

In Love and Memory

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. Some records show that one of the earliest commemorations was organized by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. During World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars. This included World War II, the Vietnam War, the Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General John A. Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. In 1968, Congress passed the **Uniform Monday Holiday Act**, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. That same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

We acknowledge the service and ultimate sacrifice of our military personnel in defense of our country. We pray for the families that their loved ones' sacrifice has not and will not be in vain.

In God We Trust



CAMP NELSON CEMETERY, KENTUCKY

98 years and counting...



Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.

A Brief Outline of Our History, Our Beginning

The Antioch Mission began in 1922 with the late Reverend Sidney Woodward. Services were held for approximately nine months in the home of Brother and Sister Will Yates. On special occasions, services were held in a tent on the corner of Jane and Speigle Streets. Finally, a lot on Ferguson Street was purchased in 1924 where tent services were held for the next two years.

The mission became a church when Rev. Woodward moved to Lexington. A council called by Rev. Alfred Harris, pastor of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, established the church on May 26, 1926. Rev. Moreland served as Moderator.

The church was organized from a membership of three brothers: Bro. John Brown by letter from Nicholasville, Bro Horace Rankins by letter from Houston Baptist Church, and Bro Will Yates by relations of letter from the disbanded Zion Baptist Church. At the first church meeting, three persons joined by letter: Sis Julia Jenkins from Pricetown Baptist Church, Sis Willie Mae Hardin, and Sis Mattie Yates from Macedonia Baptist Church in Keene. At this time the church's given name, **Antioch Baptist Church**, was chosen.

The church joined the Howard Creek Association. Our first pastor, Rev. H. P. Thomas, a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, was called. Brothers Brown, Rankins, and Yates were appointed as deacons. Sis Hardin was appointed Church Mother, Sis Yates was elected Church Secretary, and Bro Brown was elected Treasurer and Prayer Meeting Leader. The small band of believers received a great deal of community support—both spiritually and financially.

in 1925, Sis Margarette Lewis Cornish was the church's first convert and candidate for baptism. She had attended a revival at Pleasant Green Baptist Church where she was saved and requested to join the Antioch Baptist Church.

the award-winning Chicago Mass Choir who also appeared in the movie "The Preacher's Wife" starring the late Whitney Houston.

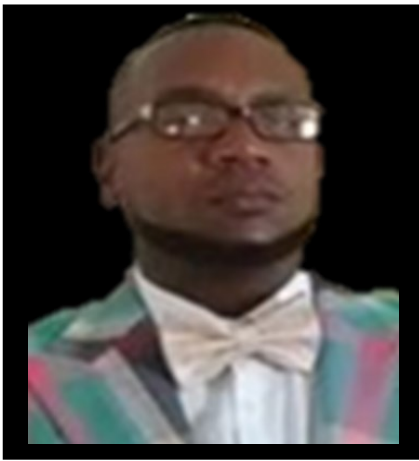
December 3, 2023, Elder Webb & The New Covenant Choir were honored with an award of recognition from Lexington Mayor Linda Gorton -- the 'Elder Mario Webb & New Covenant Day.'

Elder Webb's favorite scripture is Psalms 23:4 (KJV) -- "Yea though I walk through the valley of shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Most importantly...I love God!

Elder Mario C. L. Webb





Elder Mario Webb

On June 20, 1976 -- Father's Day -- Elder Mario Webb was born at the General Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio (now known as the University Hospital of Cincinnati) to Minister Janet Coleman and the late Deacon Parker Webb. Elder Webb has 4 brothers, 2 sisters, 2 step-brothers, 1 step-sister, 1 adopted brother, and 1 adopted sister. He is married to Lakesha

Webb of 8 years. To this union they have 2 beautiful children -- Jermont Bolen and Marionna Webb.

Elder Webb accepted Christ into his life at age 6 at Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church-Avon under Pastor William Overstreet. In 1993, he accepted the call to preach God's word under the leadership of Pastor Melvin Gross. On December 11, 1993 at 17 years old, he preached his first sermon titled 'The Good Samaritan.' On September 11, 1998, he was ordained by Pastor Melvin Gross -pastor of Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church-Avon. Elder Webb grew up singing in the choir and preaching from the pulpit. In 2002, God spoke to Elder Webb and told him to join the St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop Jerome Norwood. He currently serves as an Associate Minister and as Elder.

Elder Mario Webb graduated from Bryan Station High School class of '95. He studies at the Lexington Community College and took classes at the National College of Business and Technology. Also Elder Webb is looking forward to a return to college this fall to get his Associates in Divinity degree.

For the last 13 years Elder Webb has served Lexington and surrounding cities with his musical gifts through The New Covenant Gospel Choir. He founded this ministry in the spring of 2011. With this ministry, he has opened for gospel artists such as Tiffany Andrews, Jason Clayborne, and

In 1926, a building was purchased from Liberty Baptist Church and moved to the lot on Ferguson Street. The deacons' help and sacrifices made the relocation possible. In 1927, the church held its first revival and more than 30 members were added to the congregation.

Rev. Thomas pastored until his death in 1930. Since that time, Antioch has been blessed with these Pastors:

1. Rev. H. P. Thomas..... 1926 – 1930
2. Rev. Eli Johnson 1930 – 1935
3. Rev. T. H. Gilbert..... 1936 – 1937
4. Rev. J. C. Smith 1938 – 1939
5. Rev. A. B. Lee..... 1940 – 1944
6. Rev. R. E. Girten..... 1944 – 1949
7. Rev. P. K. Finley 1940 – 1983
8. Rev. Harrison Thurman 1984 – 1989
9. Rev. Willis G. Polk, I 1989 – 1996
10. Rev. Dr. Keith G. Tyler, Sr. 1998 – present

In the early 1940's, under Rev. Lee, the church purchased a lot adjacent to the building. It was completed in 1947 under Rev. Girten.

In 1949, the church called Rev. Percy K. Finley. Under him, the church liquidated its mortgage in 1951. After a 10-year building fund drive, from 1964 to 1974, the church built its current edifice in 1975. Rev. Finley served until his death after 34 years of service.

In 1983, Rev. Harrison Thurman, Sr., was named interim pastor. He was officially called as our pastor in 1984 and served until Rev. Willis G. Polk was called in 1989. Under Rev. Polk, the church had no outstanding debts, it acquired more property, its membership roles doubled, and it added new auxiliaries, departments and committees.

The pulpit was declared vacant in January 1996. Antioch depended on God's guidance until Rev. Keith G. Tyler, Sr. was called in August 1998. His mission and ministry follows the directives of Ephesians 6:19: **"Open his mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel."**

Currently, Antioch has become deeply integrated with the theme **“Revive Us Again!”** It focuses on Psalm 85:6-8. With our sister ministry in Kenya, Africa and our dual outreach programs — *Mighty Men of Jacob* and *Mighty Women of Ruth* — we work to further build our Savior’s Great Commission found in **Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)**...

- 18. And Jesus came and said the them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
- 19. go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
- 20. and teach to obey everything tha I have commanded you.

...and fulfill our closing mantra of:

Jesus is our sender, our message is the gospel, our target is the least, the lost and the left-outs.

Antioch has been most abundantly blessed through our 98 years!

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Order of Service

Call to Worship -- Min. Chris Griffin

Prayer Bro. Azeek Andrew
 Scripture Sis. Tammy Doss
 Welcome Sis. Nicole Turner

In Honor and Remembrance our Loved Ones
 Lighting of the Memory Candle

Introduction of Our Speaker Sis. Cynthia Bryant

Speaker’s Offering
 Bro. Todd Sweeney

The History of Antioch..... Bro. Ron Berry
 Worship in Song..... AMBC Voices of Worship
 The Morning Message Elder Mario Webb
 St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Invitation to Christ
 Pulpit

Tithes, Anniversary Taxation and Youth Offerings
 Finance Team

Announcements/Recognitions Sis. Frances Moberly
 Presentation to Our Speaker Sis. Donna Sweat
 Closing Thoughts Rev. Dr. Keith G. Tyler, Sr., Pastor
 Sis Niko Williams and Sis Nicole Turner, Chairpersons

Benediction and Blessing of the Meal

Thank you for celebrating with us today!