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History
Rev. Inman E. Bryant and Rev. M. Kemp organized the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church on September 10, 1863, during the time of slavery and the Civil War. Through the talk of Deacon Mikell this church was organized under a Bush Arbor, near the place of the present well. The first baptized members were, Bro. Channie Jones, Sis. Jane Hendley, Bro. Frank Anderson and Bro. Siller Groover. The first deacon was Dea. Warren Jones, Sr. The first building was a Log Cabin built in the field across in the front of the present church; at that time, it was called the Aborn Nicholls Place.

The first pastor called was Rev. J.E. Holmes who served 16 years. The second pastor called was Rev. Inman Bryant who served three years. The third pastor was Rev. A.J. Grant; the fourth pastor was Rev. I Bryant; the fifth pastor was Rev. James M. Jones; the sixth pastor was Rev. Bryant; the seventh pastor was Rev. L.L. Rainey; and the eighth pastor was Rev. Tom Lonon who served 21 years. The ninth pastor was Rev. J.W.H. Thomas, Sr. who served 10 years. The tenth pastor was Rev. William Daniel who served 17 years. The eleventh pastor was Rev. A.L. Thomas who served for 37 years. The twelfth pastor was Rev. Larry W. Scarboro. The thirteenth pastor was Rev. Cecil Dunlap. In 2000, Rev. Richard Lawrence was elected as 14th pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

There are 561 known graves in Antioch Cemetery – 198 are unmarked.

Hodges and Mullin Cemeteries, both associated with the Banks Creek Primitive Baptist Church, will be toured on September 14, 2019.

“IF THESE CEMETERIES COULD TALK”
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
197 Antioch Church Rd. Brooklet, GA
Saturday, August 17, 2019
9:00 AM

SPONSORED BY:
Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center
4235 Willow Hill Road, Portal GA
(1619-2019)
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Greetings .............................. Dr. Alvin Jackson
Willow Hill Heritage & Renaissance Center

Invocation ............................... Rev. Richard A. Lawrence, Jr. D.D.
Pastor, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

Selection ............................. Mrs. Nell Johnson-Hendley with the
Antioch M.B. Church

Church History ............................ Dr. Alvin Jackson

Music .................................. Deacon Earl Donaldson

Procession to the Cemetery

Remembrances of West Africa
Remembrance of the Ancestors - Calling Their Names

Music .................................. Deacon Earl Donaldson

Benediction

FORMERLY ENSLAVED BURIALS
1. Mary Melvin (1859-1924)
2. Dea. Willie Mikell (1865-1939)

TEACHERS
1. Ruby Evelyn Lanier Goodman (1908-1973)
2. Laura Cone Kent (1897-1956)

MINISTERS
1. Rev. Donald German (1938-1999)
2. John Rufus Holt (1900-1955)

VETERANS
2. Johnnie L. Cone (1919-1978) WW II, PFC US Army
10. Albert Grant (1918-1974) US Army
11. Rufus E. Handshaw (?) WWII, GA PVT 1463 SV COM D
14. Curnie B. Jones (1885-1931) WWI
15. Leonard Lance (1912-1992)
17. Carnegil W. Linder (?-1964)
18. Handy Rawls, Jr. (?-1932) WWI, GA PVT Depot Brig
20. Eli Rogers (1892-1979) WWI, GA PVT Army
22. Lonnie Simmons (1898-1965) WWII, GA PVT 44 CO
24. Henry Clayton Smith (1894-1964) WWII, GA PVT 420 Reg
25. Edgar Smith

Thank You! TO THE WILLOW HILL CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mr. Earl Donaldson  Mr. Khalil Maycock
Mr. Regan Donaldson  Ms. Maria Olivas
Ms. Lakia Hillard  Mr. Anthony Simmons
Dr. Alvin Jackson  Mrs. Joyce Simmons
Mrs. Valerie McCray  Mrs. Bertha Pryor