

ANTIOCH CHICAGO
CELEBRATES OUR LEAD PASTOR & FIRST LADY
Dr. Gerald M. Dev & Lady Marva Dev



SOUVENIR BOOK

STANDING THE WATCH
- EZEKIEL 3:17

WELCOME LETTER FROM CO-CHAIRS

Dear Pastor Dew and First Lady Dew,

As we celebrate this remarkable 25th Pastoral Anniversary of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, we, Deacon Charles A. Jones and Sister Nikki Jones, humbly extend our deepest gratitude to you both. Thank you for entrusting us with the honor of serving as Co-Chairs of this Anniversary Committee. It has truly been an honor and a privilege.

There are no words that fully capture how much you mean—not only to the Antioch family, but to our family personally. Over the past 25 years, we have witnessed and experienced your unwavering love, support, and spiritual covering through every season of life. Whether in moments of joy—weddings, births, birthdays, retirements—or in times of challenge—sickness, loss, and hardship—you have consistently been a source of comfort, strength, and encouragement. Even while facing your own struggles, you continued to pour into us with grace, compassion, and steadfast faith.

Pastor and First Lady, you have stood ten toes down for Antioch. Your leadership has been faithful. Your service has been sacrificial. Your love has been genuine. And your commitment to God's people has never wavered.

As we honor this milestone, we look forward with great expectation to how the Lord will continue to bless you, guide you, and use you as the devoted leaders of our great church, the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago.

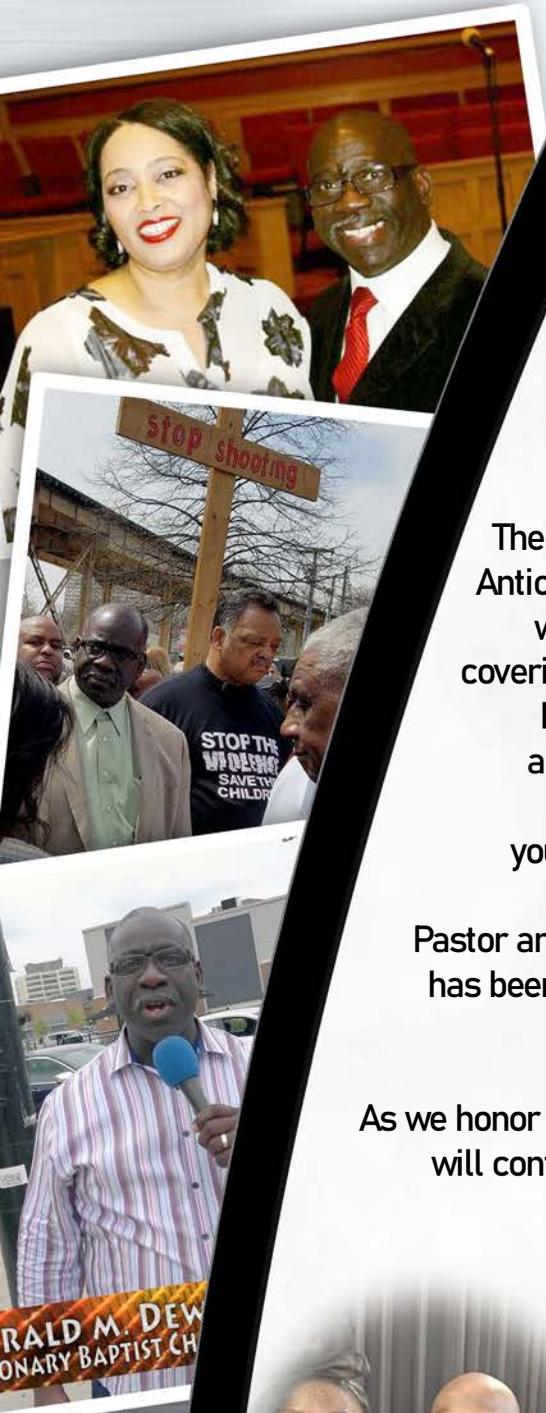
Thank you for everything you have been, everything you are, and everything you continue to be.

with Love, Respect, and Heartfelt Appreciation,
Deacon Charles A. Jones & Sister Nikki Jones
Co-Chairs, 25th Pastoral Anniversary Committee

SIGNATURES FROM CONGREGATION

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<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Sharon V...</i>
<i>Lillian Davis</i>	<i>Stephanie Clark</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>John Wallace</i>
<i>Joseph & Jean Brown</i>	<i>Bill M. Jones</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Bill Voss</i>

<i>Laure Hawkins</i>
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PASTOR LETTER TO FIRST LADY



A PORTRAIT OF A LADY AN ODE CELEBRATING LADY MARVA DEW

Imagined by the architectural artist of the universe.

Designed and created by the great I AM.

Placed on the canvas of human activity as an example of His image and likeness.

Positioned, not in a gallery of fine art, but rather on a hill-

Like a city that cannot be hidden.

When encountered by one or many, your positive impact cannot be diminished.

With the wide brush of kindness and mercy He painted your gentle personality.

With the fine brushes of beauty and grace He painted your endearing character.

With His own finger of love,

He painted the compassion and humility that is your heart and soul.

With lights and shadows and a myriad of colors blended with His glory

He completed you to complete me.

Lady Marva Dew

You are God's Elect Lady. You are Antioch's First Lady.

You Are My Lady.

-Dr. Gerald M. Dew

Nyborah A. Miller	Tracy Thomas	Willo W. Hill
L. Lynn Meyers	Helma Paul Kaus	Dayona Clark
BT	Amanda Lawrence	Dallon Clark
Annie Sauldon	Natalie Dehn	Pat Clark
John Murray	Dorthea Busnett	Linda Pruitt
Kim Alek Rene	Barbara	Annelle Black



"THE FELLOWSHIP OF EMPOWERMENT"

FIRST LADY LETTER TO PASTOR



To My Beloved Husband In Whom I Am Well Pleased, As I pause to express my sentiments, I am overwhelmed by the level of love I have for you. I love you more with each passing day. You are my pastor, my soul mate, my best friend, my rock, my true north, my safety zone, and the reason I smile on a daily basis. You hold tight my hand and my heart. You have stood with me and for me through my triumphs and troubles. You tell me every day that you love me and then you set about proving it. I wish you could see yourself through my eyes, only then would you understand the depth of my love for you. Aside from salvation, you are God's greatest gift to me. I am indeed blessed and highly favored. I thank God for the man you are. A man of vision, courage, humility, integrity, and resilience.

I say without fear of contradiction, that you are a preaching, teaching, pastoring, encouraging machine of a man. I have watched you prepare to bring God's Word, to God's people for God's glory for decades. I have watched you serve God's people and further prepare God's preachers and leaders. I have watched you shoulder ministry weights and climb ministry mountains that would trouble and topple teams of trained soldiers. I have watched you bow in prayer for me, for Antioch, for humanity, and for the kingdom of God. I have watched you walk, not on water, but on the glass, rocks, and stones thrown along your life's already crooked path. I have watched you stand flat footed on the Word of God and preach His uncompromising gospel. I have watched you model the expected behavior. I have watched you move forward in faith against all odds. I have watched you STAND THE WATCH, be it on the wall or at the sheep gate. Always with an eagle's eye and a shepherd's heart. Always with fierce tenacity and focused determination. Always with a passage of scripture in your head, heart, and hand. And as I have watched you down through the years, I have come to know that I have been watching greatness this entire time. Thank you for Standing the Watch for Antioch Chicago these 25 years. You have been and continue to be faithful in your assignment. I follow your leadership knowing that you follow God. I am honored to walk alongside you in life and ministry. What a wild and crazy and fabulous and unpredictable walk this is. I look forward to more love, laughter, building, breaking, sharing, shedding, prayers and progress. I look forward to all God has in store for us. Our journey continues. Let's DEW this!

with all my Love,
Lady Marva Dew

SIGNATURES FROM CONGREGATION

Bonnie Malone	Cristal Hardley
Debra Reyes	Nelonda Harper
Bernadette Hayes	Eula Jones
William Ellis	Ketuan Dobi
Ann M. White	Yolke Sage
Sharon A. Pruitt	Brandon Sage
Jill Connolly	Deatrice Currier
Marshall Duvon	Arcina Pittman

Stephanna	J. E. Burns
Michael Stephens	Edward Shepherd
Gynthia Williams	Blaney J. Smith
Etta King	Tyrone Bykes
Otha King	Wanda Perdue
Joni Mc	Unchi Decker
Samuel Bynd	Yolanda Byes-Smith
Johnnie Turner	Tyler Turner

ANTIOCH CHICAGO OFFICIAL BOARD

25 years what a remarkable milestone. Pastor, Through your sermons, teaching and leadership you've guided us closer to God, Thank you for nurturing our faith and helping us grow on our spiritual journey. In the same way you have been a faithful shepherd to our church you have been a mentor to me helping me to lead by example, Not only have you been my pastor but you've been my friend. As we celebrate this significant milestone we are reminded of the words from James 1:17 every good and perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the father of the heavenly light who does not change like shifting shadows. We are blessed to have you as our shepherd, may the Lord continue to use you as a vessel for his love and grace.

DEACON WADE FOSTER | Chairman of the Official Board

Pastor Dew has been a steady and faithful leader. He took the helm during a stormy season, a challenge few would have been willing to accept. I deeply appreciate his belief in higher education and his commitment to growth. As he often says, "It's a joy to work with him." The past 25 years have not been easy—especially the last three—but Pastor Dew has never wavered in his commitment to Antioch. Thank you, Pastor, for your steadfast leadership and for loving Antioch so well.

JOYCE BARNES | Trustee Chair

Pastor and First Lady Dew,
Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary. Your leadership has been a blessing to our family, and we have witnessed continuous growth in ministry under your guidance. Your words of wisdom, such as "I'm Standing Up Straight," have resonated deeply with me, and the numerous books you have recommended have been invaluable resources for my ministry. Once again, we extend our heartfelt congratulations. Sincerely,

EDWARD SHEPHERD | Trustee Co-Chair

It is with respect, gratitude, and love that I honor you, Dr. Gerald M. Dew, and First Lady Marva Y. Dew, on your 25th Pastoral Anniversary. Your faithful prayers for me by name, your check-ins during both my highest joys and lowest valleys, and your steady walk alongside our Antioch family have left a lasting impact on my life. Your wisdom, encouragement, and Christ like example continue to shape my walk with God. Your wisdom and guidance have shaped how I serve as a Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, and in the Men's Ministry in meaningful and spiritually transformative ways. Every conversation becomes a lesson that challenges, corrects, and uplifts me, strengthening my ministry and personal walk with God. Your leadership has demonstrated what it truly means to serve God's people with humility, integrity, and compassion. You have deepened my understanding of bringing people to Christ, developing disciples, and leading with intentionality, accountability, and care. Please know that my heart overflows with gratitude to God for the gift He has given us in you and First Lady Dew. Your faithfulness has shaped my life and ministry in profound ways. May the Lord continue to favor you, renew your strength, and grant you many more years of fruitful service.

DR. JOHNNIE J. TURNER | Vice Chairman

I have had the privilege of knowing and serving with Pastor Dew for more than twenty-five years. During that time, he has been not only my pastor, but a cherished friend. Every time we meet or have a conversation, it turns into a teaching session. His leadership, faith, and devotion continue to shape the life of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. I have watched him—through the help of God—faithfully guide the congregation, and his tenure stands as a testament to his steadfast commitment and unwavering dedication to God's people. He once shared with me that God sent him to Antioch MBC so he could lead, even if the church was unable to pay him a salary. That was major to me, and I knew then that God sent him. I also watched Pastor Dew stand firm when the historic Antioch sanctuary was destroyed by fire on April 15, 2022. He reminded us that the church is defined by its people, faith, unity, and mission—not the building—and he guided the church forward with hope and purpose. Having served as Chairman of the Official Board, I have greatly admired his wisdom, humility, and servant leadership. He is a shepherd who leads not only with words, but with faith-filled action. I am grateful for our enduring relationship and his lasting impact on Antioch MBC and the wider community. With deep respect and admiration,

JESSE E. BURNS | Deacon



Jamessa Mason	Stephanie Dukes
Margaret Johnson	John S. Taylor
Cleo Deadmon	Claron H. [unclear]
June Deadmon	Claude M. Walter
Dorothy Harrison	[unclear]
Phyllis Stewart	Michael Pitt
Shirley [unclear]	Lillian [unclear]
Kenn [unclear]	Kerry Alshuler

Alberal Clark/Spilling [unclear]
CLAUDETTE PUCKETT
Melinda [unclear]
Jean Davis Jr
John Ellis
Anthony [unclear]
Arthur [unclear]
Calvin [unclear]



MESSAGES FROM PARTNERING CHURCHES & PASTORS



Congratulations on 25 years of great leadership Pastor and First Lady Dew! We appreciate all of your sacrifices and your labor of love shown to us and the Antioch family. We thank God for your character, commitment and contributions, and we pray that He will continue to cover, strengthen and enlighten you both as you lead Antioch into our next season. Be encouraged as the best is still yet to come!

Love and Blessings!
PASTOR RICKY AND FIRST LADY EVA DIXON



To Pastor Gerald Dew and Sister Marva Dew,
It gives me great joy to offer words of encouragement to two faithful servants who have dedicated 25 years to the call of preaching and living the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pastor Dew, your steadfast commitment to the ministry has blessed countless lives. And Sister Marva, your devotion to uplifting women and young girls—walking faithfully beside your husband and pouring into others with grace—has been a powerful testimony of service and love. Your partnership in ministry at Main Baptist Church has made a tremendous and lasting impact. We are grateful for the example you set, the wisdom you share, and the faithfulness you embody. *“Beloved, I pray that in every way you may succeed and prosper and be in good health (physically), just as (I know) your soul prospers (spiritually).”*

3 John 1:2 (AMPC) On behalf of Pastor Julian E. Spencer and the entire Main Baptist Church family, we celebrate you, honor you, and thank God for your 25 years of dedicated service.

God Bless,
PASTOR JULIAN E. SPENCER (JES)



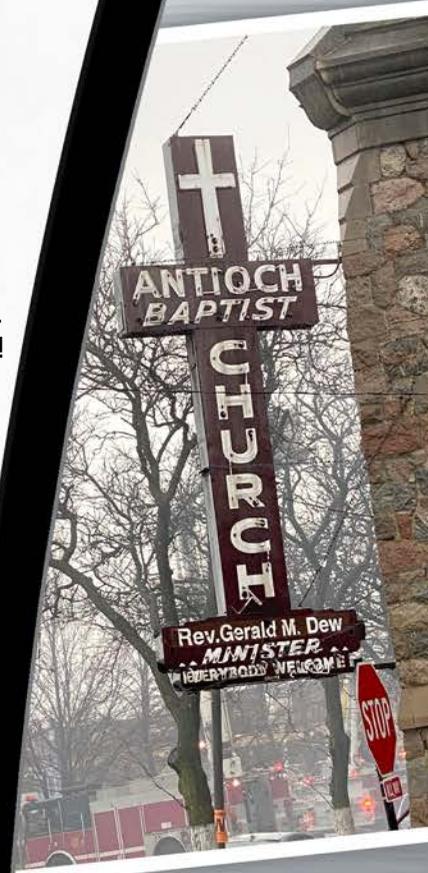
Happy 25th Pastoral Anniversary Pastor And Lady Dew!
Your hard work and dedication to serving God’s people hasn’t gone unnoticed. Your kingdom impact is global. May our God continue to bless you immensely!

DR. LAWRENCE B. WALKER AND FAMILY



“Thank you for 25 years of faithful leadership and steady service to our church. That’s 1300 Sundays! We have witnessed firsthand how your consistency, care for people, and commitment to God’s call have shaped our congregation. Your impact is evident not only in milestones but also in the everyday faith you modeled over the years. I am grateful for the foundation you have laid and the example you continue to set.”

PASTOR TERRELL W. CARTER



Bonnie Bryant Jr
Sandra Bryant
Bernadette R. Rapp
Deana Raines
Lynne R.
Alicia Alendary
Theresa K. Fortner
D. A. A. A.

Jatha
Zeff
Bernadi White
Marlene White
Mary Beff
Caroly Billingsley
Billie Lass

Elizabeth Mason
Ernestine Garber
Lynne R.
Jordyn Peterson
Alycia Cornelius
Trish Murray Jones
Sharon E. Wear



BIO

DR. GERALD M. DEW

Pastor Gerald M. Dew is the humble pastor of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois. He is married to the lovely Marva Dew and is the father of Reverend Samuel and Eboni Dew. Pastor Dew serves his congregation as a prolific preacher, visionary teacher, and fearless leader. He is a strong believer in the power of God's word and God's people. While under the pastoral leadership of his father, the late Rev. Albert Dew, Pastor Dew accepted Christ at a young age and began preaching in Muncie, Indiana at age 19. He later moved to Houston, Texas and was installed as the 7th pastor of the historic Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church in 1984 at age 24. Pastor Dew faithfully served Greater Zion for 16 years.

In January 2001, Pastor Dew answered the call of God on his life and moved to Chicago, Illinois to serve as the 4th pastor of the nationally renowned Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Dew continued to lead God's people onward and upward. By instituting Mission, Vision, and Standard statements, Antioch was able to further focus its efforts to evangelize the world and make disciples for Christ. Pastor Dew passionately encourages members to be/become dedicated church members, serious students of the Word, involved in ministry, engaged in evangelism, and fully devoted followers of Christ. These beliefs drive the continued growth of Antioch and its impact on the Englewood community and beyond.

Pastor Dew has an unquenchable hunger for education and thirst for knowledge and is considered a "lifelong learner." Thus far he has earned the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology - Texas Southern University
- Master of Arts in Theology - Houston Graduate School of Theology
- Master of Divinity - Northern Theological Seminary
- Doctor of Ministry - Northern Theological Seminary
- Clinical Pastoral Education Certification - Sankofa CPE Center

- Pastor Dew's commitment to his calling is evident through his educational pursuits as well as his desire to mentor and lead other pastors, ministers, and lay servants in effective ministry. He serves as:
- Doctoral Thesis Supervisor - Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL
 - Affiliate Professor - Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL
 - Vice President At Large - National Missionary Baptist Convention of America
 - Dean of Pastoral Development - North Woodriver District Association
 - Board of Trustees - St. Bernard Hospital
 - Board of Trustees - BLR Center for Thriving Communities

- Pastor Dew has two publications:
- A Pilot Project For A Future Informed Leadership Development Process at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
 - Jigsaw Puzzle Leadership



BIO

MARVA DEW

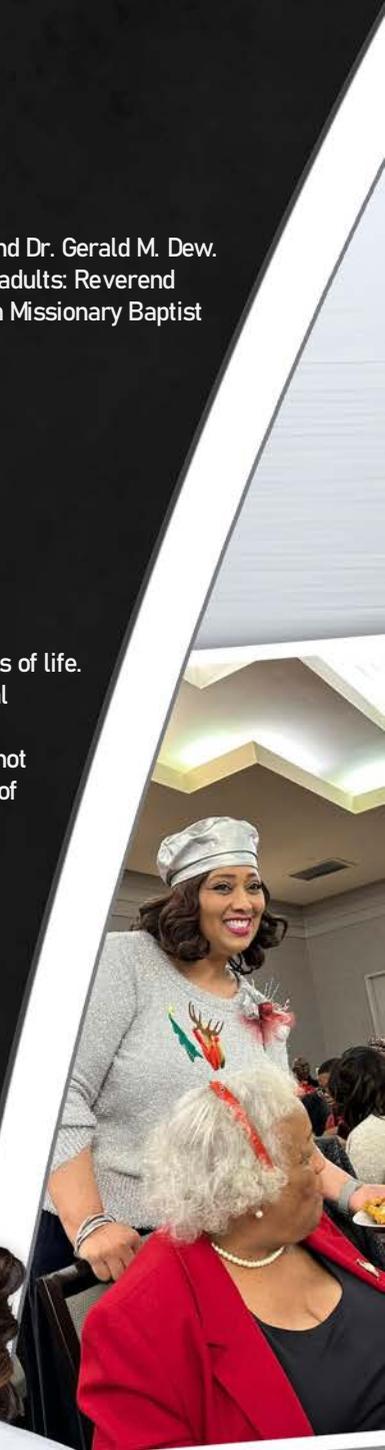
Marva Dew is a born-again Christian. She is the proud and loving wife and covenant partner of the dynamic Reverend Dr. Gerald M. Dew. Domestic at heart, she cherishes her role as wife to a multifaceted and gifted man of God and is stepmother to two adults: Reverend Samuel and Ms. Eboni Dew and grandmother of Lavender and Lily Dew. She is the gracious First Lady of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago, IL.

Marva Dew serves as:

- President Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Ministers' Wives & Widows Ministry
- President Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Women's Ministry
- Coordinator Antioch Missionary Baptist Church GEN NEXT Ministry
- Workshop Teacher and Former President
- Illinois Missionary Baptist State Convention Ministers' Wives Ministry
- Advisory Member Yowkebed Worldwide Ministries
- Lead Mentor Leading Ladies Leaving Legacies

A gifted and anointed woman of God, Lady Dew is blessed with the unique ability to connect to women from all walks of life. She uses her God-given spiritual gifts of exhortation, teaching, and administration to bless women through personal mentoring, local church workshops, seminars, retreats, and conventions. A woman of few words and a quiet spirit, she believes (1) love is an action word and (2) the power of Christianity is demonstrated best through the walk and not the talk. Her desire is to see Christian women exemplify the Titus 2 woman (Titus 2:3-5) by pouring the good things of God into the lives of one another.

Marva Dew is committed to meeting the needs of women throughout her church, community, state, and nation. She is passionate about the bond, strength, and power of united Christian sisterhood and considers serving as Founder and Director of Sisters For Sisters (a national women's ministry- 2001-2015) one of her greatest achievements. Through this conference Marva Dew has inspired and encouraged hundreds of women to embrace spiritual change and live more fulfilling lives with and through Christ. Her life mantra remains, "Every sister will be a sister and every sister will have a sister, so that no sister will stand alone." Her life verse and philosophy is grounded in Proverb 27:17, "As iron sharpeneth iron, so one man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." Her life's work continues with the sisters of Antioch and beyond. Wherever women are gathered together, there is an opportunity for spiritual growth and development. In 2018 Marva Dew published her first book, "The Queen's Rules (Rules, Decrees, Directives, and Proclamations for every woman who is or will be Queen). Marva Dew is committed to taking full advantage of such opportunities to lead, guide, and direct. She vehemently believes that strengthening the women of God and the bonds of sisterhood will fortify the family, the community, the world, and the church. Her mission in life is to build the woman so the house might stand.



CHURCH HISTORY

PASTORAL MILESTONES

Dr. Gerald M. Dew is a dedicated preacher, visionary teacher, and courageous leader whose ministry has helped Antioch “move forward and gain momentum” through passionate proclamation of God’s Word and steadfast, servant-hearted leadership. The milestones below highlight some of the many ways God has used Pastor Dew to shape Antioch’s lasting legacy over twenty-five years of pastoral service.

LEADERSHIP TENURE

Dr. Dew was called to serve as the fourth Pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, January 6, 2001, while serving as Pastor of Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. He delivered his first sermon as Pastor of Antioch on Sunday, March 4, 2001, was installed on Sunday, April 29, 2001, and has faithfully led the congregation for twenty-five years. During this time, he has been known as the “humble pastor” and serves as Lead Pastor of Antioch Chicago, “The Fellowship of Empowerment.”

FOUNDATIONAL LEADERSHIP

In his early years at Antioch, Pastor Dew helped the church define its Mission, Vision, and Standards that continue to shape its identity & ministry focus. Under his leadership, traditional clubs, circles, and auxiliaries were transformed into vibrant ministries, honoring their history while aligning them with the needs of a modern, disciple-making, ministry-focused church.

STRUCTURAL AND MINISTRY INITIATIVES

Key initiatives include adopting Antioch’s Mission and Vision Statements, Standard of Excellence, and the “Fellowship of Empowerment” theme, with a clear focus on “Winning the Lost and Making Disciples.” The entire church family—clubs, boards, and auxiliaries—was encouraged to identify as ministries (e.g., Mission I Ministry, Brotherhood Ministry), emphasizing service and spiritual purpose. Antioch launched a church website and media ministry, upgraded sound and recording technology, added large-screen projection, and expanded the use of virtual platforms and conference calls, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

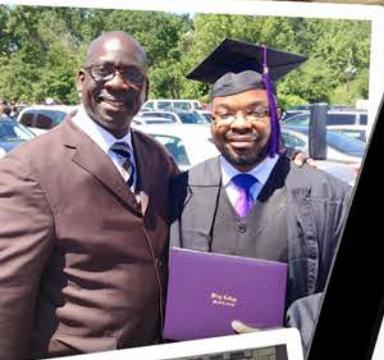
Under Pastor Dew’s leadership, Antioch has launched or greatly expanded ministries such as the Annual Leaders Retreat, Intercessory Prayer Hour, Joyfest evangelistic outreach, Evangelism and Visitation ministries, and various age- and group-specific ministries, including the 20/30, Women’s, and Men’s Ministries. Christian education and evangelism have been strengthened through events like the Christian Education Workshop, Weekly Church Bible Study, Spring Church Revival, Fall Soul-Winning Crusade and Parade, along with the establishment of the Media Ministry, church website, and the Antioch Community Social Service Agency as tools for outreach and empowerment.

EMERGING FROM THE FLAMES

On Good Friday, April 15, 2022, a devastating fire destroyed Antioch’s historic sanctuary, a nearly century-old worship space that had to be demolished after burning for several days. In the aftermath, Pastor Dew reminded the church that Antioch is a people, not a building, and he led efforts to rebuild, secure resources, establish temporary worship sites, and use tools like Zoom and online giving to keep the congregation connected and moving forward in faith.

A LEGACY OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

As Antioch celebrates Dr. Gerald M. Dew’s 25th Pastoral Anniversary, the church honors a shepherd who has led with courage, compassion, and unwavering devotion to God’s Word. Throughout seasons of growth, loss, trial, and renewal, he has faithfully guided God’s people toward Christ—encouraging them to love more deeply, serve more boldly, and stand firmly on the promises of Scripture while trusting God for the greater work yet to come.



LETTERS FROM MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor Dew,

We give thanks to God for this sacred milestone—25 years of faithful, visionary, and sacrificial service that you have given to Antioch Chicago. For a quarter of a century, you have stood the watch with unwavering conviction, answering God's call as a shepherd, teacher, and watchman for His people. Rooted in our historic African American church on Chicago's South Side, your leadership has been marked by prophetic preaching, pastoral compassion, and a deep commitment to guarding the flock while courageously calling us forward in faith. You have watched over souls, spoken truth in love, and sounded the alarm when needed, remaining obedient to the charge of Ezekiel 3:17: "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel." We also thank God for your wonderful wife, Lady Marva Dew, whose grace, strength, and faithful partnership in ministry continue to bless our church family. On behalf of the Pastoral Staff, and with gratitude from my heart as President, we honor your legacy, celebrate your steadfast leadership, and thank God for the watch you continue to stand. Happy 25th Pastoral Anniversary!

Blessings,

Rev. Claude Michael Walton
MINISTERS MINISTRY - President

Congratulations and best wishes to our Lead Pastor Rev. Dr. Gerald M. Dew and our First Lady Marva Y. Dew on your 25th Anniversary at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, to feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15. We love you and "The Best is yet to Come".

Mother Lillie Thomas
PASTOR'S AID MINISTRY - President

Pastor Gerald M. Dew and Lady Marva Y. Dew, you've given more than we will ever know. Your time and your talents are always given willingly and in abundance. You have given of yourselves to show the Savior's love to others. Our gratitude to you and to God who brought you to serve among us. We give thanks to God always for you. To God Be The Glory.

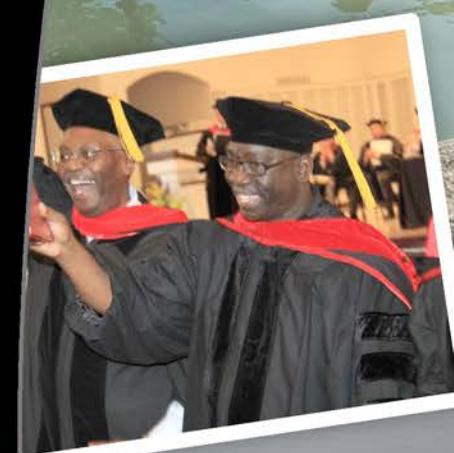
Mother Claudette Puckett
MOTHER'S BOARD - President

Pastor and First Lady Dew,

On behalf of ALL the BIRTH MONTH MINISTRIES, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and deepest appreciation. We thank God for you both and pray He will continue to bless, strengthen, keep, and empower you with many more years of faithful leadership.

Lead Pastor Gerald M. Dew and First Lady Marva Y. Dew, For 25 years, you both have embodied the calling of a true Pastor and First Lady. You have faithfully served the Antioch M.B. Church with unwavering commitment to God and His people. You lead with a faith that endures even when few know the cost, and you exemplify a love that mirrors the Great Shepherd. Behind every sermon preached, every lesson taught, every word of wisdom shared, every prayer lifted, every visit made, and every decision made in faith — there has been sacrifice, dedication, and an anointed partnership in ministry. Congratulations on 25 years of faithful leadership.

Lovingly Presented,
THE MISSION MINISTRIES



We received so many expressions of congratulations for our Pastor & First Lady, that they all could not be printed in the physical copy of this souvenir book. But you may find all expressions in the digital copy online by scanning the QR code here on the left.

TRIBUTES FROM FAMILY



On this 25th anniversary of ministry at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, I want to honor my father, Pastor Gerald, and Marva Dew! You have poured out your life in service to God's people—preaching, teaching, counseling, praying, and standing with the church through every season. I'm grateful for your example, your perseverance, and your love for God and His Word. Congratulations on 25 years. May the Lord continue to enlarge your territory and strengthen your ministry.

- SAMUEL, LAVENDER, AND LILY DEW



Reverend Gerald and Lady Marva Dew, I congratulate you on this momentous occasion. As you celebrate 25 years of faithful service to Antioch Chicago, I celebrate alongside you. I am thankful to have witnessed for myself your commitment to your calling. You are, as your anniversary theme suggests, Standing the Watch! Your faith, compassion, strength, obedience, and sacrifice speak to the leaders and Godly servants you are. You inspire courage, compassion, and hope for the future. Your lives are living sermons because you continually live out the Word you preach and teach about while modeling the expected behavior. I pray God's continued blessings upon you both, and may you continue to stand firm as you Stand the Watch for those you so humbly shepherd.

Your Loving Sister,
- JOYCE ROQUEMORE

To Pastor Gerald and First Lady Marva Dew:

It has been our distinct honor to witness firsthand the depth of your devotion—not just to Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, but to God and to one another. Over the years, we have watched you face the seasons of life, and never once have we seen you falter, give in, or allow the world to distract you from your divine callings. Thank you for being a living blueprint of truth and integrity. In a world that often loses its way, we desperately need the example of you Pastor Gerald Dew, who stands firm in teaching and preaching the unadulterated Word of God. Likewise, we need the example of you First Lady Marva Dew, who embodies elegance, discretion, and a quiet, powerful strength. We are so proud of the standard you set. Continue to be that light, keep walking forward, and may the Lord take you to even greater heights in this next season. I love you both dearly. Congratulations on 25 years as Pastor and First Lady of the historic Antioch Missionary Baptist Church! We love you both dearly,

- BISHOP ROOSEVELT SHIELDS II AND LADY SANDRA SHIELDS



SIGNATURES FROM CONGREGATION

<i>Keith Dinger</i>	<i>Bryce Mason</i>
<i>Marilyn Safford</i>	<i>Cheryl Brown-Jolley</i>
<i>Willis Brown</i>	<i>Robert G. Baker</i>
<i>Jean Safford</i>	<i>Scott</i>
<i>Gaylen Walker</i>	<i>Cynthia Wilcox</i>
<i>Jaymie Walker</i>	<i>J.E. Brown</i>

What an absolutely joyous and magnificent occasion! We are bubbling with excitement and profound gratitude as we celebrate your incredible 25th Pastoral Anniversary today! Twenty-five glorious years of unwavering dedication and service – what a remarkable journey! Thank you, from the deepest corners of our hearts, for your boundless love that always enfolds us, your truly inspiring leadership that lights our path, and your steadfast, beautiful obedience to God's divine calling. Your faith and devotion shine so brightly, guiding so many, including us. It is truly a privilege and an immense honor to witness your impactful ministry and celebrate you both. We are so incredibly blessed to call you our Aunt and Uncle, and to share in this magnificent milestone with you. Our hearts are overflowing with appreciation for everything you do! With all our love and warmest wishes,

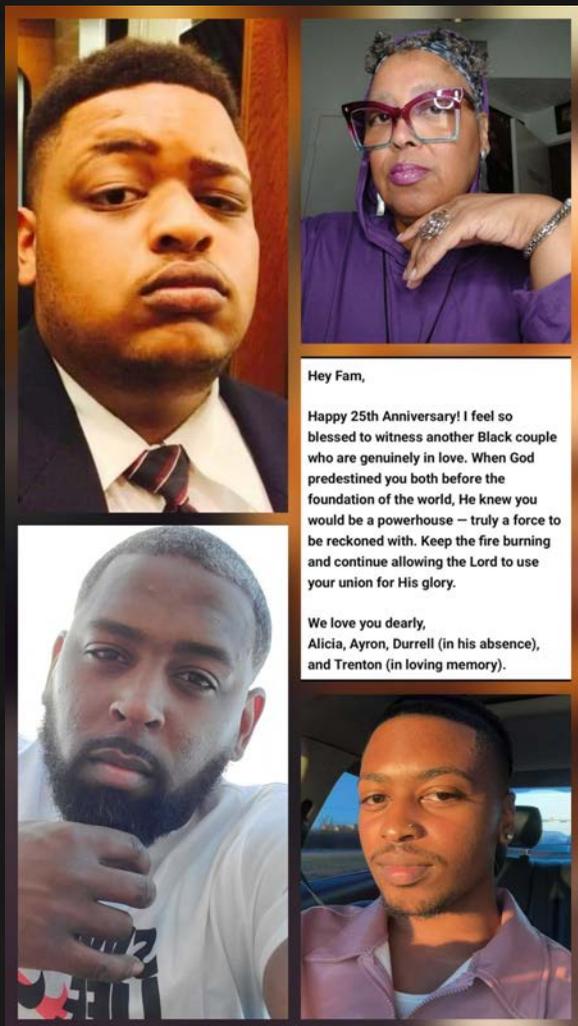
MAURICE CEASER /RAMONA CEASER & FAMILY



To my brother-in-law Gerald and my sister Marva,

I speak blessings over you both for answering God's call on your lives to become one and to walk in His divine assignment. Remember—this is only the beginning; it is not over. May your union be strengthened with love, guided by faith, and filled with purpose as you continue the journey God has set before you.

Your eldest sister,
Sharon Blackon



Hey Fam,
Happy 25th Anniversary! I feel so blessed to witness another Black couple who are genuinely in love. When God predestined you both before the foundation of the world, He knew you would be a powerhouse – truly a force to be reckoned with. Keep the fire burning and continue allowing the Lord to use your union for His glory.
We love you dearly,
Alicia, Ayron, Durrell (in his absence), and Trenton (in loving memory).



Sharon Jones
Willie Hill
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January 12, 2026

Reverend Gerald M. Dew
Lead Pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and St. Bernard Hospital Trustee

Dear Rev. Gerald M. Dew,

It is with extreme gratitude that we at St. Bernard Hospital congratulate you on your momentous achievement of 25 years of pastoral service at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. This milestone of divine calling and social impact is a reflection of the knowledge, leadership and compassion you have brought to the people of Englewood, the state and the nation.

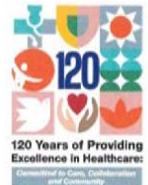
Since you arrived in Chicago in 2001 and became the new leader of your congregation, Antioch members have undergone transformative experiences, not only in their walks of faith, but through healthcare advancement as well. Over the past quarter century, you have extended your leadership beyond the pulpit, consistently holding a keen insight into the bridge between divinity and medical care. You are a passionate advocate for spiritual and medical wellness, both as a pastor and advocate of St. Bernard Hospital as a Board Trustee.

We rely on thoughtful and creative offerings to uphold St. Bernard as a trusted and premier resource for healthcare. It is for this reason, that we have been so fortunate to have you on our board for the past five years. The holistic insights you have brought to St. Bernard Hospital are forward-thinking and reflect your high-level of investment and care for Englewood.

As you have navigated your multiple roles and responsibilities, and rebirth from catastrophe, your impeccable character has been exemplary. This landmark achievement is not only a cause for celebration, but a moment to reflect on all the lives you have touched, the spirits you have moved and the futures you have shaped. We are truly thankful for everything you have done and will continue to do for St. Bernard Hospital, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and for the residents on the South Side of Chicago.

With our deepest congratulations and gratitude,

Charles Holland
President and CEO
St. Bernard Hospital



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To Pastor Gerald Dew and First Lady Marva Dew: Congratulations on reaching this remarkable 25-year milestone at the Historic Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Over the last quarter-century, your partnership has been a beacon of unwavering faith and transformative leadership within the Englewood community. Pastor Dew, your insightful bible teaching and visionary heart have anchored the congregation, while First Lady Marva's grace and compassionate spirit have nurtured countless souls. Together, you have not only preserved the rich legacy of Antioch but have built a sanctuary of hope, resilience, and love. May this silver anniversary be a reflection of the lives you've touched and a celebration of the profound "kingdom work" you continue to do. On behalf of the 16th Ward, I pray that God pours out a double portion of strength, joy, and peace upon you both as you lead this historic church into and even brighter future. —Alderman Stephanie Coleman

SIGNATURES FROM CONGREGATION

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LETTERS FROM CHAIRS

"Oh, how sweet it is to know Jesus! What a mighty God we serve. Angels bow before Him; heaven and earth adore Him. What a mighty God we serve!" Pastor and First Lady Dew, Antioch Chicago—it has truly been our honor and pleasure to serve as the Pastoral Anniversary Chairs for the past four years.

First, we give thanks to God for granting us the endurance to take on such a task while simultaneously navigating events in our personal lives. Each year presented new challenges, yet we never wavered because we knew God was with us on this journey, and that everything would turn out EXCELLENT.

Secondly, we thank Pastor and First Lady Dew for trusting us to lead and bring to fruition their "suggestions" in these well-deserved celebrations. When I (Dyamong) was first asked by Trustee Joyce Barnes to take on this role, my response was, "I will pray about it." Honestly, I knew I didn't want to take it on—I am a behind-the-scenes servant and do not seek recognition for my contributions. But God had other plans, and my husband didn't help matters when he simply said, "Let's do it."

Thirdly, we extend heartfelt thanks to our committee. Only God could have assembled such a beautifully aligned group of individuals, making leadership both seamless and joyful. It felt as though we were working with family members we actually liked. Whenever we called on anyone—often asking beyond their assigned roles—they never hesitated and always executed with excellence.

OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:

Co-Chairs: Nikki Jones, Twon Jones	Hospitality: Sis. Stephanie Dukes
Music: Sis. Yvonne Seabrooks	Church Partners/Letters: Sis. Linda Woulard
Ministries: Sis. Jan Blake-Greene	Decorations: Sis. Ruth Holmes, Sis. Mamie Pace
Budget: Sis. Amelia Dawkins, Sis. Sylvia Cornelius	Program: Sis. Asia Collins
Media/Publications: Mrs. Michelle Walton, Rev. Michael Walton, Sis. Arion Burnett, & Deacon Wade Foster	Prayer: Sis. Sandra Bryant

Lastly, we thank Antioch Chicago. Many of you have known me (Dyamong) since birth, and when my husband joined the fold, you welcomed him as your own. Thank you for the encouragement along the way. Thank you for showing up to love on and celebrate OUR Pastor and First Lady with us.

At times, it is easy to forget that despite their titles, Pastor and First Lady Dew are human. They face day-to-day challenges we may never see. As we look ahead to the season before us, it is important that we continue to show up for them as faithfully as they show up for us. Through our love, encouragement, support, prayers, absence of judgment, and faithful giving, Pastor and First Lady Dew are empowered to serve, shepherd our community, and share God's Word with dedication and compassion. Our partnership truly makes a meaningful difference—not only in their lives and family, but in the lives of all impacted by this ministry.

If you feel led to continue your support, please know that every gift—whether it's monetary, time, encouragement, prayers, etc—is deeply appreciated and faithfully stewarded. Above all, we humbly ask that you continue to keep Pastor and First Lady Dew and Antioch Chicago lifted in your prayers.

Thank you for joining us as we walk alongside OUR Pastor and First Lady in faith. Know that we all play a vital role in being about our Father's business—advancing the work of God by being disciples who make disciples.

As we hand over the reins to Deacon Wade and Cheryl Foster, we again say THANK YOU for this opportunity to serve. And make no mistake—this is not the last you will see of us!

With grateful hearts,
BRO. DERRIUS AND SIS. DYAMOND WARREN



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MARCH 8.2026 @10AM

8:30 AM Production Set-up / Audio and Video Systems Check

9:15 AM Sound Check and Prayer

9:48 AM BODYLIFE with Trustee Joyce Barnes (Welcome and Prayer)

9:55 AM Music Prelude/Count Down Clock/Press Record

10:00 AM Introduction of the Honorees, Dr. Gerald & First Lady Marva Dew
(MASTER BRYCE MASON)

10:04 AM Opening Musical Selection: Essential Singers "Best Day of My Life"
(BURNETT/COLLINS BRINGS US ONLINE)

1. Greetings / Introduction: Digital Pastor Terrell Carter (ORGAN PODIUM)
2. Musical Selection: Essential Singers "TBA"
3. Scripture: Sister Cordria Mills (RIGHT PODIUM)
4. Prayer: Deacon Tyrone Turman (ORGAN PODIUM)
5. Celebration of Giving Appeal: Mother Jan Blake-Greene (RIGHT PODIUM)
6. Introduction of Speaker: Digital Pastor Carter
7. Special Dance Presentation: "COME JESUS COME"
8. Sermon: Rev. Reginald Sharpe, Jr., Fellowship Baptist Church, Chicago, IL
9. Corporate Prayer for Pastor and First Lady: Rev. Reginald Sharpe Jr.
10. Invitation Song: "WE OFFER CHRIST TO YOU": Digital Pastor Carter
11. Special Building Prayer: Pastor Dr. Lawrence Walker
12. Tithes and General Offering and Prayer: Sister Cynthia Irwin
13. Ministry Update: Sister Linda Woulard
14. Anniversary Committee Presentation/Remarks:
Sister Dyamond Warren / Sister Nikki Murray-Jones
15. Remarks from Our Honorees: Pastor and First Lady Dew (BROADCAST ENDS)
16. Pastoral Celebration Gifts of Giving: Jan Blake-Greene "THE MARCH"
17. Benediction: Lead Pastor Dew

Dr. Gerald M. Dew & Lady Marva Dew



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