

March 2, 2011

**Contact:** Dorothy Walker, 334-230-2665  
[dorothy.walker@preserveala.org](mailto:dorothy.walker@preserveala.org)

## **Preservation group to hold public meeting in Camden, March 12**

The Black Heritage Council (BHC) of the Alabama Historical Commission will hold its regular quarterly board meeting Saturday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the historic Antioch Baptist Church, 346 Highway 41 S., Camden. Founded in 1984, the BHC is the only statewide organization whose mission is to preserve historic places in Alabama related to the history and culture of African Americans.

The community is invited to attend the meeting and discuss any preservation projects with the Council. The group will discuss its historical marker program, historic restoration projects, and other African-American historic preservation issues.

Antioch Church was constructed in c. 1870 and remodeled in 1924. In the 1960s, civil rights leaders, including Dr. Martin Luther King, used the church as a staging site for protest and organizing. With assistance from the Black Heritage Council and community leaders, the congregation has restored the historic exterior of the church. For their restoration efforts, the church received the Council's Idella Childs Distinguished Service Award in 2009. The church is listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

For more information on the Black Heritage Council, visit:  
[preserveala.org/blackheritagecouncil.aspx](http://preserveala.org/blackheritagecouncil.aspx).

You can also contact Ms. Frazine Taylor, Chairperson, at 334.467.2726 or [frazine.taylor@att.net](mailto:frazine.taylor@att.net), or Dorothy Walker, Black Heritage Coordinator, at 334.230.2665 or [Dorothy.Walker@preserveala.org](mailto:Dorothy.Walker@preserveala.org).

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission**, the **State Historic Preservation Office**.*

###