Antioch Baptist Church North Rev. C. M. Alexander, Pastor

## Sunday Worship Services December 21, 2014 7:45AM & 11AM

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# • WORSHIP SERVICE

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

The Call to Worship The Devotion.....Deacons Ministry Deacons Ministry The Processional.....Pastor, Ministers, Deacons, Mothers The Baptism...... 11:00am The Morning Hymn, #61....Joy To The World.....Congregation The Gloria Patri 7:45am - Anthem/Acappella Choir and BWT Verse Speakers 11:00am - Adult Choir and Youth Orchestra The Announcements & Recognition of Visitors 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, we gather this morning to say thank you for giving us the greatest gift in the world, your son, Jesus Christ. Because you gave, O Lord, we offer a portion of what you have given unto us. Help us, Lord Jesus, to remember thy precious gift as we give in joy and thanksgiving!

The Tithes & Offerings......Deacons & Ushers' Ministries The Sermon Hymn.......Amazing Grace.....Congregation The Sermon......Rev. C. M. Alexander, Pastor The Invitation to Discipleship

(Please refrain from walking during the Invitation to Discipleship)

Til We Meet Again

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Behold, A Child Is Born

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was Governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

> And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

> > And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

> > > Luke 2:1-17



DOCTRINE October, November, December

### **CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION**

Today, at 5:00 p.m., Antioch's Annual Candlelight Communion Service will be observed. The Choirs will be singing praises to the Glory of God! Members and friends are invited to share in the fellowship and partake of the last Communion Service for 2014.

### **BAPTISM AND RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP**

Baptism and the Right Hand of Fellowship will be held today during the 11:00 Worship Service. Candidates for Baptism and persons receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship are asked to meet downstairs in Rooms 10 & 11 to prepare for the special ceremonies.

### **FAMILY DIVISION CULMINATION**

The Family Division Culmination Observance has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 11, 2015.

### **SEASONS OF GIVING!**

As we enter the Christmas season, let us not forget those who may be less fortunate than we are. Members and friends are asked to bring canned goods and toys for children to the church during the next few weeks. Toys can be brought on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings. The Ushers will assist you. Canned goods can also be dropped off during the week at the AUMI building, Monday – Friday, before 3:00 p.m. The weather has changed, so please go through your closets and see if you have clothes that you can donate to the Clothing Bank. Coats and sweaters are especially needed! You may not realize it, but someone needs your help!

### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Church Office will be closed from Wednesday, December 24, through Monday, January 5, 2015 for the Christmas Holidays! For emergencies only, you may call the church office and leave your name and phone number. The Staff will be monitoring the phones.

### **FIRST SEVEN WORDS**

The First Seven Recorded Words of Jesus Christ will be preached by seven of Antioch's preachers on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Members and friends are encouraged to attend.

### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Leadership Training will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. Auxiliary Leaders are required to attend to prepare for the work of Christ at Antioch.

### Because Antioch Cares...

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

### HUMAN SERVICES MINISTRY

For the week ending December 13, 2014, 490 bags of food were distributed. The value of the groceries was \$12,250 (average cost per family estimated at \$50/box which included a turkey if purchased retail). A total of 10,223 pounds of food was distributed, and 480 meals served to AUMI residents.

#### **CLOTHING BANK**

Forty-three (43) families received goods through the Clothing Bank.

### **TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School will be held today at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The lesson is "*Spontaneous Joy*" and the scriptures comes from *Luke* **2:8-20**. The lesson for next Sunday is "*Believing in Miracles*" and the scripture is *Matthew* **14:22-36**. Please join us and be renewed by the teaching of God's Word.

### **EMPOWERMENT OUTREACH**

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

### **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 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.

### **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. We are currently studying the Book of Judges. You are also invited to remain for the Noonday Worship Service.

### Worship Service Coordinator

7:45am & 11am - Sis. Jean Jones Security Chiefs on duty 7:45am - Bro. Aaron Totten, 11am - Bro. Randy Williams Trustees on duty 7:45am - Sis. Naomi Floyd, 11am - Bro. Michael Williams Health Professionals on duty 7:45am - Dr. Dorothy Wiggins, 11am - Sis. Carol Thomas

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

Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers Bro. Thirius Brinkley - Manor Care of Decatur, Decatur, Rm 149 Sis Robertine Bryant – UniHealth Post-Acute Care, Decatur, Rm 216 Mother Mattie Chivers - Summerset Assisted Living, Atlanta Rm C110 Bro. Louis Durald – Quest Village, Atlanta, Apartment 7 Sis. Lillian Edinburgh – Genesis Healthcare, Riverdale, Rm W16 Rev. Marion Green – A.G. Rhodes health & Rehab Marietta, Rm 223 Mother Virginia Hall - Nursecare of Buckhead, Atlanta Rm 414 Sis. Bettye Harris - Nursecare of Buckhead, Atlanta Rm 205 Sis. Billie Hartley – College Park Healthcare Center, Rm 215 Mother Mary Hood – Signature Healthcare of Buckhead, Rm 406 Mother Elizabeth Johnson - Manor Care of Decatur, Decatur, Rm 235 Sis. Rosalie Thomas – Summerset Assisted Living, Atlanta Bro. Dallas Tucker - Sadie G. Mays Rehabilitation Center, Atlanta, Rm C21 Mother Lula West - Traditions Health and Rehab, Rm G11 Sis. Roselle Wright - UniHealth Post-Acute Care, Fairburn, Rm 211

### **Members Convalescing at Home**

Sis. Zeporia Alexander Sis. Alice Arline Sis. Rosa Ashe Sis. Margaret Buckholt Dea. Nesby Cain Bro. Henry Claybrook Sis. Miriam Crawford Sis. Alice Debate Sis. Doris Dennis Sis. Minnie George Bro. Collier Glover Bro. Paul Graham Bro. Randall Griffin Sis. Deloris Harris Sis. Lailah Hunter Sis. Charlene Jordan Mother Emma kelly Bro. Phillip Lyde Sis. Sylvia McClain Sis. Ramona Moore Sis. Cynthia Price Sis. Essie Samuels Bro. Fred Samuels, Jr. Sis. Candace Scott



Mother Ernestine Shaw Mother Rosa Smith Mother Marie Walker Sis. Mae Weaver Sis. Annette Webb Mother Lillie Willis

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 1:2