



~What's Happening At The Met~

August 2023

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Rev. Allen Page, III ~ Senior Pastor



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Rev. Allen Page, III

Greetings my brothers and sisters,

I first want to thank each of you for the support you rendered to Metropolitan during the previous conference year. Thank you also for your service within the kingdom of God, we have accomplished much good, however God's command to each of us is to continue our service. As we embark on a new conference year, we all stand before a fresh invitation from God to serve. In Isaiah 6:1-8, God offers Isaiah a fresh invitation to service. But Isaiah finds his inspiration arrested by regret and shame as he witnesses God's glory and holiness firsthand. Isaiah declared in this text that he was a "man of unclean lips," and therefore not clean enough to be God's messenger. But I am grateful God meets us with His grace. God loves and accepts Isaiah, but Isaiah doesn't perceive this. He needs a tangible act of love to transform his heart and perspective. The text records that a live coal was placed on his lips, and this outward action causes an inner rebirth. The text later records that Isaiah came to the place where he could say "Lord here am I send me." What will be our response this conference year to the invitation that is before us for service?

Like Isaiah, we all have to struggle with our own self-worth when God approaches with fresh opportunities to engage the world around us. Our guilt and shame can many times become prohibitive factors to doing the dynamic work that God invites us to. This text helps us to see that we all can gain courage and confidence when we recognize God's love and belief in us. We must remember that God has uniquely and wonderfully made us all for good works. Every good work that God has begun in each of us, He will complete! God meets us in our guilt, shame, disappointment, and discouragement, ready to do whatever is needed to cleanse us, and make us ready for the task set before us. God offers a cleansing! A cleansing of the way we have understood our relationship to Him, and the way we have understood our identity, and our place within His kingdom. What risks are you willing to take to discover the new life God has in store for you and our beloved Metropolitan. What new avenues are you willing to take in your relationships toward greater health and wholeness? What are you willing to reprioritize to shift your life into greater alignment with God's will and way? Remember that even seemingly small choices can develop into new pathways toward a more beautiful existence. Metropolitan we must seize every opportunity to be the people of God we are called to be! I encourage you all to join me faithfully responding to God's call to service, so we will discover a more rich and fulfilling existence. God bless you all!

Allen Page, III
Senior Pastor

Next Month (September) Watch for More Information Regarding.....

Labor Day
September 3,
2023

Restart of
Prayer and Bi-
bble Study on
September 6

Grandparents
Day
September 10
2023

The End of
Summer...
Start of Fall
September 23

Family &
Friends Day

Please welcome back our pastor and first lady, Rev. and Mrs. Allen Page, III for the 2023-2024 Conference Year. Rev. Page was recently reassigned to Metropolitan at the 129th Session of the Southeast Texas Region Conference held August 2-5, 2023 here in Houston.

Welcome Back Rev. & Mrs. Page



Miss Rossie T. Hollis Winner

Metropolitan has another Rossie T. Hollis Winner. Davianna LeNae Robinson Chatman is now the 2023-2024 Ms. Rossie T. Hollis and was crowned on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at the Southeast TX Regional Conference at the Sheraton North Hotel. We would like to say a greeeeeaat big "Thank You" to all of Metropolitan for your help, support, and prayers. We couldn't have done it without you!



Davianna along with her mother, Davida, Brenda Davis, Local Rossie T. Hollis Secretary and Rev. and Mrs. Allen Page, III are pictured above with many who attended the conference .

Thank you to those who contributed to the **Back to School Drive**. Your efforts will benefit the boys and girls in our area as they return to school. School Supplies will be available for pick-up today (**August 6, 2023**) after Sunday Morning Worship.

For more information see Demetria Williams or Rita Washington of the Women's Missionary Society.

Trustee on Duty for August
Kevin Wheeler 281-703-2407
Bert Simmons 713-806-8676



Please pray for the members listed below. You may request personal contact information by sending an email to Metrocme@aol.com. To add/remove names on the list, send an email to the same address. Please be sure to include the member's name, address and phone number. Thank you!

- Sister Freddia Bradley*
- Sister Brenda Hayter & Family*
- Sister Jeanne Grimes*
- Sister Gracie Deason & Family in the loss of her sister*
- Sister Joyce Shepherd*
- The Family of Rev. Horace Barron on his passing*
- Sister Patrecia Bailey*
- Sister Willie Frances Greer*
- Rev. Waldo Murphy*
- Sister Allison McLemore*
- Bro. L C. Patterson*
- Sister Jo Alice Scott*
- Sister Carristine Wiley*
- Rev. E. Anne Ross*
- Sister Ollie Byrd*
- The Family of Bro. Rosco Carr on his passing*
- Sister Annie Melson*
- Sister Nancy Curtis*
- Brother Daniel Myles*

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FLY-IN



Some of the participants of the Children's Fly-In At Ellington Field.

Thank you to the parents, grandparents and guardians who brought their children out to participate in the Children's Fly-In held at Ellington Field .

A special 'Thank You' to Yolonda Foulkes who coordinated the event on Saturday, July 15, 2023.

BLACK HISTORY MOMENTS

“Harlem Hellfighters”-369th Infantry Regiment



The 369th Infantry Regiment, originally formed as the 15th New York National Guard Regiment before being re-organized as the 369th upon federalization and commonly referred to as the Harlem Hellfighters, was an infantry regiment of the New York Army National Guard during World War I and World War II. The regiment consisted mainly of African Americans, but included men from Puerto Rico, Cuba, Guyana, Liberia, Portugal, Canada, the West Indies, as well as American white officers. The 369th Infantry Regiment was known for being one of the first African-American regiments to serve with the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I. They were named the *Black Rattlers* after arriving in France by their commander, the nickname *Men of Bronze* was given to the regiment by the French, and the Hellfighters by the German enemy during WWI. The French government awarded the *Croix de Guerre* to 170 individual members of the 369th, and a unit citation was awarded to the entire regiment. The outfit was 191 days under fire, never lost a foot of ground or had a man taken prisoner; on two occasions men were captured, but were recovered. Only once did it fail to take its objective and that was due largely to the mishaps of French artillery support.

Asia R. Johnson was given a College Scholarship from the Southeast Texas Region Women's Missionary Society at the Annual Conference held on August 3, 2023,

Christian Methodist Episcopal Connectional Prayer Ministry

Daily Prayer Call

ONE PURPOSE - ONE FOCUS - ONE VOICE

PRAYER REQUEST
 cmeprayers@thecmcchurch.org
 cmeconnectionalprayer@gmail.com

| | Pacific | Mountain | Central | Eastern |
|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| Call #1 | 3:30am | 4:30am | 5:30am | 6:30am |
| Call #2 | 4:30am | 5:30am | 6:30am | 7:30am |
| Call #3 | 5:30am | 6:30am | 7:30am | 8:30am |
| Call #4 | 6:30am | 7:30am | 8:30am | 9:30am |

Dial-in# 605-468-8885
 Access Code: 616984#

Rev. Dr. Bonita Collins-Hobbs
 Coordinator, Prayer Ministry

Rev. Dr. Leon C. Moore, Jr.
 General Secretary, Evangelism & Missions

Bishop Ricky D. Helton
 Department Chair

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.

CONFIRMED DATES FOR AUGUST 2023

- 2-5 Southeast Texas Regional Conference—Hosted By Metropolitan @ The Sheraton Hotel on JFK Blvd.
- 6. 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# or In Person **Weekly Services each Sunday Morning.**
- 6. Weekly “In Person” Adult Church School at 9:00 an Held at the church in the Youth Center
- 6. Distribution of School Supplies
- 9. Bible Study (Each Wednesday) **Mid-Day Bible Study @ Noon & Evening Prayer & Bible Study @ 6:00 & 6:30 are all on Summer Break until September 6, 2023.**
- 13. Last day to donate food for August 2023
- 14. Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM
 Free Conference Call Line—267-807-9495
 Access Code 342569693#
- 19. Sorting/Bagging & distribution at Blueridge UMC
- 26 Tuscan Village –2:30pm—(Young Adults & Chosen)



This schedule has been prepared for your reference and to plan your calendars!

Wednesday, 8/2/2023 & Friday 8/4/2023
 Sing at Annual Conference [Sheraton IAH, JFK Blvd]

1st Sunday, 8/6/2023
 MASS CHOIR [Communion Sunday]
 Meet at 9:30 - **MASS CHOIR SINGS**

Thursday, 8/10/2023
 MALE CHORUS rehearsal, 6:00pm
Saturday, 8/12/2023
 MALE CHORUS rehearsal, 1:00pm
2nd Sunday, 8/13/2023—MALE CHORUS SINGS

Thursday, 8/17/2023
 PRAISE TEAM rehearsal, 6:30pm
Saturday, 8/19/2023
 PRAISE TEAM rehearsal, 1:00pm
3rd Sunday, 8/20/2023—PRAISE TEAM SINGS

Thursday, 8/24/2023
 MASS CHOIR rehearsal, 6:30pm
 Prepare for 1st Sunday in September

Saturday, 8/26/2023
 YOUTH REHEARSAL, 1:00pm
4th Sunday, 8/27/2023 -YOUTH SINGS

Thursday, 8/31/2023
 MASS CHOIR rehearsal
 Prepare for 1st Sunday in September



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|------------------------|--------|----|
| Xavier Hill | August | 01 |
| Schree Washington | August | 02 |
| Marquita Wilkerson | August | 03 |
| Allen Casey | August | 04 |
| Terrell Johnson | August | 04 |
| Brenda Hayter | August | 05 |
| Peggy Robinson | August | 06 |
| Jason Smith, Jr. | August | 06 |
| Asia Johnson | August | 07 |
| John McClendon | August | 09 |
| Gracie Deason | August | 10 |
| Bianca Tonsall | August | 10 |
| Victoria Caesar | August | 11 |
| Taliyah Cook | August | 11 |
| Delois Williams | August | 11 |
| James C. Jones | August | 12 |
| Yaneth McLemore | August | 14 |
| Ollie Byrd | August | 16 |
| Albert Edwards | August | 16 |
| Harold Harrington, III | August | 17 |
| Rose Cheers | August | 18 |
| Jeremiah Mbong | August | 18 |
| William Robinson | August | 20 |
| Mark Broom | August | 22 |
| Tremaine Johnson | August | 22 |
| Xerrell Hill | August | 24 |
| Shawon J. Jones | August | 25 |
| Ashlon C. Jones | August | 26 |
| Gloria Jones | August | 26 |
| Lula Johnson | August | 28 |
| Amillia Lockett | August | 29 |
| Keilon Phillips, II | August | 29 |
| Richard Morris | August | 30 |
| Diondre Mikell | August | 31 |
| Brice Wilkerson | August | 31 |

**Information regarding Food Pantry with
Blueridge UMC and Tuscany Village Outreach**

| Last Day to Donate to Food Pantry at Metropolitan | Bagging/sorting & Distribution at Blueridge |
|---|---|
| August 13, 2023 | August 19, 2023 |
| September 10, 2023 | September 16, 2023 |

Please check donations for expiration dates!

**Tuscany Village 2750 Miller Ranch Rd
Pearland, TX 77584—2:30—3:30 PM**

August 26, 2023—Young Adults & Chosen Choir
September 23, 2023—Women's Ministry

METROPOLITAN CME CHURCH

8955 SOUTH FWY@ Reed RD.—Houston, Texas 77051

Senior Pastor, Rev. Allen Page, III

**Sunday, August 20th 2023 /
Immediately following Worship Service!**

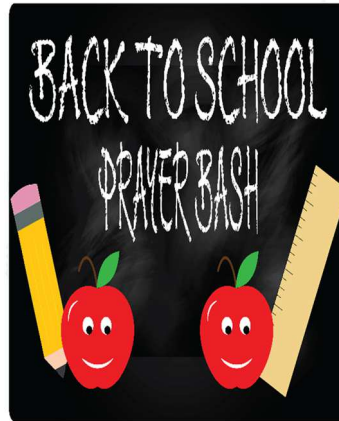
For ALL ages and grade levels.

COME!

Celebrate the end of summer
and a safe school year for all.

**PRAYER! PREPARATION!
PEACE! PROTECTION! AND
POWER!**

**ALL SCHOOLS! ALL DIS-
TRICTS!
STUDENTS!
EDUCATORS!**



PARENTS! GRANDS! MINISTRIES, AND GRADS!

WE NEED OUR VILLAGE! FOOD! FUN! AND FELLOWSHIP

**ALL WELCOME! INVITE SOMEONE! FOR A SUCCESSFUL
AND VICTORIOUS SCHOOL YEAR!**

**1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Prayer and Bible Study resumes on September 6, 2023
The first Wednesday after Labor Day.**



**Sister Elayne Scott, Chairperson, along with the
members of the Pastor's Aid Committee would like to
thank everyone who took part in making the Pastor
and First Lady's Appreciation Celebration a suc-
cess!**