Cheerleader Basketball information class on Thursday, November 7, & November 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the 590 Building. Coaches, team moms, team managers and transportation are needed for the 2014 season. For more information, please contact Sis. Julia Byron, Cheerleader Coach, or one of the coaches, Bro. Kentrell Porch, Bro. Don Garner or Rev. Charles Walker through the church office at 404-688-5679.

## **BABY DEDICATIONS**

Baby Dedications are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at the 11:00 Worship Service. The Dedications are for infants from birth to six months of age. To schedule a date, please telephone Sis. Lenora Williams in the church office at 404-527-5144.

## The Annual Thanksgiving Community Service

Thursday, November 28, 2013 8:00 AM The Lindsay Street Baptist Church Reverend A. W. Motley, Pastor

550 Lindsay Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30318

Members and friends are encouraged to attend. Let us join in a celebration of thanking God for what he has done!!



## **WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY**

Weekly Prayer Meeting and Bible Study is held at the Church every Wednesday evening. For your convenience, dinner is served at 5pm and Bible classes begin at 6:15pm. These classes provide instructional and training opportunities for us all to gain deeper insights into the teachings of Jesus Christ. At 7pm, Pastor Alexander will lead the Prayer Meeting and provide guidance and spiritual insights into meaningful ways in which we can strengthen our personal relationships with God.

### **TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School will be held today at 10am in the Sanctuary. The lesson is "Remember and Celebrate" and the scripture comes from Exodus 12:1-14. Please join us and be renewed by the teaching of God's Word. The lesson for next Sunday will be "From Despair to Deliverance", Exodus 14:21-30.

## **SERVING THE LEAST OF THESE...**

**TELEPHONE HOPE LINE MINISTRY** offers prayer and confidential support. The phone number is 404-522-HOPE(4673).

### **HUMAN SERVICES MINISTRY**

For the week ending November 2, 2013, 417 food boxes were distributed. The value of the groceries was \$10,190. A total of 7,613 pounds of food was received for distribution, 656 meals served to AUMI residents, and 346 community meals served.

### **CLOTHING BANK**

Forty-one (41) families received goods through the Clothing Bank.

## **Worship Service Coordinator**

7:45am & 11am - Sis. Regina Fuller

**Security Chiefs on duty** 

7:45am - Bro. Edward Gilmore, 11am - Bro. Charlie Williams **Trustees on duty** 

7:45am - Bro. Eric Alexander, 11am - Bro Julius Simmons **Health Professionals on duty** 

7:45am - Sis. Marie Thompson, 11am - Sis. Carol Thomas

## **EMPOWERMENT OUTREACH**

The Empowerment Outreach Employment Ministry (EOEM) meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in Room 2 of the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM.

## **TERRY WEST BIBLE CLASS**

Members and friends are encouraged to join the Terry West Bible Class every Wednesday morning, from 10am to 12 Noon in Burden's Rest. Come share in the fellowship and study the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

## TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING!

Please start bringing your canned goods and non-perishable items to fill our Thanksgiving boxes so that Antioch can help those less fortunate to experience a joyful Thanksgiving. Receptacles will be placed around the church to receive your donations.



## THE CHURCH OFFICE

The Church office will be closed on Friday, November 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays. The office will reopen on Monday, December 2.

## Care & Comfort Ministry Sick & Shut-In List

## **Members in Hospitals**

Bro. Lewis Brown, Piedmont Hospital, ICU 5 East, Room 5 Bro. Randall Griffin, Piedmont Hospital, Room 350 Mother Mary Hicks, Piedmont Hospital, Room 673 Bro. Rufus Kelley, Piedmont Hospital, Room 433 Sis. Sallie O'Bryant, Emory Midtown Hospital, Room 7110

## **Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers**

Sis. Bernice Burks – The Palms at Spivey Home, Jonesboro, GA

Sis. Lillian Edinburgh – Riverdale Place Healthcare, Rm W16

Sis. Frances Harden - Triad of Parkview Nursing

Sis. Bettye Harris - Nursecare of Buckhead, Rm 205

Sis. Billie Hartley - College Park Healthcare Center, Rm 215

Mother Mary Hood - Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Rm 406

Mother Willie Mae James - Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Rm 327

Sis. Catherine Smith - Brightmoor Health Care, Griffin, GA

Sis. Rosalie Thomas - Summerset Assisted Living

Bro. Dallas Tucker - Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center

Mother Marie Walker – Heritage Healthcare

Mother Lula West - Traditions Health and Rehab

Sis. Roselle Wright – Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Rm 307

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