



~What's Happening At The Met~

April 2024

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Rev. Allen Page, III ~ Senior Pastor



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Greetings Metropolitan,

I want to invite you to be a recipient of the great grace God offers each of us through Jesus Christ. In Acts of the Apostle, chapter 4 the followers of Jesus Christ were gathered together in fear and trembling following the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. They were fearful that the same tragedy that befell Jesus might also consume them. But verse 32, says that "the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common." They all shared a common belief and a common humanity of living in the grace of God. We too are those people who hold a lot of things in common (i.e., common fellowship, heritage, challenges, and in many instances family ties). There is, however, great encouragement to each of us in the text when it says, "with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all." We just celebrated last Sunday the wonderful resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ - and what a great celebration it was. However, we are now in the same common place with the disciples in the Acts of the Apostles - we must go on ahead in life as God directs and graces.

I challenge each of you to strive to give your testimony of what the Lord has done for you in the way and opportunity God provides, and then go forward in the great grace of our Lord. That "Great Grace" is upon us all! We have been blessed to be recipients of that grace by the love and power of God; and now we have the opportunity to be the "hands of God," by giving that grace away to others so that grace may abound. We all have differences we must navigate - differences in economic fortune, locale, family of origin and customs, educational backgrounds, work experience, etc. However, God has blessed us with a commonality of faith, worship practice and place that is rich in principles and promises, but these dwell amongst us and are beautifully held together by the "great grace" of our Lord and Saviour - it rests upon us all. The first Christian believers had to navigate the same waters as we, while dealing with the same waves crashing against their boats as we. But they strived to build a loving and caring community through the "great grace" of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! I encourage you Metropolitan to not only be a recipient of this great grace, but to live in it and by it, as we create community together. God bless you all!

Rev. Allen Page, III
Senior Pastor

Quarterly Conference

Presiding Elder Jonathan Jones, In Charge

April 15, 2004 @ 7:00 PM

Via Zoom

All leaders and heads of organizations are encouraged to attend

STANLEY THORNTON 2024 LEADERSHIP AWARD BANQUET

Presented In-Person at Metropolitan CME Church

and on Zoom April 19, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

Sponsored by the Houston District Lay Ministry

DONATION \$25.00



Please pray for the members listed below.

You may request personal contact information by sending an email to Metrocme@aol.com. To add/remove names on the list, send an email to the same address. Please be sure to include the member's name, address and phone number. Thank you!

Sister Freddia Bradley - Sister Jeanne Grimes
Sister Gracie Deason - Sister Patrecia Bailey
Sister Willie Frances Greer - Rev. Waldo Murphy
Sister Allison McLemore - Bro. L C. Patterson
Rev. E. Anne Ross - Bro. Darryl Bowers
Sister Ollie Byrd - Sister Annie Melson
Brother Daniel Myles - Sister LaGayle Wallace
Sister Brenda Hayter & Family

Sister Betty Patterson and Brother Errol Windle on the loss of their sister and long-time Metropolitan member, Sister Bobbie Jean West.

Sister Susie Stephens and Brother Calvin Brown on the loss of their sister.

Presiding Elder Jonathan Jones on the loss of his mother.

Brother Kevin Wheeler and his wife Linda as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

METROPOLITAN CME CHURCH
8955 SOUTH FREEWAY * HOUSTON, TX

Rev. Allen Page III, Senior Pastor

Spirit

Sunday

"Lifting Our Hands In The Sanctuary"

Psalm
95: 1-2



April
14
10:30 am

SPEAKER
Rev. Jonathan Jones
Presiding Elder, SETX
Houston District

\$250 Giving Opportunity



PROPOSED REHEARSAL SCHEDULE APRIL 2024
Time and Dates are subject to change.

Thursday, 04/04/24—Rehearsal

6:00 PM—Male Chorus

7:00 PM—Mass Choir

1st Sunday—4/7/24, MASS CHOIR SINGS

Thursday, 04/11/24—Rehearsal

6:00 PM—Male Chorus

7:00 PM—Mass Choir

Saturday 4/13/2024—Rehearsal

1:00 PM - Male Chorus Rehearsal

2nd Sunday, 4/14/2024— MASS CHOIR SINGS
(Special —Spirit Sunday)

Thursday, 4/18/24, 6:30pm, PRAISE TEAM

3rd Sunday, April 21, 2024 —Praise Team Sings

Thursday-4/25/24, 6:30, MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL

Saturday, 4/27, 12:00 PM -Youth/Children Rehearsal

4th Sunday, April 28, 2024 Youth & Children Sing

**IT'S TIME TO START PLANNING FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024**



If you would like to volunteer to work with some of the world's greatest children during the summer 2024. Then, volunteer for VBS 2024. Sign up in the foyer with Sis. La Ronda Walker. The dates for VBS will be June 19-21.

I would love for you to join the team to help make this year's VBS a success!



**Message From
Sis. LaRonda Walker**

I would like to thank all of the participants in our Annual Easter Program. Your hard work with your speeches, parts in the skit, readings, praise dancing and songs came shining through on Easter Sunday Morning. I am very proud of each and everyone of you! You all did an amazing job!

April 2024— Confirmed Meetings

03 Bible Study—6:00pm & 6:30 pm (Every Wednesday)

Mid-Day Bible Study @ 12:00 Noon (Every Wednesday)

06 Stewardess Meeting –10:00 AM

07 Holy Communion Sunday/10:30 AM

“IN PERSON” Worship at 10:30 am OR

Join us via Facebook Live - Metropolitan CME

Church—Restoration Blvd. or Free Conference

Call Line 605-475-4821 Access Code 306019#

07 Minister's Spouses Connectional Day

08 Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Free Conference Call Line—267-807-9495

Access Code—342569693#

11 Committee on Social Concerns (Virtually) 8:00 PM

13 HD Missionary Meeting

14 Annual Spirit Day (Wear Red)

14 Last Day to donate to Food Pantry for April 2024

15 Quarterly Conference @ 7:00 PM Via Zoom

19 Stanley Thornton Leadership Lay Banquet 7 pm (Hybrid)

20 Food Pantry—Blue Ridge –Sorting, bagging, distribution

21 Baptism –Elms Cleotilde Mejia (Infant)

27 Tuscany Village (Men's Ministry)

28 National Observance of Minister Spouses

28 HD Ministers Spouses, Widows/Widowers-Sheeler 3 PM

28 CYF Meeting

30 Fiscal Year Ends



Noon Day Bible Study at 12 Noon each Wednesday

Via ZOOM Meeting ID 885 2896 7154

Passcode 8955 or Phone 1-346-248-7799

Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study

Via Zoom - Meeting ID: 975 142 7923

Passcode 8955 or Phone 1-346-248-7799

Led by Sister Peggy Robinson (Prayer) &
Rev. Allen Page (Bible Study)

Trustees On Duty for April

Kevin Wheeler 281-703-2407

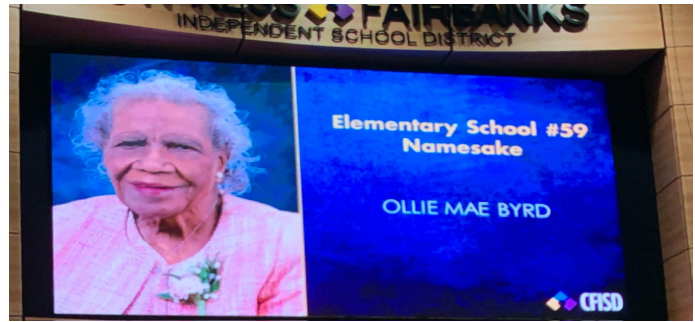
Bert Simmons 713-806-8676

You are invited to become a member of the Houston District Monthly Prayer Group as they meet to pray on a Conference Call Prayer Line each First Saturday at 7:14 am. It's open to everyone. Call -in number 605 472-5783. and your access code 604403. For more information call Peggy Robinson.



Joseph Garrett	April 01
Albert Greer	April 02
Angela Tigner	April 02
Cynthia Jones Carter	April 03
Rebecca Baddock	April 04
Madison Morris	April 04
Whitnie Scott	April 04
Kendra Keys	April 05
Jada Newsome	April 06
Marcus Storey	April 09
Ophelia Jammer	April 10
Margaret Loggins	April 10
Errol Windle, Sr.	April 10
Darryl Bowers	April 11
Derrick Carter	April 12
Earlan McCray	April 13
Ardyth Guyer	April 15
Arthur Williams, Sr.	April 15
Christina Garcia	April 16
Lolita Johnson	April 16
Debra Jones	April 19
Norma Huger	April 22
Kenneth Holden	April 23
James Dixon	April 26
Kenneth Davis, Jr.	April 27
Zara McLemore	April 27
LaGayle Wallace	April 28

SCHOOL NAMED IN HONOR OF METROPOLITAN MEMBER



We are happy to report that the Cy-Fair Independent School District announced on April 4, 2024, that one of its newest Elementary Schools, #59 is being named after Mrs. Ollie Mae Byrd. Mrs. Byrd taught for more than 40 years in Cy-Fair ISD. Her original assignment was at Carverdale School which was closed in 1967 by federal mandate to desegregate schools. She went on to teach at Holbrook Elementary where a wing of the school was named in her honor upon her retirement. Mrs. Byrd is more than 90 years old and living happily in Houston, TX. She is very happy about this honor and could not wait to see the new school. The new school is currently under construction at the intersection of Miramesa Drive and West Road in the Miramesa subdivision in Cy-press, TX and is set to open in August 2024.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Ollie Mae Byrd is a long-time member of Metropolitan CME Church where she served as a stewardess for many years. We are so proud of her and this accomplishment. The infor-

Information regarding Food Pantry with Blueridge UMC and Tuscany Village Outreach

Last Day to Donate to Food Pantry at Metropolitan for current month	Bagging/sorting & Distribution at Blueridge 9:00 am–12:00 pm
April 14, 2024	April 20, 2024
May 12, 2024	May 18, 2024

Please check donations for expiration dates!

**Tuscany Village 2750 Miller Ranch Rd
Pearland, TX 77584—Monthly Visits 2:30—3:30 PM**
 April 27, 2024— Men's Ministry
 May 25, 2024— Noon Day Bible Study

Delegates to the Houston District Conference

At the Church Conference March 26, 2024, the following members of Metropolitan CME Church were elected to represent us during the District Conference which is to be held on May 25. They are:(1) LaToya Johnson; (2) Rita Washington (3) Peggy Robinson; (4) Ramona Bowers (5) Cheryl Foster and Llonnda Toney and Elayne Scott are to serve as alternates.



Sister LaRonda Walker would like to send a huge "Shout Out" to our First Lady, Mrs. Gail Page for volunteering to stuff over 200 plastic eggs for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. She would also like to send a "shout out" to Sis. Julia Jones, Sis. Melba Sparks, Sis. Sherri Myles and Sis. Anna Key and company for stuffing more eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. She wants you to know that you are greatly appreciated. Because of your efforts the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success!