



Antioch Baptist Church ♦ 8869 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106 ♦ Rev. Dr. Todd C. Davidson, Senior Pastor

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*This service is subject to change by the movement of God's spirit.*

**OPENING HYMN** .....(On Screen) #279 – “Standing on the Promises”

**INVOCATION** .....Deacon Board

**PRAISE & WORSHIP** ..... Music Ministry

\* *Ushers Seat Worshippers*

**RESPONSIVE READING**.....“Unity & Maturity in the Body of Christ” .....Deacon Board

Leader: As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Congregation: **Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.**

Leader: Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Congregation: **There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;**

Leader: one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

**All: one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

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Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday ♦ December 9, 2018  
Antioch Baptist Church

<b>WELCOMING OF GUESTS</b> .....	Pulpit
<b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b> .....	Male Chorus
<b>CORPORATE PRAYER OF PETITION</b> .....	Pulpit
<b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b> .....	Male Chorus
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<b>THE MESSAGE</b> .....	“Aspire to Acquire a Desire for the Lord” ..... Rev. Ruby Holland Acts 8:25-35 and Psalm 37:4 (NKJV)
<b>INVITATIONAL HYMN</b> .....	
<b>OFFERTORY PRAYER</b> .....	Deacon Board
<b>RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP</b> .....	Pulpit & Deacon Board
<b>CLOSING REFRAIN</b> .....	Male Chorus
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b> .....	Pulpit
<b>CLOSING INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION</b> .....	Musicians

## T O D A Y

**SECOND CANDLE LIGHTING OF ADVENT:** “LOVE was born in Bethlehem. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” (John 1:14, KJV)

**YOUNG DISCIPLES MINISTRY:** TODAY at 11:00 a.m. in the Junior Church. We will not meet again until the new year.  
**Children’s Ministry Team**

**JOINT BOARD MEETING:** The next Joint Board meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the McMickle Chapel.

**CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** The next church business meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Ministry reports are due into the church office by Monday, December 17.

### **BEREAVEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**Valerie and Terea Harrison** whose brother/uncle, **Bruce Jeffrey** was called from labor to reward on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Visitation is on Monday, December 10, 2018 at Calhoun Funeral Home, 23000 Rockside Road, Bedford, OH 44146 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Homegoing service is Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at Lane Metropolitan CME Church, 2131 East 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, OH 44103. Wake: **10:00 a.m.** Service: **10:30 a.m.**

**Drs. Deborah and Jon Freeman, Kara and Kristen Freeman** whose father/father-in-law/grandfather, **Isaac Lane** was called from labor to reward on Sunday, November 25, 2018. Memorial service is Saturday, December 15, 2018 at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 22111 Chagrin Boulevard, Beachwood, OH 44122. Family Hour: 10:30 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m.

## THANK YOU

A big "THANK YOU" to all the **Vera O. Bouie Circle** sisters who provided boxes, treats, encouraging notes, helped pack boxes, and for praying over the boxes for our college students. **Lynne Carr**

## RECUPERATING MEMBERS ... (Contact Church Office for address information)

George Askew	Alvin Hill	Greg Pettis
Milorene Baker	Lula Jackson	Doreathea Pettus
Henry Bolden	Charlene Lawrence	Patricia Roberts
Irene Coleman	Shirley Lawrence	Marjorie Robinson
Eugene Crockett	Bess Lee	Anne Hunter Rosemond
Nathaniel Dashield	Zekila Le'na	Howard Sims, Jr.
Julius Davis, Sr.	George Mason	Nikiya Taylor
Adele Hall	Kenneth Mischal	Josephine Wall
Major Harris	Mattie Nellems	Yvonne Ware

## ...PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, THAT YE MAY BE HEALED..." James 5:16

Antioch Congregation	Min. N. Rudd and family	Alma Locke
Antioch Deacons	Patricia Ann Howell	Stallworth Family
Rev. Davidson and family	The Family of Alma Williams	The Ruff Family
Julius Davis, Sr.	The Family of Eugene Shelton	Bea Walker
Charlene and Shirley Lawrence	Amber Keene Keith	Shaker Heights School District
Harriet Banks	Caprecia Keene	Rainey Family
Willa Morgan	McConnell	Satura Gabriel
Edrice Clark	Sharon K. Williams	Ervin McPherson
Dea. Paul and Dcn. Andrea Holland	Jama R. Haynes	United States of America
Dea. Steve and Dcn. Doris Bullock	Nancy and Crystal Denise and Crystal	George Bush Family
Mr. Jesse and Dea. Viola LeGrande	Jayla and Janiyah	Othella Bradley
Dea. William & Dcn. Curtiss Moon	Jacques Smith	Theophilus Jones
Dea. Sandra Fain and Family	Sis. Juanita Shealey	Tijuan White
Dcn. Ruth Stewart and family	Nicholson Family	Bonnie Adams
	Jamar and Donnetta	Jim Vlach and Family
	Pennyman Family	Barbara Fairfax
	Shelton Family	Mary Hill
	Sanders Family	Lillie Fomby

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

**PRAYER:** Would you like to have someone pray for you and with you? If so, come and join us for prayer at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday in the sanctuary.

## READ THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

**THIS YEAR!** New Testament calendar reading schedule for December are in the McMickle Chapel and the front and back of the sanctuary.

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Spiritual Growth Comm.**

**VOICES OF PRAISE/CHERUB CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER:**

We will rehearse TODAY after the morning worship service. Our schedule is as follows:

Sat., 12/15.....1:30 p.m. McKinney Ctr. L L

Sun., 12/16.....11:00a.m. service. We are on duty to sing, and we will be rehearsing after service.

Sun., 12/23.....11:00 a.m. Family Christmas service. We will participate in the service.

If you have any questions, please see/contact **June Wynn**.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** Sunday School is rehearsing for the Christmas Pageant scheduled for Sunday, December 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Every child of Antioch is invited to take part in this wonderful presentation. Parents and guardians, please contact **Gloria Webb** or see her after service. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Join the Nursing Home Ministry for a joyful evening of Christmas Caroling at the Cedarwood Nursing Home, 12504 Cedar Rd., 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18. All ages, all voices are welcome! Song sheets and light refreshments will be provided. Please sign up in Branch Hall after service today. **Rev. Mylion Waite**

**POINSETTIA DELIVERY:** Church family, we need your help! Please consider delivering a Christmas poinsettia to one of our sick and shut-in members. The poinsettias will be ready for pick-up on **next Sunday, December 16**. Please see **Dcn. Liz Gooden** and **Dcn. Linda Sowell** in the McMickle Chapel next Sunday.

**'TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE:** The Senior Adult Ministry is collecting hats, gloves/mittens

and socks for children of the Fatima Family Center on Lexington Avenue. If you would like to help, please drop off your donation in the "Donation Barrel" next to the coat rack in the back of the church. The deadline is **next Sunday, December 16** for donations. Thank you in advance for you generosity.

**NO MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY AND BOOK CLUB:** We will not meet on Monday, December 10. We will resume meeting until Monday, January 7, 2019.

**ANTIOCH/FAIRFAX ADOPT A FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** The Antioch *Adopt a Family* is now underway. We are grateful for the participation of the Women's Ministries Mission Circles. All gifts must be gift wrapped and the name of the recipient placed on each gift, with the name of "Antioch Women's Ministries" placed on the tag also. Gifts must be dropped off by **Wednesday, December 12 between 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the McKinney Library**. If you are representing your Circle and would like to attend the *Adopt a Family* luncheon on Monday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m., please contact **Dcn. Gerrye McCarley** or **Sheila Fantroy**.

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY:** Members of Antioch: The Bereavement Ministry would like to grow its ranks with your participation. We are in search of additional members with the following characteristics: compassionate heart for helping people through grief, good listener, non-judgmental, prayerful, readily accessible, and a hard worker. If you feel that God has blessed you with the above list of characteristics, please send a letter of interest and contact information to **Dea. Anthony Lockhart**, 8869 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 by December 1.

**THE SOUVENIR JOURNAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR PICTURES:** The 125<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Committee is now looking to collect pictures of past activities at Antioch, and, the older, the better! **This souvenir journal is being compiled and will be ready to be distributed this month.** Please send information to Barbara McCollum. Thank you for your continued support.

**CHURCH CALENDAR AND RESERVING SPACE:** To reserve space in the church for meetings, events, programs, celebrations, etc., please contact **Karen Edwards-Johnson**, church secretary, (216) 421-1516. (Thank you for your cooperation.)

**THE ANTIOCH BOOK CLUB:** Reading selection is MR. INSIDE by T. L. James. Mr. Inside is a fictional, fast-paced suspense documentary of how one man, through circumstances beyond his control, comes face-to-face with his interior enemy. The "Inside" is a metaphor pointing to that bitter place in our hearts where we live in fear and anger, holding the sovereign God responsible for life's unjust events. Join us Mondays for spirited conversations in the lower level of the McKinney Center at 6:45 p.m. Books can be purchased at your favorite bookseller. **Rev. Mylion Waite**

**DECEMBER 14 WOMEN'S MINISTRIES SOCIAL:** Friday, December 14, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Branch Hall. Potluck dinner assignments: A –F Bread, Rice, Potatoes (starches); G – K Drinks; L – T Vegetables; U – Z Desserts. Devotion: **AB Girls**. Bring your 15 hygiene bags for Oriana House. Christmas Theme: "Unwrapping the Greatest Gift – JESUS." (Isaiah 9:6) *"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."*

**DECEMBER 15 AB GIRLS MEETING:** AB Girls will meet on Saturday, December 15, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Branch Hall.

AB Girls will make cookies from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Branch Hall. The baked cookies and a Christmas Card will be presented to the children and staff at the Sterling Branch Library.

Parents, please text me to confirm your daughter's attendance. Additionally, the AB girls will lead devotion for the Women's Ministry on Friday, December 14, 5:30 pm in Branch Hall.

**DECEMBER 15 CLEVELAND TUSKEGEE FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON:** The Cleveland Tuskegee Alumni Club invites you to attend its Annual Christmas Fundraising Luncheon on Saturday, December 15 at the Mediterranean Party Center, 25021 Rockside Road, Bedford, Ohio. Donation is \$35.00. The keynote speaker is the **Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.**, Pastor Emeritus of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church. For tickets, contact **Mrs. Arvell Toles, Dcn. Lena Agnew**, or **Dea. Dorothy Rambo**.

**DECEMBER 15 BLACK NATIVITY:** An afternoon at The Karamu Theater with the **Vera O. Bouie Circle** to see *Black Nativity* on Saturday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00. Please see **Linda Laster, Sheila Fantroy** or **Jarmellia Armwood** after the morning worship service in Branch Hall.

**DECEMBER 16 COME JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL! 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** This quarter's study begins with God's demands for our complete and undivided love as shown in passages from Deuteronomy and Psalms. It proceeds with our response to God's love in the advent of Christ, and the Epistles' interpretations of the nature and extent of our responses to God's love in Christ. It concludes with passages from three of the



