



## ~What's Happening At The Met~

### September 2020

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Rev. Allen Page, III ~ Senior Pastor



## *From the Pastor's Desk*



Pastor Allen Page, III

Greetings sisters and brothers of Metropolitan CME Church!

Sister Page and I miss you all, and long for the day when we will all gather together again at God's House of Restoration. During the pandemic we all have had to sacrifice physically sharing in community with one another. A good number of us have expressed that our journey has been hard, and we have had to sacrifice our old places of contentment, while in search for new places of peace. Our joy and gladness has been challenged by the length of the pandemic, and all that we have witnessed during this season in our lives. But there is hope for the weary and spiritually challenged. **Psalm 46:4 states that "there is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns."** The September 6th daily meditation in the *My Utmost for His Highest*, by Oswald Chambers states - A river touches places of which its source knows nothing, and Jesus says if we have received of His fulness, however small the visible measure of our lives, out of us will flow the rivers that will bless to the uttermost parts of the earth. We have nothing to do with the outflow—"This is the work of God that ye believe...." God rarely allows a soul to see how great a blessing he is.

A river is victoriously persistent, it overcomes all barriers. For a while it goes steadily on its course, then it comes to an obstacle and for a while it is baulked, but it soon makes a pathway around the obstacle. Or a river will drop out of sight for miles, and presently emerge again broader and grander than ever. You can see God using some lives, but into your life an obstacle has come and you do not seem to be of any use. Keep paying attention to the Source, and God will either take you around the obstacle or remove it. The river of the Spirit of God overcomes all obstacles. Never get your eyes stuck on the obstacle or on the difficulty. The obstacle is a matter of indifference to the river which will flow steadily through you if you remember to keep right at the Source. Never allow anything to come between yourself and Jesus Christ, no emotion, or experience; nothing must keep you from the one great sovereign Source.

Metropolitan, I encourage you all to pray that God will make you aware of that river and its work in your life. God can make glad the city in your soul! Think of the healing and far-flung rivers nursing themselves in our souls! During this pandemic through prayer and meditation, God has been opening up marvelous truths in our minds. Every point He has opened up is an indication of the wider power of the river He will flow through us. Metropolitan let the river flow in you and through to bless the world around you! Against all odds know that the river keeps on flowing and nourishing every point it touches. God bless you and keep you!

Rev. Allen Page, III  
Senior Pastor



Sunday, September 13, 2020  
 Invite your Grandchild/children or Grandparents to worship with you online.



Noon Day Bible Study Resumes on Wednesday, September 9 @ 12 Noon  
 Free Conference Call Line  
 701-802-5001; Access Code 495037#

Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30 PM  
Preceded by Prayer @ 6:00 PM  
 Join us via Zoom  
 or Free Conference Call Line 605-475-4821;  
 Access Code 306019#

### Annual Conference

For the first time in the history of the Southeast Texas Region, on August 1, 2020, a one day, virtual Annual Conference was held. Sr. Bishop Lawrence Reddick presided and graciously conducted the business of the church. A limited number of people assisted the Bishop in person as the conference was held at Metropolitan CME Church. Other conference participants were online via Zoom. At the end of the day, the appointments were read and Rev. Allen Page, III was reassigned to Metropolitan. Welcome back Pastor & Mrs. Page!

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 Monday -Friday at 6:30 am. The telephone number is **605-468-8885**; Access code **616984**

METROPOLITAN CME CHURCH

You're Invited

# Family & FRIEND'S DAY

## Drive-In Worship & Praise Parade

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 @ 10:30 AM



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**CHURCH PARKING LOT**

8955 South Freeway  
 Houston, TX 77051  
 Call 713-748-5947 or  
 metrocme@aol.com  
 Rev. Allen Page, III - Pastor

### *FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY*

*Sunday, September 20, 2020 @ 10:30 AM*

Enjoy worship from the convenience of your own car in the church's parking lot. Can't make it to the church?? Relax, you can still worship with your family and friends by joining us on Facebook Live. Just go to Facebook, look for Metropolitan -House of Restoration; or you can listen along with your family and friends on our Free Conference Call Line. Just dial 605-475-4821; Access Code 306019.



October 5, 2020 is the last day to register to vote in the 2020 Presidential Election. Election day is coming up on November 3, 2020. Make sure you are registered to vote and be prepared to exercise your right to vote for the candidate of your choice. Know that many lost their life so that we could have the right to vote. Show them that the price they paid was not in vain. **Go VOTE!!**

**Women's Missionary Society  
Celebrates 102 Years on September 18, 2020**



This year the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) will celebrate 102 years of service to the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. Founded in 1918 in September at the 1918

General Conference at Capers Chapel Church in Nashville, TN, the WMS was founded on these principles: to support the Christian black men in their church work, to assist in building of the church, to educate the youth, and to extend the boundaries of the Christian Methodism.

Governed by the Women's Missionary Council (WMC), which meets biennially, the WMC oversees the activities of the WMS on the national level, which filters down to the regional and local levels. Departments within the WMC include the Helena B. Cobb Scholarship Fund, Save Our Sons Fund, Thelma J. Dudley Missionary Education, Pauline B. Grant Status of Women, Mattie E. Coleman, Rossie T. Hollis, Phyllis H. Bedford Young Adult, Fine Arts, Spiritual Life & Message, Oversea Mission, Hunger & Meals for Millions, One Church One School Partnership, Literature & Publication, Commission on Social Relations, Organization and Promotions, and the Lena Jones Rice Missionary March.

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**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, PayPal, Zelle or Givelify.

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**Trustees on Duty for Sept.**

*Peggy Robinson ~ 832-885-0178  
Allen Casey~ 832-656-6233*

**Congratulations—Miss Rossie T. Hollis**



My Dear Metropolitan Family! I greet you with Jesus Joy! To God Be The Glory! It brings me with great pleasure to announce that the 2020-2021 Ms. Rossie T. Hollis winner is our own, Little Ms. De'Laysia Croom, daughter of De'Andrea Croom and granddaughter to Mrs. Gloria Jones. We raised \$1462.00 with the support of you all with your special donations that were sent in just by me asking for your sacrificial giving. You all are simply wonderful, fantastic, and marvelous people!

Metropolitan, THANK YOU so very much again for your continued support of our efforts. We really appreciate you for coming through for the Women's Missionary Society Rossie T. Hollis Department. As you all know, since the Annual Conference was limited to a one day conference because of COVID-19, De'Laysia was not recognized by getting her crown or gift, so she has agreed to run again next year. So please help me to say "CONGRATULATIONS to De'Laysia Croom for a Job Well Done!" We Love You!!!

Brenda Davis  
Secretary of Rossie T. Hollis Department  
Women's Missionary Society of Metropolitan



**Please remember the families of Patricia Robinson and Reba Scott. Both recently passed away. Ms. Robinson and Ms. Scott were long-time members of Metropolitan but because of their health had**

**not been able to attend worship services. Services for Ms. Scott were held on Friday, September 4. Services for Ms. Robinson are pending in her home state of Tennessee. Also, remember the family of Bishop Bobby R. Best. Bishop Best, who served as our pastor 2010 -2014, passed away in early August.**

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**Houston District Stewardess Holds Election**

Three Metropolitan members were elected to key positions on the Houston District Stewardess Board for the Conference Year 2020-2021:


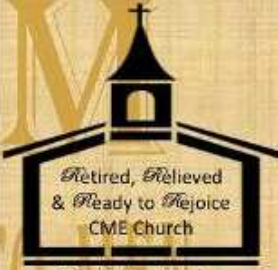
**Tywanna Glapion—President  
Nan Wiley Hendley—Vice President  
Patrecia Bailey—Secretary  
Mrs. Myrtle Ross of BeBee Tabernacle was elected  
Chaplain.**

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGION - HOUSTON DISTRICT**

**MINISTRY TO MEN**  
proudly presents our  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual *Virtual*

Workout Workshop Weekend of Praise  
with special guest appearance from:  
The Father, Son and accompanied by the Holy Spirit  
**MOTIVATIONAL THEME:**  
MEN STANDING FIRMLY TOGETHER IN THE TIME OF NEED

**INSPIRATIONAL SCRIPTURES**  
1 CORINTHIANS 16:13<sup>ASV</sup> EPHESIANS 6:11<sup>KJV</sup> | CORINTHIANS 15:58<sup>HCSB</sup>

<p><b>WORKSHOP</b> Saturday, September 19, 2020 10:00am - 12:30pm / 2:00pm - 5:00pm</p>  <p><b>Rev. Daryle Pickens</b> Pastor Caroline Temple CME Beaumont/ Nacogdoches District</p>	<p><b>MTM OBSERVANCE DAY</b> Sunday, September 20, 2020 3:00pm</p>  <p><i>Retired, Relieved &amp; Ready to Rejoice</i> CME Church Rev. Dr. Leo Douglas</p>
<p>Hank James-Coord Call 832.967.4145 / email hjamies68@hotmail.com for registration form</p>	<p>Weekend Registration fee of \$25. Please make checks payable to: <b>The Eighth Episcopal District C.M.E. Church</b> In the memo please write: <b>Houston District MTM</b> CONFERENCE PACKAGES WILL BE MAILED TO YOU. ZOOM INVITATION SENT UPON REGISTRATION RECEIPT</p>

Rev. Dr. Jackie James  
Patron Pastor

Rev. Dr. Wayne Mays ♦ Presiding Elder ♦ Houston District  
Sr. Bishop Lawrence L. Riddick, III ♦ Presiding Prelate ♦ 8<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District



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



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



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

### Don't Miss Out On Church School

There are Church School Classes available for all ages, all formats and they are scheduled all week-end long. If you are not already involved in a class please consider one of these:

- ⇒ **Young Adults Online** Held on Saturdays @ 11:00 AM  
Zoom Meeting ID 801-008-9204—Samisha Davis Instructor
- ⇒ **Tate Nunley** Online Saturdays @ 11:00 AM  
Free Conference Call Line 978-990-5114 –Access Code 3817915# -Brother Vernon Johnson, Instructor
- ⇒ **Sisters Studying the Word** Online Class held Saturdays @ 4:00 PM—Free Conference Call Line 978-990-5000— Access Code 593930# Sister Peggy Robinson, Instructor
- ⇒ **James Thompson Men's Online Class**—Sundays @ 9:00 AM  
Free Conference Call Line 712-770-5374 Access Code 156422# - Bro. Kevin Wheeler, Instructor
- ⇒ **Primary/Juniors—Ages 7-11**—Sundays @ 10:00 AM  
Zoom Meeting ID 882-307-1645; Password A123  
Sister LaRonda Walker, Instructor
- ⇒ **Youth Ages 12-17**—Sundays @ 1.00 PM  
Zoom Meeting ID 773 3871 8316 Password in906F  
Sister Rita Washington, Instructor
- ⇒ **Hattie Penn Church School** Sundays @ 6:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting ID 861-1604-7380 Passcode 8955  
call in on Zoom 1-346-248-7799.  
Pastor Allen Page, III, Instructor.



### September Birthdays



Stephen McLemore, III	September 01
Annie Ross	September 02
Jules Alexis 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	September 08
Camry Sims	September 09
Lorenzo Butler	September 13
Tanisha Eanes	September 14
Alice Lamford	September 14
Janese -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

### Attention All Ministry Leaders and Auxillary Heads



Please get your special dates planned and ready to put on the Updated 2020-2021 Christian Education Calendar.

See Shandra Smith for more information