



## ~What's Happening At The Met~

### October 2020

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Rev. Allen Page, III ~ Senior Pastor



### *From the Pastor's Desk*



Rev. Allen Page, III

Greetings, my brothers and sisters of the Metropolitan CME Church! It has been longer than a little while, and I truly miss seeing each of your faces. Yes, my dear friends, the road of the pandemic has been long and arduous. We have experienced loss of freedom of movement, devastating attacks on our feelings of security, and illnesses and death of loved ones to a dreadful disease that seems to maintain an unrelenting grip upon us. Moreover, we have been resigned to a state of social distancing that is reshaping our views on how we share in community with one another. It is true that God has promised the believer eternal life, however, all of us must admit that life in the earthly realm has its limits. These limits include not only the reality of death but also the reality of occasional failures and defeats. Each of us is finite, and no matter how enduring our world may seem through culture, society, institutions, and governance, we must admit they, too, are finite. They start, they thrive, they decline, they experience highs and lows, defeats and then they fail. Sometimes in ways we do not expect. The acceptance of our finitude, while difficult, has the reciprocal ability to open our spirits up to a more gracious pathway of experiencing the ebbs and flows of life.

But the prevailing question that persists is, how does our faith enable us to deal with the realities of failure, challenges, defeat and death? We all wrestle with the realities of losing the life we once knew, and we in turn wrestle with the question of how do we carry on in spite of the losses? These challenging experiences teach us that God is in the midst of even these days. The desperation of these moments make our souls grope for God in ways the comforts of our prior places of rest did not. They in essence shock us into a realization of our imperfections and our need for a saviour. They wake-up our spiritual consciousness to "be still and know that I AM God!" These moments become bridges to a new reality, a transformed heart and mind that helps us let go of our former selves and embrace a more hopeful and faith-filled reality! I pray each of you will consider whether God is beckoning you to live with a new faith in God, yes a faith that will bless you with new perspectives and joys, where hope can abound!

Rev. Allen Page, III  
*Senior Pastor*

### October is National Clergy Appreciation Month

Clergy Appreciation Day is always the second Sunday in October, and all of October is celebrated as Clergy Appreciation Month. The celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers.





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**Message from Stewardess President  
Mrs. Julia Jones**

Thanks to each of you who participated in the Annual Family and Friends Day. Here is something else to think about...

“In three short months, just like He did with the plagues of Egypt, God has taken away everything we worship. God says, “you want to worship athletes, I will shut down the stadiums. You want to worship musicians. I will shut down Civic Centers. You want to worship actors, I will shut down theaters. You want to worship money, I will shut down the economy and collapse the stock market. You don’t want to go to church and worship Me, I will make it where you can’t go to church.

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Maybe we don’t need a vaccine, maybe we need to take this time of isolation from the distractions of the world and have a personal revival where we focus on the ONLY think in the world that really matters. Jesus. Amen. Amen

*By Eddie Marzett*



**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE  
GENERAL ELECTION IS OCTOBER 5**

**Early Voting starts October 13 &  
Ends October 30**



**Food Pantry collection and distribution  
has been postponed due to Covid-19,**

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**Doing Our Part Ministry, sponsored  
by the Men’s Ministry, has been  
postponed due to Covid-19**

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**Monthly visits to Tuscany Village  
Rehabilitation Center have been  
postponed due to Covid-19.**

I have contacted Tuscany Village Rehab to advise them that due to Covid-19/ Coronavirus health orders, we will not be available for Scripture reading sessions with the residents during the remaining months of this year. Michelle Ayala, their Activity Director and I mutually agreed. The Stewards, who were scheduled for October, Missionaries who were scheduled for November and the Anointed Feet who were scheduled for December have all been canceled. Ministry members, my profound gratitude for your dedication to God’s work in all that you do. So, until next year your ministry is asked to stay safe and may God continue to bless you all with health and all that you need. Again, thank you for all that you do. For more information contact Gloria Broom

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**The City of Houston will be performing In-Home testing, if you are interested call 832-393-4301 for further information.**

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### **CONFERENCE CLAIMS**

**Each member of Metropolitan is asked to pay \$250.00 toward our annual assessment of \$24,000.00. It can be paid in one lump sum or you may want to split your payments. The goal is to have all conference claims paid as early as possible in the New conference year as possible. A big “THANK YOU” to those who have already paid their complete assessment or made a partial payment.**



Church Conference has been scheduled by Rev. Allen Page, III for Tuesday, October 13, 2020 @ 7:00 PM via ZOOM.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83349469459?pwd=b0QvSFVNUmFUWkxzVU1rSWV6eHZEQT09>

If you would prefer calling in to participate in the meeting you may dial 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

It's important that you have your meeting ID and Passcode handy when signing on. You may be asked to provide this information. Both will be made available to you prior to the meeting.

Zoom has changed their policy and for security reason requires a pass code before entering a meeting or you may be sent to a waiting room and given entry by host.



**Women's Missionary Society is sponsoring Missionary Institute for the 8th Episcopal District**

October 10, 2020 via ZOOM

Contact Demetria Williams for more information.



Visit the Fresh Market at the Met each Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Market provided by the Ricky Davis Foundation and sponsored by the Ministry to Men Ministry of Metropolitan CME Church and Sandra Hines.

Purchase your fruits and vegetables at a reduced price. The market is open to everyone so tell your friends and neighbors. Volunteers are welcome.



**Mask up - Wash Your Hands - Distance Yourself**

**Protect Yourself from Covid-19**

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

### October—Confirmed Meetings

#### Evangelism Month

- 3 Stewardess Meeting 10:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Passing Out Communion Packets for Communion Sunday
- 4 **Holy Communion Sunday – 10:30 AM**  
Join us via Facebook Live - Metropolitan CME Church—Restoration Blvd. or Free Conference  
Call Line 605-475-4821 Access Code 306019#  
**Regular Weekly Services each Sunday Morning**
- 5 Missionary Meeting @ 6:30 PM  
Free Conference Call Line—515-604-9094  
Access Code 342569693#
- 7 Bible Study  
**Mid-Day Bible Study @ Noon**  
**Evening Prayer & Bible Study—**  
Prayer @ 6:00PM—Bible Study @ 6:30 PM  
**Weekly Meeting—held each Wednesday**
- 10 Women's Missionary Society Missionary Institute  
Via ZOOM
- 13 Church Conference via ZOOM @ 7:00 PM

#### COMMUNION CUPS WITH WAFERS

Pre-filled and consecrated by the Pastor Allen Page, III, sealed communion cups with wafers are available before each Communion Service at the church. CDC guidelines are closely followed, no personal contact is required. Simply pull up to the entry near the daycare, open your car trunk or passenger side car door and the number of cups you request are placed in your car. Proper Personal Protective Equipment is required (Mask). Questions should be directed to Stewardess Board President, Mrs. Julia Jones 832-683-8428



**Mid-Day Bible Study** Via Free Conference Call Line  
each Wednesday at Noon  
Dial 701-802-5001 Access 495037#

**Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study**  
Prayer @ 6:00 PM & Bible Study @ 6:30 PM  
Free Conference Call Line 605-475-4821  
Access Code 306019

or

Join Us on ZOOM  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9751427923>  
Meeting ID: 975 142 7923  
Call in Zoom # 346-248-7799



## October Birthdays

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Amanda Mejia              | October 01 |
| Sandra Hines              | October 01 |
| Michelle Mathis           | October 01 |
| Cleotrice Lewis           | October 02 |
| Jounette Flowers-Spillers | October 05 |
| Anthony Johnson           | October 03 |
| Jeanne Grimes             | October 05 |
| Sophiya Myles             | October 06 |
| Kimberly Thurmond         | October 06 |
| Jacqueline Jones-Mayberry | October 09 |
| Samuel Douglas            | October 09 |
| Elvis Wilkerson           | October 09 |
| T. Francis Murphy         | October 11 |
| Reuben Harris             | October 12 |
| Melba Sparks              | October 12 |
| Bria Rhodes               | October 14 |
| Kaitlyn Carter            | October 15 |
| Zachary Jones             | October 15 |
| Ericah Rhodes             | October 18 |
| Lovie Busby               | October 21 |
| Sabrina Carter            | October 21 |
| LaRonda Walker            | October 25 |
| Veronica Brown            | October 27 |
| Clifton Scott             | October 27 |
| Christopher Dees          | October 28 |
| Elayne Scott              | October 29 |
| Sandra Holbert            | October 29 |
| Donald Toney              | October 29 |
| Phyllis Wilkerson         | October 30 |

### *Church School Classes*

**Young Adult Online Church School Class led by Sister Samisha Davi—Held on Saturdays**

**Tate Nunley Online Church School Class led by Brother Vernon Johnson -Held on Saturdays**

**Sisters Studying the Word Online Class led by Sister Peggy Robinson -Held on Saturdays**

**James Thompson Men's Online Class led by Brother Kevin Wheeler—Held on Sunday Morning**

**Primary/Juniors for Ages 7-11 led by Sister LaRonda Walker—Held on Sundays**

**Youth Ages 12-17 led by Sister Rita Washington—Held on Sunday**

**Hattie Penn Church School Class led by Rev. Allen Page III, Senior Pastor - Held on Sunday**

# 40 Days of Intentional Prayer to Election 2020

HOUSTON DISTRICT PRAYER MINISTRY

Thursday, September 24 – Tuesday, November 3

#### WEEK ONE

|                     |                     |                                  |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>September 24</b> | <b>September 25</b> | <b>September 26</b>              |
| 1 Timothy 2:1-4     | Proverbs 14:34      | Jonah 4:2-11<br>Philippians 1:21 |

#### WEEK TWO

|                                       |                  |              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>September 27 – October 3, 2020</b> |                  |              |
| Proverbs 11:14                        | Deuteronomy 1:13 | Isaiah 30:21 |

#### WEEK THREE

|                           |           |             |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>October 4-10, 2020</b> |           |             |
| Proverbs 3:21-23          | James 1:5 | James 5:16b |

#### WEEK FOUR

|                            |                   |           |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| <b>October 11-17, 2020</b> |                   |           |
| James 3:17                 | Proverbs 16:13-23 | Titus 2:7 |

#### WEEK FIVE

|                              |           |            |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>October 18 – 24, 2020</b> |           |            |
| Deuteronomy 4:7              | Micah 6:8 | James 3:13 |

#### WEEK SIX

|                          |                |                    |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Oct 25 – 31, 2020</b> |                |                    |
| Zechariah 7:9            | Proverbs 29:2a | Leviticus 18: 1-30 |

#### WEEK SEVEN

|                             |             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>November 1 – 3, 2020</b> |             |                   |
| Isaiah 55:6                 | Psalms 37:5 | 2 Chronicles 7:14 |

#### Noon Prayer FOCUS:

Pray for all people, a right and benevolent government, and a desire to live for God.

Pray for guidance for the nation.

Wisdom for voters to choose wisely.

Wisdom without partiality and hypocrisy,

Pray for justice, mercy, and compassion.

A great nation.

People to seek the Lord.

### PRAY FOR THE 2020 ELECTION

PRAY DAILY. PRAY AT NOON. BE INTENTIONAL. BE FOCUSED.  
THESE PRAYERS ARE FOR THE COUNTRY, FOR THE LEADERSHIP, AND FOR THE PEOPLE.

**Please join the CME Connectional Prayer Line!** Every weekday morning, in our own time zone (and in time zones across the U.S.), praying starts by 6:30 AM. If that's too late for you, join the Eastern Zone people in prayer by dialing in at 5:30; or in those hours are too early for you, join the Mountain Zone or the Pacific Zone people in prayer at 7:30 AM or 8:30 AM.  
This is the number to call: 605-468-8885; then enter the code – 616984#.

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.

### Trustees on Duty for Oct.

*Ardyth Guyer ~ 713-409-2508*

*Kenneth Davis ~ 713-446-2799*