

Historical Old Stone Church

Our “Old Stone Church” at 470 Candler Park Drive has been home to the First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta since 1980. The Sanctuary has been a fixture in Candler Park since 1922, when hand-built by



1948 Antioch East Baptist Church members outside the Old Stone Church (photo courtesy of Antioch East families)

the African American Antioch East Baptist Church. It served as a cornerstone for the vibrant Black working-class community that resided in this neighborhood from the early 1870s. The building changed hands in 1950, 1977, and 1980. First E satisfied its mortgage into full ownership in 2003. Beginning in 2024, the structure and grounds have received “Old Stone Church Landmark Building Site” status and protections from the City of Atlanta Historic Preservation Office.

The BiRacial History Project: The BiRacial History Project is a fully sanctioned program of the First Existentialist Congregation and receives support from many other

organizations in its efforts to preserve not only the building but also the history of the Antioch East Baptist Church and its parishioners.



1948 Antioch East Baptist Church members' wedding at the Old Stone Church (photo courtesy of Mrs. Sophie Carey)



1940s Antioch East Baptist Church Junior Choirs at the Old Stone Church (photo courtesy of Mrs. Miriam Clark)