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Happy Valentine's Day

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*"THE CHURCH WITNESSING,
WORSHIPING, & WORKING IN THE
COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD"*

LEAPS OF FAITH

BY CONNIE CULBREATH

Eleven years ago, 2001, I took a big Leap of Faith and moved from Nashville, TN back home to Atlanta, GA. The leap I took to move to Atlanta was large, because I moved without employment, money or a home.

That first year back was one that I will cherish and remember forever. It was the last year with my father; when I lost him, I was confused and I wandered in my thoughts; thoughts that should not consume anyone's mind. At the same time, my job decided to relocate to Oklahoma; being that I had just moved home, I hadn't picked up anything permanent. I was a temp. I'd moved back in with my parents for a while as I worked to reestablish myself. That December, I'd lost my father and potentially my job was on its way out too. I prayed. A lot.

What I didn't know is that my needs were being tended to without my knowledge.

After returning to work the week following my father's accident, I was offered a position with the company I temped for. The offer included paid moving expenses, 2 trips to the city to house hunt prior to the move, paid living arrangements for up to 90 days until I found a place to call home in the new city, and a 22% pay increase after my status went permanent in April. Needless to say, I took another Leap of Faith and accepted the offer. It was a true blessing that has definitely proven evident. I have worked for the American Cancer Society for 10 years, currently as a Business Analyst for Atlanta and Oklahoma City offices, and I love my job.

Matthew 17:20 *And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

Quote of the Month:

Submitted by Javarros Byrd

"We should accept our neediness and seek God passionately."

Upcoming Events

February 14th — Happy Valentine's Day!!!

February 18th

⇒ Youth Depart to see the movie *Red Tails*

⇒ New Members Class/Meet & Greet the Pastor

February 26th @ 2 PM — Black History Play

ANTIOCH EAST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BLACK HISTORY

Antioch East Baptist Church was organized by the late Reverend A. L. Bryant, in 1874. Prayer meetings were held at Mrs. Pinkie Goldsmith two-room home on Mayson Avenue. Those in attendance were: Deacon Charles Henry Hooper, Brothers' Smart Patterson, Eugene Carlton, Joe Sims, Sam Barnes, Henry Oliver, Jim Latimore, Jim Holmes and Goldsmith, Sisters' Georgia Howard, Flora Warner, Peggy Davis and Pinkie Goldsmith. The congregation grew and services were moved to Brother Sam Barnes' Blacksmith Shop on Dekalb Avenue. Later, Reverend Bryant gave the members a lot on Whiteford Avenue (formerly named Bell St.) to build a church. A "Bush Harbor" (originated from slaves that held secret meetings at night in a secluded outdoor sanctuary made of trees) was built and the members uplifted Jesus there. A few years later a wooden church was built. As the first pastor, Rev. Bryant services brought many members. In 1892, he moved to Texas.

Ministers who have served as the pastor of Antioch East at the wooden church are: Rev. Solomon James, Rev. Alfred Williams, and Rev. J. A. Grisham. During the leadership of Rev. Grisham, a fire destroyed the wooden church in 1916.

In 1917, service was held at the Earing Star Lodge Hall on Mayson Avenue under the leadership of Rev. William Harris. A lot was purchased in 1918, from Mrs. Emma Hill on Mayson Avenue (now named Candler Park Dr). Rev. Harris passed in 1922, just before the stone church was completed. Upon the completion of the stone church in 1922, Rev. A. L. Freeman had become the new pastor. This was Antioch East's second church. Today, the stone church still exists and has become a historical site for the Edgewood/Candler Park Community.

Ministers who have served as the pastor of Antioch East at the stone church are: Rev. T. T. Gholson, 1926; Rev. C. A. Moore, 1930-31; Rev. W. W. Thomas, 1931-47; and Reverend N. Mathis, 1947-51.

Under the leadership of Rev. N. Mathis, the stone church was sold. Services were held at Beulah and Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Churches. On March 25, 1951, 4:00 p.m. members marched from Greater Travelers Rest (119 Mayson Avenue N. E.) to their third church at 165 Mayson Avenue N. E. Rev. Ben Howard and Charlie Patterson lead service until Rev. C. J. Jackson was called to minister in 1951-58.

In 1958, Rev. E. W. Lumpkin was called to minister. A plan of purchasing a fourth church was made with the deacons in 1959. On November 20, 1960 the members marched to the present location at 1223 Hardee St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga. 30307. There were many new boards formed under his leadership, Rev. Lumpkin preached his last sermon on June 27, 1971. Rev. Jesse Moore led the service until Rev. Howard came.

Reverend J.E. Howard joined the Antioch family June of 1972. Under his leadership, new auxiliaries and youth programs were started, the sanctuary was renovated and the membership grew. Rev. Howard's pastoral service lasted for 33 years; he preached his last sermon on New Year's Eve December 31, 2005.

Rev's. Michael Smith, Patrick Ross, Silas Harden and Evangelist Niyoutha Ross lead service until Rev. John. F. Williams was called.

Reverend Dr. John F. Williams was called to Antioch East on June 29, 2006, as Antioch's new Senior Pastor. He delivered his first sermon as Senior Pastor on July 16, 2006. His vision of excellence: (Prov. 29:18-19) The Church Witnessing, Worshipping, and Working in the Community and Around the World (Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 1:7).

Antioch continues to lift up the name of Jesus so that God is glorified.

Black History Month

Puzzle

Unscramble the words and write them on the line.

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| 2. CLCS _____ | 12. dezinamuhed _____ |
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| 5. noisserppo _____ | 15. sthgiRliviC _____ |
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| 7. ratShtron _____ | 17. tsetorp _____ |
| 8. naciremAnacirfA _____ | 18. eganoep _____ |
| 9. yrevals _____ | 19. keeWyrotsiHorgeN _____ |
| 10. noitagerges _____ | 20. msinacirfAnaP _____ |

FEBRUARY 2012

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AEBC's Schedule for this month is as follows:

SUNDAYS

8 AM Service & 11 AM Service

9:30 AM Church School

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM Bible Study Family Night

THURSDAYS

11:00 AM Bible Study Institute

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

AMEN Corner *Humor in the Church*

Submitted by David Thurmond



UNDERSTANDING MARRIAGE

A little boy was attending his first wedding.

After the service, his 7-year-old twin sister asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded.

His sister was amazed at the answer and the quick response. "How do you know that?"

"Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer.

"To every thing there is a season... A time to weep and a time to laugh..."

Ecclesiastes 3: 1a, 4a



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GREETINGS



Happy birthday to all of the February babies of Antioch East Baptist Church. Also, I am sending a very special happy birthday greeting to Mother Willie Mae Murray.

Psalm 34:3, 8 & 9

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

8 O taste and see that the LORD [is] good: blessed [is] the man [that] trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for [there is] no want to them that fear him.

From Mother Geneva Smith,
Dadeville, AL