



~What's Happening At The Met~

June 2018

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From the Pastor's Desk



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Greetings my brothers and sisters. Summer has burst onto the scene, and boy are we feeling it here in Houston; the dog days of summer are here. This time of the year is a time of graduations, weddings, and vacations; and it is the month we celebrate our fathers.

Fathers play a very vital role in the stability of the family and our communities. Strength, courage, vision and discipline are vital for success in the roles we count upon them to fulfill. But while striving to serve the interests of their families, vocations, and communities, they must face their humanity and the challenges it brings. Some are more successful in the effort than others, but we don't celebrate them for their perfection; rather, we celebrate them for their willingness to make the journey.

We all have moments in our lives where we would be tempted to celebrate and boast, but there are the other moments that may offer more promise for us – if we would but look at them through the lens of grace. In 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Paul mentions a man who received such a powerful vision of God that he actually experienced paradise. But Paul goes on to say that to keep him from being too elated, God gave him a thorn in his flesh. Paul cried unto the Lord three times to remove the thorn, but God would not. Paul then resigns himself to boast in his weakness. Why does Paul boast about weakness? His experience with his "thorn" in the flesh, given to humble him, teaches him much about God's power and what is worth boasting about. Believers have long debated about what Paul's thorn was: a physical disability, chronic condition, or some kind of addiction. Paul's brief but vivid description of this weakness includes a feeling of being tormented. I can relate! We all probably can reflect upon some challenge we have that seems to have dogged us for a long time. People who struggle with many kinds of physical, emotional or relational limitations can identify with Paul's situation.

Paul asks God three times to remove this thorn. God's response to Paul is "I will not remove the thorn". There are some things we struggle with for our lifetime, but now God answers Paul with a powerful perspective – grace. God says "my grace is sufficient" – in other words my grace is enough. God then offers something I believe all fathers and men will have to employ on the journey through life – somehow mysteriously, but wonderfully – weakness is made powerful by grace. Power in light of the gospel is made perfect in weakness. Paul says he boasts in his weakness because he is eager to know God's true power. Paul offers a perspective of power that we all should strongly consider for our everyday lives – true power for everyday living comes in our weakness because God transforms our weakness into strength. My invitation to us all and particularly to our fathers is that we all ask God to teach us more about the connections between our weaknesses, God's grace and God's power. *God Bless You All!*

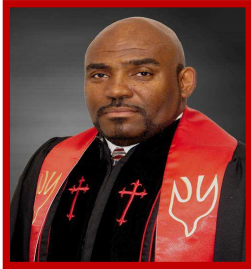
Pastor Page

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Annual Missionary Day

June 10, 2018 @ 3:00 PM



Rev. Lewis Williams

Please join with the Women's Missionary Society as they celebrate their Annual Day on June 10th at 3:00pm. The Guest Speaker will be Rev. Lewis T. Williams, Sr., along with his congregation from Redeemed Chapel CME Church. You do not want to miss this afternoon of fellowship with one of our sister churches. For more information see Michelle Mathis, WMS President

Shaundra Simmons Foundation
Walk for Colon Cancer
JUNE 30 2018
8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
@ShaundraSimmonsFoundation
Registration: \$25
DEADLINE: JUNE 25, 2018
Texas Southern University — in the park behind the football practice field.
Entrance located on Blodgett between Ennis & Cleburne.
Your support will be greatly appreciated!
For more information, please contact:
ShaundraSimmonsFoundation@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, July 14 at 11:00 AM, as the Metropolitan Family and Friends come together to celebrate the Fourth Anniversary of our Pastor, Rev. Allen Page, III and our First Lady, Mrs. Gail Page.

START OF BASKETBALL LEAGUE FOR 2018

The Basketball League will start Monday, June 4 and continue through the summer until July 27, 2018. Games are held on Saturdays. Come out and support this worthwhile effort! For more information see Justin Alexander

Please bring Non-perishable items for distribution at Blueridge UMC by **Sunday, June 24. Sorting and distribution will be suspended for the month of JUNE ONLY.**



Food Collection

See the Ushers for more information or to volunteer.

Most needed Items:
Breakfast Cereal, Dry Rice, Oatmeal, Grits,

Beans, Soup, Spaghetti, Canned Meats, Canned Fruit, Cornbread Mix, Peanut Butter and Jellies.



Fellowship Meal

Doing Our Part

Sponsored by
The Ministry to Men

A Hot Meal Served to the Seniors and the Homeless

Where: **Metropolitan CME Church**

Time: **11:00AM—1:00PM**

Please go out and share this exciting news, about what the Lord is doing with the Seniors and Homeless in the surrounding communities and your community.

June 9 & each 2nd Saturday of the month.

Tuscany Village Community Outreach Ministry



Saturday, June 23 2018@ 2:30 PM
Stewardess Ministry

Trustees on Duty for June

Ardyth Guyer 713-409-2508
Kenneth Davis 713-446-2799

June is Men's Health Month



Want to see these stats change?

- On average, men live about 5 years less than their female counterparts
- Men have a higher death rate for most of the leading causes of death, including cancer, heart disease, diabetes and suicide
- 1 in 2 men will develop cancer in their lifetime
- Men make ½ as many physician visits for prevention as women

Schedule a checkup today!

For more information, stop by the Health and Wellness Information table in the foyer.



Stop by the Health and Wellness Ministry's table in the foyer or see Lovie Busby if you are interest in becoming a part of this exciting and growing ministry.



June 21, 2018 at 6:30 PM & Each Third Thursday of the Month @ The Met

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY METROPOLITAN
 Today marks the 9th anniversary of the first worship services in our current building. The first services were held on the First Sunday in June, 2009

CALENDARS FOR JUNE & JULY

June – 2018

Celebrate Men in Ministry

- 1-2 Houston District Conf. & Elder's Appreciation
- 2 Stewardess Meeting (TBA)
- 3 **Holy Communion Sunday 10:45 AM**
- 4 Missionary Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 4 Trustee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 4 Steward Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 5 4th Quarterly Conference @ 7:00 PM
- 6 Bible Study @ Noon & 6:30 PM Every Wed
- 7 Pastor & First Lady's Wedding Anniversary
- 9 Doing Our Part Ministry 11:00 AM
- 10 Children's Day @ 10:45 AM
- 10 Annual Missionary Day @ 3:00 PM
- 10-13 Leadership Training School Texas College)
- 11 Church Conference @ 7:00 PM
- 12 Sunday School Teachers Meeting
- 16 Texas College Alumni 10:00 AM
- 17 Father's Day
- 17 Food Pantry Collection/PU Date (Suspended)
- 18 Board of Christian Education @ 6:30
- 21 Blueridge/MCME Pantry sorting, (Suspended)
- 22-29 General Conference
- 23 Blueridge/MCME Pantry distrib, (Suspended)
- 23 Tuscany Village (Stewardess) @ 2:30 PM
- 30 Stewardess Meeting@ 10:00 AM

July– 2018

Appreciation Month

- 1 **Holy Communion Sunday 10:45 AM**
- 2 Missionary Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 2 Trustee Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 2 Steward Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 4 Independence Day
- 4 Bible Study @ Noon & 6:30PM Canceled)
- 10 Official Board/Leadership Training @ 7:00 PM
- 14 Pastor's Appreciation/Brunch
- 15 Food Pantry Collection/PU Date
- 16 Board of Christian Education @ 6:30
- 19 Blueridge/MCME Pantry sorting, (Suspended)
- 21 Texas College Alumni 10:00 AM
- 21 Blueridge/MCME Pantry distrib (Suspended)
- 25-28 SE TX Annual Conf. Holiday Inn-Beaumont
- 28 Tuscany Village (Usher Ministry) 2:30 PM
- 28 Usher Training
- 31 Official Board/Leadership Training @ 7:00 PM

FATHER'S DAY GIFT BASKET RAFFLE



Stop by the Hebrew Café and purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win a beautiful **Gift Basket** to honor the man in your life on Father's Day. Tickets will be on sale beginning Sunday, June 3rd until Father's Day for only \$5.00 each. For more information, see Brenda Davis or Samisha Davis.

Thank you for supporting the Missionary Society and Mr. Kenneth Davis Jr.

Fourth Quarterly Conference to be held on
Tuesday, June 5th @ 7 PM at Metropolitan



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Monica Campbell	June 02
Nedra Washington	June 02
Anthony Wilkerson	June 03
Tyra Clemons	June 04
Tyrese Clemons	June 04
Flossie Robinson	June 04
Jimmy Dew	June 07
Barbara Hardge	June 07
Kevin Wheeler	June 07
Kristi McDaniel	June 10
Paul Coleman	June 11
Kenneth Mathis	June 11
Mary Jo Bell-Pulliam	June 13
James Hines	June 13
Heather Renfro	June 13
Mary Cunigan	June 14
James Bean	June 15
Glynis Lee	June 15
Paul Burks	June 20
Quincy Campbell	June 20
Laithan Jones	June 21
Annie Melson	June 21
Veda Longmire	June 22
Cheryl Cook	June 23
LaTonia Harris	June 27
Taylor Davis	June 29

SOUTHEAST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our recently elected delegates to the Southeast Texas Annual Conference which will convene in Beaumont, Texas July 25-28, 2018. Representing you this year will be:

Delegates

Justin Alexander
Carolyn Williams
Nan Wiley Hendley
Peggy Robinson
Elayne Scott
Tonie Johnson

Alternates

Allison McLemore
Rita Washington

BIRMINGHAM WELCOMES THE

38th Quadrennial Session & 39th Convening of the...



General Conference

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of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Birmingham-Jefferson County Civic Center • Birmingham, Alabama

Friday, June 22 - Friday, June 29, 2018



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Host Bishop