



~What's Happening At The Met~

December 2018

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Rev. Allen Page, III ~ Senior Pastor



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. Allen Page, III



Greetings my sisters and brothers,

Today marks the beginning of the 2018 Advent season on the Christian calendar. The Advent season is special to those of Christian faith because it represents a time of expectancy in our hearts; a time when we celebrate the coming of the Christ child; a time of hope and new beginnings. According to Luke's gospel in Chapter 21, the coming of the son of man will bring signs of the sun, the moon, and the stars spinning out of control and the oceans and rivers flood the land. It even communicates that people will faint from fear and the powers of heaven will be shaken. We are living in a time that can fill us with despair and overwhelm us if we focus only on these things - the sins and failures of humanity that corrupt the world around us. I am fully aware that hopelessness would grip my soul if I only gazed upon my limited skills and resources as the only source of new possibilities. But I am glad that I nor you are resigned to such limitations; the message of Jesus in Luke 21:25-36 reminds us that God is faithful. These jewels of his promises are relegated to biblical times; just as God once became flesh and lived among us through Jesus, so too will the Christ come and live in each of us through the fulfillment of His promises. The light of Christ must shine brightly in our lives during Advent and all year long.

So often we can slip into the belief that all the modern church has to offer is the sentimental aspects of the Christmas culture, and the materialism found in the exchanging of gifts; but we must also share the joyful story of God's gift to humanity - a gift of love and a life that we give out of through the power of Jesus Christ. During Advent keep your eyes and your hearts ready to receive the beauty of Christ. Be mindful of the fact that the fearful and the hopeless might gather around you with down-trodden faces and discouraging reports of life's experiences. But remember that we are called to be people of hope who excitedly and expectantly wait for the dawn of a joyful Christmas morning, wherein we go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. We are not they who join in with the sad chorus, but rather we are those who peer through the darkness to catch a glimpse of God's grace. We stand tall on our feet and raise our heads to tell of the peace a relationship with Christ shall bring, and the strength and joy we gain each day we walk in His will and way. Indeed as the Lukan writer tells us that our redemption is near; yes nearer than when we first believed!





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**

December 8th & each 2nd Saturday of the
month.

The Church School of Metropolitan CME Church would like to recognize the following persons for perfect attendance during the Fall Quarter 2018

Bobbie Wolford	Julia Jones
Melba Sparks	Pauline Davis
Willie France Greer	Albert Greer
Rev. Horace Barron	Russell Bennett
Rosco Carr	Samuel Douglas
Kevin Wheeler	Rita Washington

Highest attendance during Quarter -
James Thompson Men's Class & Youth I Class

BOCE Educational Collectibles
Looking for Great Christmas Gift Ideas?
Visit the Board of Christian Education
Table in The Foyer.
2019 History and Awareness Calendars
and Posters are available.



The Graduating Class of
"The University of Houston" Fall 2018
Commencement for the Hilton Col-
lege,

Announce the Graduation of
Ethan K. Campbell

Friday, December 14 2018 at 10:00 am
Commencement Ceremonies will be held in the
Cullen Performance Hall

4800 University Dr. Houston, TX 77004.

Tickets are required and we are trying to obtain



The University of Houston-Downtown
announces that

Sania Broom

is a Cum Laude candidate for the degree of
Bachelor of Arts – Safety Engineering
With a Minor in Psychology,

at the

Commencement Exercises,
Saturday, December fifteenth,
Two thousand and eighteen,
Eleven o'clock in the morning
Minute Maid Park, Houston, Texas.

*The Commencement Ceremony is open to
the public.*



You are cordially invited to the Graduation of

Rev. Nina Bryant-Sanyika

Doctor of Ministry

Houston Graduate School of Theology

Commencement Exercises will take place at

HGST Auditorium

4300 West Bellfort, Houston, TX 77035

December 8, 2018 @ 10:30 AM

Reception to follow at 1:30—3:30 PM at

Shape Community Center

3903 Almeda Rd.

Houston, TX 77004

Please RSVP by text message to 281-796-2935



The Children of Metropolitan would like to thank you for supporting Operation Christmas Child. It is because of your generous spirit that we were able to provide 76 shoe boxes filled with gifts for boys and girls around the world.

Pictured above are Rev. & Mrs. Page, along with Laronda Walker, the Director of the Children's Department and members of the Children's Department.

Monthly Calendar

For the most current and up-to-date information check your calendar online at Metropolitancme.org. There you will see currently scheduled meetings/events and cancellations. Please send your corrections and updates to Metrocme@aol.com

Black History Moment

December is a very important month in our Christian lives. We celebrate the birth of our Savior-Jesus, but also the birth of our Zion-The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. In Jackson, TN on December 16, 1870, 41 former slaves met and organized the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. Having left the Methodist Episcopal Church, South they met and established polity, ordained Bishops and ministers without the interference of the white dominated Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This month, take time to celebrate these two important births, remembering men such as: Isaac Lane, Lucius Holsey, William Henry Miles, and Richard H. Vanderhorst.



Calendar For December & January

December—2018 CME Founder's month

- 1 Stewardess Meeting 10:00 AM
- 2 Holy Communion Sunday – 10:45 AM
- 3 Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- 3 Steward Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 3 Trustees Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 5 Bible Study—Noon and 6:30 PM - Every Wed.
- 7-8 8th Episcopal Fall Accounting Mtg. Tyler, TX
- 8 Anointed Feet of Praise 10:30 am—Noon
- 8 Doing Our Part Ministry @ 11:00 AM
- 9 New Member Recognition/Reception @ 10:45 AM
- 9 Deadline for Food Pantry Donations for December
- 10 Church Conference @ 7:00 PM
- 11 Sunday School Teachers Celebration 6:00 PM
- 13 Blueridge/MCME Food Pantry Sorting @ 6:00PM
- 15 Blueridge/MCME Food Pantry Distribution 9 AM
- 15 Texas College Alumni @ 10:00 AM
- 15 Anointed Feet of Praise 10:30 am - Noon
- 17 Board of Christian Education @ 6:30 PM
- 20 Assimilation & New Members Mtg @ 5:00 PM
- 20 Corporate Prayer 6:30 PM
- 20 Women's Chorus Rehearsal @ 7:00 PM
- 22 Dillard University Alumni @ 10:00 AM
- 22 Tuscany Village @ 2:30 PM—(AFP)
- 22 Celebration 2:00 –6:00 PM
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 27 Women's Chorus Rehearsal @ 7:00 PM
- 29 Women's Chorus Rehearsal @ 1:00 PM
- 30 WMS Recognition Sunday

January —2019

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 5 Stewardess Meeting 10:00 AM
- 6 Holy Communion Sunday – 10:45 AM
- 7 Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- 7 Steward Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 7 Trustees Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 8 Church School Teachers Mtg 7:00 PM
- 8 TAG-UP Team Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- 9 Bible Study—Noon and 6:30 PM - Every Wed.
- 12 Doing Our Part Ministry @ 11:00 AM
- 13 Deadline for Food Pantry Donations for January
- 14 Official Board/Leaders Mtg @ 7:00 PM
- 17 Assimilation & New Members Mtg @ 5:00 PM
- 17 Corporate Prayer 6:30 PM
- 17 Blueridge/MCME Food Pantry Sorting @ 6:00PM
- 19 Blueridge/MCME Food Pantry Distribution 9 AM
- 19 Texas College Alumni @ 10:00 AM
- 19 Anointed Feet of Praise 10:30 am - Noon
- 21 Board of Christian Education @ 6:30 PM
- 22 Church School Teachers Mtg @ 7:00 PM
- 26 Dillard University Alumni @ 10:00 AM
- 26 Tuscany Village @ 2:30 PM—Church School

Calling ALL Women

Special Invitation to ALL women, young and old – if you like to sing and be a part of sharing the Word of God through song, please join the **WOMEN'S CHORUS**. Next rehearsal dates/times are: **Thursdays, Dec. 20, Dec. 27 @ 7pm and Saturday, Dec. 29 @ 1pm.** Please see Carolyn Williams.



Trustees on Duty for December
Errol Windle 713-794-1001
L. C. Patterson 832-867-7993

The Houston District Lay Ministry is planning their Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 19, 2019 @ 9:30 AM at Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church; 908 E. 32nd 1/2 Street, Houston, TX. See Ardyth Guyer for Tickets

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](tel:6054725783). and your access code [604403](tel:604403). For more information call Peggy Robinson.




December 7-8 -The Fall Reporting Period for the 8th Episcopal District
 St. James CME Church in Tyler, Texas
 Sr. Bishop Lawrence Reddick, Presiding



Join the Gam's **Christmas Tour**
 Date: Sat. Dec. 8th
 Bus Departs Metropolitan @ 1:30p

- Houston's First Baptist Christmas: Celebration play and
- Trinity Episcopal Church's Holiday Jazz Concert

Tickets are Limited! Call Yolanda Foulkes, 713-644-3862 for details.



Please bring **Non-perishable** items for distribution at Blueridge UMC by Sunday, **December 16th; Distribution will be on Saturday, December 22nd @ 9:00 am.**

See the Ushers for more information or to volunteer. Most needed Items:
 Stuffing/Dressing Mix, Cake Mix, Canned Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Spaghetti, Canned Meats, Canned Fruit, Cornbread Mix, Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter and Jellies .

Join with Llonda Toney and the Anointed Feet of Praise as they visit Tuscany Village on Saturday, December 22 @ 2:30 PM.



December Birthdays



Devon Carter
 Mtangulizi Sanyika
 Tyler Pointer
 Chloe Tonsall
 Reba Scott
 Kayden Simon
 Julia Jones
 Javonnie Smith
 Sally Grant
 Jayla Rhodes
 Llonda Toney
 Nanette Lewis
 Sonya D. Myles
 Allen Melson
 Anthony Cyprien-Price II
 Nicole Ellis

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Elissa Palmer
 Jazlyn Henderson
 Freddie Banks
 Leonard C. Patterson
 Alicia Robinson
 Charisma Smith
 Breyunna Broom
 James Collins
 Noah Mbong-Devereaux
 Eric Whitaker
 James Huger, Jr.
 Silena Morris
 Bree Scroggins
 Brian Scroggins
 Shira Smith
 Kenneth Campbell
 Susie Stephens

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