

Antioch Baptist Church North

Rev. K. L. Alexander, Pastor

Sunday Worship Service
December 22, 2019
10:00 A.M.

*Merry
Christmas!*

*And they came with haste, and
found Mary, and Joseph, and the
babe lying in a manger.*

Luke 2:16



**“Upon This Rock I will Build my Church...
To Serve this Present Age”**

Matthew 16:18

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W O R S H I P S E R V I C E

I like the silent church before the service begins.

By Emerson



*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

Matthew 1:21

The Call to Worship

The Devotion..... Deacons' Ministry

The Morning Hymn, #61..... Joy to the World

The Choirs..... CMA Male Chorus, Note Singers & Youth Dance Ministry

The Recognition of Visitors

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!** We thank you **O Lord**, for blessing us in such a mighty way. Because you gave, we pray that you will help us to remember thy precious gift as we give back a portion of what you have given unto us. Thank you, **Father**, and teach us how to give in **Joy and Thanksgiving!** Amen!

The Tithes & Offerings..... Deacons' & Ushers' Ministries

The Sermon..... Rev. K. L. Alexander, Pastor

The Invitation to Discipleship

(Please refrain from walking during the Invitation to Discipleship)

Til We Meet Again



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

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR PASTOR AND HIS
LOVELY WIFE, LISA ON THEIR
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!**

*34 Years of Happiness
& Wedded Bliss!*



Welcome Visitors!

Our Pastor, Reverend K. L. Alexander, and our Antioch Church Family welcome each of you to our Sunday morning worship service. From your visit with us today, we hope you will feel the love of Christ and the sweet fellowship that comes from our love for Him. This is our special way of providing for you a rewarding and memorable worship experience. God bless you, and we thank you for your visit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The lesson for next week is "**Graciously Accepting Praise,**" and the scripture is **Luke 1:39-56**. Come share in the fellowship and learn how to become effective witnesses for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

IT IS THE SEASON OF GIVING!

As we enter this the Christmas Season, let us not forget the less fortunate families. Members and friends are encouraged to donate canned goods and non-perishable items. Containers have been placed throughout the church to receive your donated items and food for our Christmas boxes. Please give so that others can enjoy this wonderful season of **JOY** and **THANKFULNESS!**



Dr.'s services in Act of Obedience, A. D. 1862, by W. T. Carter, in the Clerk's Office of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

WATCHNIGHT

**Tuesday, December 31
9:30 p.m.**

FREEDOM WATCH CELEBRATION

The traditional celebration of "Watch Night" grows out of the slave celebration which chronicled their all night vigil, December 31, 1862, awaiting word of the Emancipation Proclamation - words that would make them FREE!!! The celebration signaled the end of another year without freedom, when freedom would become a reality and not a dream. The issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation gave rise to an increased spiritual uplifting of the souls of a distraught people in praise of Freedom.

On that night, the slaves gathered, anxiously awaiting news that the Emancipation Proclamation had become law. Then, at the stroke of midnight, it was January 1, 1863, and according to President Abraham Lincoln's promise, all slaves in the Confederate States were legally free. People remained in churches and other gathering places eagerly awaiting word that emancipation had been declared.

When the actual news of freedom was received later that day, there were prayers, shouts of joy and songs of praise as people fell to their knees and thanked God. In recognition of that memorable tradition passed on to us by our ancestors, let us remember their struggle and honor their memory as we, too, continue to Watch.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 121:8

Because Antioch Cares...

TELEPHONE HOPE LINE MINISTRY offers prayer and confidential support. The phone number is 404-527-5790.

HUMAN SERVICES MINISTRY

For the week ending Decembr 14, 2019, 567 bags of food were distributed. A total of 18,925 pounds of food was distributed.

CLOTHING BANK

One hundred seventeen (117) families received goods through the Clothing Bank.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MINISTRY - 2019 COAT DRIVE!

Members and friends are asked and encouraged to join the Women's Missionary Ministry 2019 Coat Drive. We are asking for donations of gently used coats, jackets, sweaters, blankets and throws, which will be distributed to the men, women and children at the food and clothing bank. Items can be dropped off in bins located in the narthex and downstairs outside Fellowship Hall. The deadline is Sunday, January 5, and distribution will take place on Saturday, January 11, at the AUMI Building.

YOUR VALUABLES

For security reasons, members and friends are asked to not leave personal items on car seats. If nothing of value is seen through the car windows, persons may not be enticed to vandalize. Please help the Security Ministry keep your cars SECURE!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We are in the process of preparing for our year-end annual contribution statements and would like for you to verify your mailing address information. If you've moved in the last 6 months to a year, please fill in your offering envelope completely, and write NEW beside your address. If you need assistance, please contact Sis. Gwen Johnson or Dea. Benny Williams at the church office at 404-688-5679.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Antioch Members who have been given the Right Hand of Fellowship are asked to please update their membership profile information via Antioch's website at www.antiochnorth.org or call the church office. If you have changed your name, address, home or cell phone number(s), or email address, please submit your new information to the church office. For help on how to update your profile, verify your records, retrieve your envelope number or how to use Access ACS, contact Sis. Gwen Johnson or Dea. Benny Williams at the church office, 404.688.5679.

Worship Service Coordinator

Bro. Lindsey Cottingham

Security Chiefs on duty

Bro. Lee Baker & Bro. Keith Jones

Health Professionals on duty

Sis. Faye Weekes

Trustees on duty

Sis. Gloria Parham & Sis. Ollie Cooper

Videographer on duty

Bro. Michael Williams

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ATTENTION ANTIOCH COLLEGE STUDENTS & PARENTS!

If you and your college student son or daughter are members of Antioch, it's time to secure an application for a memorial/book scholarship for this upcoming semester. Students must be a college sophomore, or a junior in good standing. For applications, please see Sis. Wendy Harding, Sis. Barbara Cardell or a member of the Scholarship Ministry.

COMING JANUARY 2020 - 40 DAY TURN-UP

This Program was founded by Joseph L. Williams, PhD, RDN, HP, author and founder of the Journey process. We want to bring this program to Antioch to teach our membership better eating habits and promote a healthy lifestyle. The "Program" is also specifically designed to target other areas of health disparities such as obesity, hypertension, diabetes, cancer as well as all other disease and physiological ailments that are directly and indirectly related to lifestyle, diet and nutrition. Registration and sign-up will be held today immediately after the worship service in the narthex.

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



Members in Hospitals

Bro. James Gibson – Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, Rm. 549
Mother Beulah Rosser – St. Joseph's Hospital, Atlanta, Rm. 384

Members in Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation Centers

Mother Grace M. Brooks – Atria Mableton Senior Living, Austell, Rm. 119
Sis. Robertine Bryant – PruittHealth of Decatur, Decatur, Rm. 216
Sis. Miriam Crawford – Bonterra Nursing Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. 126
Sis. Dora Dallas – Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. D-23
Mother Annie Harris – Douglasville Nursing & Rehab Ctr, Douglasville, Rm. 222
Sis. Carrie Jones – PruittHealth of Decatur, Decatur, Rm. 203
Bro. Fred Jones, Jr – A. G. Rhodes Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Taylor Wing, Rm. G
Bro. Clinton Stanford – PruittHealth and Rehab, Atlanta, Rm. 110
Bro. Dallas Tucker – Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehab Ctr, Atlanta, Rm. C-19

Members Convalescing at Home

Bro. Daniel Michael Adams	Sis. Pearla Holmes	Sis. Sharonda Price
Sis. Zeporia Alexander	Mother Ann Louise Houston	Bro. Richard Raglin
Sis. Eula Austin	Sis. Ann James	Dea. Mark Roberts
Sis. Evelyn Battle	Sis. Elizabeth Johnson	Sis. Marian Russell
Bro. Pleas Sonny Berry	Mother Gwendolyn Johnson	Bro. Fred Samuels, Jr.
Mother Emma Broomes	Sis. Denise Jones	Sis. Candace Scott
Sis. Jacqueline Brown	Bro. Rufus Kelly	Bro. Monroe Scott, IV
Bro. Lewis Brown	Sis. Ellen Level	Mother Willie Cookie Tuggle
Bro. Eddie Clark	Bro. Phillip Lyde	Bro. Dewayne Walker
Bro. Henry Claybrook	Sis. Diana Maddox	Sis. Vivian Walker
Sis. Doris Dennis	Sis. Sylvia McClain	Sis. Margaret Watts
Sis. Catherine George	Mother Frances Miles	Sis. Mae Weaver
Sis. Andrea Godette	Sis. Annie Moses	Sis. Annette Webb
Bro. Randall Griffin	Sis. Linda Peek	Sis. Myrna White
Sis. Jackie Grimes	Bro. Charles Petherbridge	Sis. Annie Williams
Sis. Jacqueline Hackney	Sis. Roberta Petherbridge	Sis. Sallie Williams
Sis. Debra Hodge	Sis. Cynthia Price	Sis. Lillie Willis