



~What's Happening At The Met~

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From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings my Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome to Autumn. Autumn signals the end of summer, the leaves will soon fall, the temperature will begin to drop, and our youth will return to school for learning and enrichment. In today's pastor's message I would like to focus on our youth, who return to school to continue the journey of learning and growth. The elders of your community not only want you to do well, young people, we need you to do well in your pursuit of academic excellence. The very strength of our homes, our communities, our churches, and our culture at large rest upon your ability to gain meaningful insights within the halls of the academy. We need you to mature in dynamic and purposeful ways, in order that you can take your rightful place in carrying forward the beautiful heritage that will be bequeathed to you. In a nutshell I would say to you, be careful; make sure you don't fall asleep and fall out the window! In Acts 20:9-12, the writer Luke speaks of a young man named Eutychus who was sitting in a window while Paul was teaching to the gathering of the people on the first day of the week. Eutychus became overcome by sleep and fell out of the window (three stories up) to the ground and was picked up as dead. Young people I want you to take notice of what is going on here in the text - the church was gathering to break bread and for teaching, and Eutychus was not sitting among the people, but rather in a window. I have often wondered what was Eutychus sitting in the window for in the first place. I can understand sitting by a window to catch the first wind of the breeze flowing through the room, but why was this young brother sitting in the window, three stories off the ground. Moreover, where was Eutychus' parents - why would they have allowed the young brother to climb up into the window in the first place? Had Eutychus grown bored with Paul's teaching and the proceedings of the church gathering, and climbed into the window to reignite his interest in the day? What was he looking for from his view in the window? Young people education is certainly a window through which all of us learn to not only see life, but to navigate through it.

Nelson Mandela once said, "Without education, children can never really meet the challenges they will face. So it's very important to give children education and explain that they should play a role for their country." But when you are not in the proper position and more importantly, in the right state of mind to be educated, you run the risk of aborting your place within the educational process. Eutychus aborted his place within the process of fellowship and teaching that day and fell asleep and dropped to his death. Be careful this school year that you don't abort the learning process for your life. All of it (school that is) is quite important to your future! How well you embrace it, endure it, internalize it, and perform within it, will determine a lot of factors for your life - for example how well you think about life; what vocation you will qualify for in life; the depth of your contribution to your family, your community, and to those you will declare your love. All of these and more are greatly impacted by the person you will become; and make no mistake about it, education plays a key role in shaping character and building lives. Don't be found "sitting in the window" - who needs a class clown anyway; who is benefited when you don't do your homework; what gain is there in constantly allowing your mind to drift to other places outside of the classroom; what gain is there in "dumming down" your intellect to make others feel okay? Your number one job and obligation at this point in life is get all the knowledge you can gain; and then ask God to give you wisdom to apply it effectively! Be careful young people don't fall out of the window; heck don't even climb up into it in the first place! Have a great year!

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HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Invite your Grand-child/children or grandparents to worship with you.



Noon Day Bible Study Resumes on Wednesday, September 4 @ 12 Noon

Wednesday Evening Bible Study Resumes on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 @ 6:30 PM



The Adult Sunday School Department would like to recognize the following Sunday School Students for Perfect Attendance during the Summer Quarter—2019:

*Russell Bennett
Cheryl Foster
Bobbie Wolford*

You are invited to attend Family & Friends Day at Johnson Chapel CME Church, 4306 Leffingwell, Houston, Texas 77026 on Sunday, September 22 @ 3:00 PM. The entire Metropolitan Church Family is invited. Rev. Allen Page, III will be the guest speaker.

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. You can also join the **Connectional Prayer Ministry** for prayer Mon -Friday at 6:30 am. The telephone number is **605-468-8885**; Access code **616984**

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS



Kingdom Kids Choir is for ALL children and youth.

Please join us at our next rehearsal!

Rehearsal Dates:

**Saturday, September 14th @ 12:00 pm
& Saturday, September 21st @ 11:00 am**

Location: Metropolitan CME Church Choir Room

**We will sing on the 4th Sunday,
September 22nd @ 10:45am**

For more information contact Samisha Davis 409-550-3843

Children's Church Resuming This September. Watch for Start-Up Date

**Tuscany Village
Community Outreach Ministry**



Saturday, September 28, 2019 @ 2:30 PM
Women's Ministry

Trustees on Duty for Sept.

Peggy Robinson ~ 832-885-0178

Allen Casey ~ 832-656-6233

BLACK HISTORY MOMENT...



From the late 1930's to the early 1950's, the **Peters Sisters** (Roumania and Margaret), ruled the doubles events of the American Tennis Association—the nation's oldest black sports organization to include women. Born in Georgetown in Washington, D.C., Margaret-1915, and Matilda Roumania-1917, the girls were able to play tennis at Rose Park, one of the few tennis courts open to Black Americans. In 1936, the girls were invited to the annual ATA tennis tournament that was held

The Peters Sisters that year at Wilberforce. Though they did not win the tournament, they made such an impression that they were recruited by Tuskegee University in Alabama. During their time in Alabama and a decade after leaving, they dominated the women's game. Their victories at the ATA were shown at Black movie theaters, and they became local heroes in Georgetown. They won 14 doubles titles between 1938-1941, and 1944-1953. Roumania won 2 singles titles in 1944 and 1946, defeating Althea Gibson for the second title. In 1977 both sisters were inducted into the Tuskegee Hall of Fame. The United States Tennis Association inducted the sisters into the Mid-Atlantic Section Hall of Fame in 2003.

*Make Every Sunday
Family & Friends Day ~
Invite Someone to Church!!*

CALENDARS FOR SEPT. & OCT.

September—2019 *Christian Family Unity*

- 1 Holy Communion Sunday – 10:45 AM
- 2 LABOR DAY
- 2 Trustee Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 3 Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM—Conference Call
- 4 Bible Study- Noon Day—Resumes @ 12 Noon
- 7 GAMS TRIP –Leaving Church @ 10:30 AM
- 8 GRAND-PARENTS DAY
- 9 Board of Christian Education @ 6:30 PM
- 10 TAG-UP Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 10 Sunday School Teachers Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 11 Evening Bible Study Resumes 6:30 each Wed.
- 14 Doing Our Part Ministry @ 11:00 AM
- 14 Kingdom Kids Rehearsal @ 12 Noon
- 14 Steward Board/Trustee Meeting 1:30 PM
- 15 Deadline for Food Pantry Donations for September
- 16 Church/Leadership Conference @ 7:00 PM
- 19 Blueridge/MCME Food Pantry sorting @ 6:00PM
- 19 Corporate Prayer 6:30 PM
- 21 Texas College Alumni @ 10:00 AM
- 21 Kingdom Kids Rehearsal @ 11:00 AM
- 21 Blueridge/MCME Food Pantry Distribution 9 am
- 22 Visiting Johnson Chapel—Rev. Page Speaking 3 pm
- 24 Sunday School Teacher's Meeting 7:00 PM
- 28 Tuscany Village @ 2:30 PM
- 28 Dillard University Alumni @ 10 AM
- 29 5th Sunday - Missionary Emphasis

October 2019

Evangelism Month

- 2 Bible Study at Noon & 6:30 PM Each Wednesday
- 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 Sunday School Teachers Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 8 TAG-UP Meeting @ 5:30
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- 26 Tuscany Village @ 2:30 PM
- 29 Sunday School Teacher's Mtg @ 7:00 PM

Special Steward Board and Trustee Board Meeting on
September 14, 2019 @ 1:30 PM

All 50+ welcomed to join us!

Lunch & Tour with the GAMS!

**The Haak
Vineyards & Winery
Santa Fe, TX**

Sat. Sept. 7th

Meet Us at
Metropolitan @ 10:30a

Reserve your Seat after Church Services!

CONFERENCE CLAIMS

It's almost Fall and time to start thinking about our annual BUDGET ASSESSMENT. Each member is asked to pay \$250.00 above your regular tithes and offerings. Be sure and mark your envelopes to reflect your payment. Payments can be made in cash, check, money order, credit card (see any steward to use your credit card) or you can pay on line at our website: metropolitancme.org.



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.

September 14 & each 2nd Saturday of the month.



Please bring Non-perishable items for distribution at Blueridge UMC by Sunday, **September 15th; Distribution will be on Saturday, September 21st @ 9:00 am.**

See the Ushers for more information how you can volunteer.

Most needed items:

Dry Rice, Oatmeal, Grits, Dry Beans, Soup, Pasta Spaghetti, Canned Meats, Canned Fruit, Cornbread Mix, Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter and Jellies.



Attention All Ministry Leaders and Auxiliary Heads

Please get your special dates planned and ready to put on the Updated 2019 Board of Christian Education Calendar.

See Shandra Smith for more information



September Birthdays

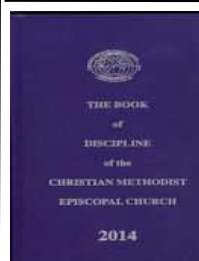


Stephen McLemore, III	September 01
Annie Ross	September 02
Jules Alex Glapion, IV	September 03
Talia Miller	September 03
Verina Belvin	September 05
Heaven Williams	September 05
Lichea Bennett	September 06
Lishon Bennett	September 06
Cora Francis	September 06
Vernon Johnson	September 07
Charles Oliver, III	September 08
Bettina Patterson	September 08
Kendra Williams-Grant	September 08
Camry Sims	September 09
Lorenzo Butler	September 13
Tanisha Eanes	September 14
Alice Lamford	September 14
Janese Henderson-Jackson	September 16
Patsy Offord	September 17
Shandra Smith	September 17
Ramona Bowers	September 18
Bettie Patterson	September 18
Marceillan Sanders	September 20
Tony Hall	September 21
Jadyn Garcia	September 21
Patrecia Okoye	September 22
Jay'Vian Mack	September 23
Troy Henderson, Jr.	September 23
Payton Campbell	September 26
Patricia Davis	September 29
Nan Hendley	September 30



You can help your family, friends and your church by volunteering to take advance orders (with advance payment) for pecans. Your family and friends will have the pecans they need for holiday baking or just for good, healthy snacking. It's simple! See Kevin Wheeler for an order form and you are all set to accept orders. For each order placed your church will receive a donation. So don't delay, get started today!

See Kevin Wheeler for more information



The NEW 2018 Book of Discipline of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church is now available for \$25.00. You may see Pastor Page or Susie Stephens to get your copy. Make check payable to Metropolitan CME Church.