



~What's Happening At The Met~

June 2023

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Rev. Allen Page, III

Greetings My Sisters and Brothers of Metropolitan CME Church,

Today is Trinity Sunday, where we celebrate the manifestation of the triune God in the midst of humanity. During the season of Pentecost, we celebrate the power, the presence, and the being of the God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in our lives. This season offers us the invitation to move out in the flow of our lives following the will of God along life's pathway. Even in the best days or moments of our lives it is difficult to flow in will of God. Possessing the best discernment will still probably leave us susceptible to do things outside of God's will. Let's face it, we are human, and therefore prone to wonder. The third verse of the great hymn *Come Thou Fount* states our lived condition quite clearly - "O' to grace how great a debtor; daily I'm constrained to be. Let thy grace Lord like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above." The Christian must always know and believe that while walking in the will of God, we may encounter difficulties and challenges, but we are assured of having God on our side the lead and guide. However, we must also know and believe that walking outside of the will of God, we are sure to encounter difficulties and challenges without the blessed assurance of God to lead and guide. One sure way to step outside of God's path is to compromise His Word or His Will for us and justify it by the obvious success it appears to bring. Our enemy, Satan, is quite willing and able to bless any plan that serves his purpose rather than God's. Only by staying in God's word, praying and seeking God's face can we avoid Satan's traps. Paul wrote to the church at Philippi in chapter 3, verse 13 & 14, "Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Often times our forward movement with God is compromised by being reminded by Satan of who we used to be before we turned our lives over to Lord. Paul encourages us to forget those things which are behind and press toward the mark of the high calling of God. During the season of Pentecost, God will be calling us to come and follow him into a bright and beautiful future. If you find yourself outside of God's will and are experiencing a lack of peace and joy, I invite you to be willing forget - abandon everything behind and seek God's path again - reaching toward what lies ahead in God (the prize of high calling of God in Christ Jesus, our God.). Ask the Lord to show His will for everything you are facing; to give you understanding so you move forward in the peace and confidence of His Word!

Reverend Allen Page, III
Sr. Pastor

It's June !!
Let's Celebrate
the following
during the
month!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL--(VBS)
June 21--23, 2023 -(Wed., Thurs., Friday)
6:00 pm--8:00 PM Nightly**

**Closing Ceremony at 8:15 on
Friday, June 23, 2023**



**Snacks Served
5:30 PM--6:15 Nightly**

Wednesday -White Shirt or
favorite College Shirt

Thursday-Purple Shirt or
favorite Sports Shirt

Friday -Yellow Shirt or
favorite Church Shirt

REGISTER NOW

In the Foyer: You can register 2 ways:

- Sunday, June 4, 2023
- Sunday, June 11, 2023
- Sunday, June 18, 2023



Online

Church website: metropolitaneme.org

The Stewardess will celebrate their
Connectional Day on Sunday, June 4, 2023
during the 10:30 am Worship Service.

Theme: "We are One In The Spirit".
Mrs. Julia Jones, Local President

**Children/Youth Day and Graduation Recognition
Sunday—June 25, 2023** during 10:30 am Worship
Service. Information regarding graduates and
accomplishments of our children and youth are
needed by June 16. Forms available in the Foyer
or See LaRonda Walker for more information

**August 2-5, 2023—Southeast Texas Region Annual
Conference**— Sheraton North- JFK Blvd, Houston, TX
Hosted by Metropolitan CME Church. Rita Washington
and Nedra Washington are serving as local chairpersons.
Questions and concerns should be directed to them.



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
Sister Joyce Shepherd
Rev. Horace Barron
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
Bro. Rosco Carr
Sister Annie Melson*

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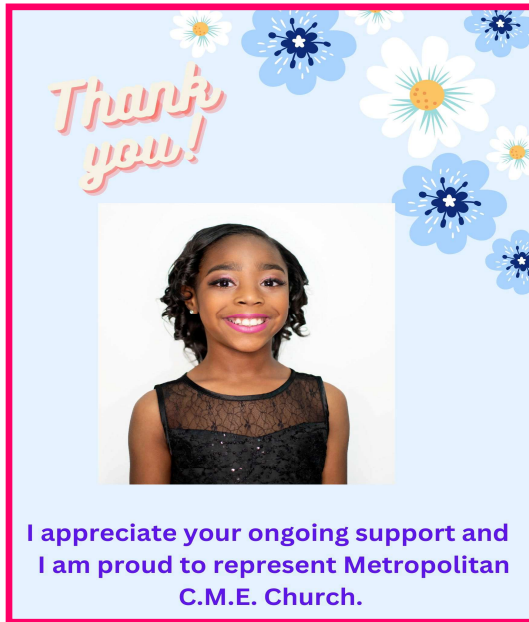
**INFORMATION ON UPCOMING
CONFERENCES/DISTRICT MEETINGS**

June 3, 2023—The Houston District Conference will
be held in Lufkin, Texas at Long Chapel CME Church.
The Appreciation Service for our Elder, Dr. W. W. Mays
and wife will be held immediately following District
Conference.

June 11- 14, 2023— Leadership Training School
will be held in Tyler, Texas at Texas College. Early
Registration has begun. Please see Rev. Jerry Smith
for more information or to register your child to attend
this event.

June 15, 2023 7PM via Zoom The 4th and final
Quarterly Conference for the year will be held.
Reports are due to be returned by Sunday, MAY
28TH. The reporting period: November 1, 2022 -
April 30, 2023

**Message from
Davianna LeNae Robinson Chatman
WMS—Rossie T. Hollis Contestant**



CONFIRMED DATES FOR JUNE 2023

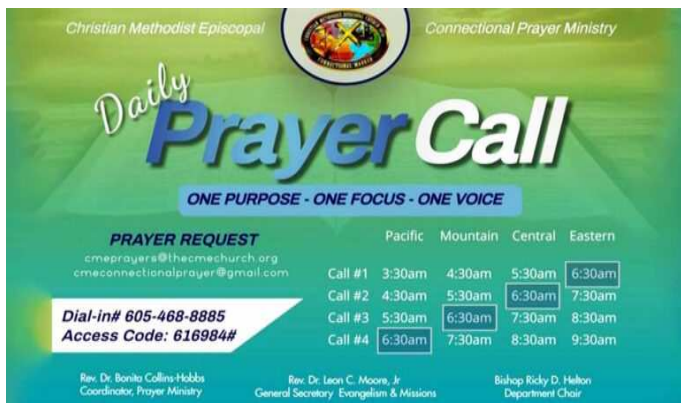
4. Holy Communion Sunday – 10:30 AM
Join us via Facebook Live - Metropolitan CME Church—Restoration Blvd. or Free Conference Call Line 605-475-4821 Access Code 306019#
Regular Weekly Services each Sunday Morning.
4. **CONNECTIONAL STEWARDESS DAY**
4. Weekly “In Person” Adult Church School at 9:00 an
Held at the church in the Youth Center
5. Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM
Free Conference Call Line—267-807-9495
Access Code 342569693#
7. 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.**
11. Last day to donate food for June 2023
11-14 Leadership Training School `Tyler, Texas
17. Sorting/Bagging & distribution at Blueridge UMC
18. **HAPPY FATHERS DAY**
19. Celebrate Juneteenth
- 21-23 VBS All ages welcome
- 23-30 WMS Quadrennial Assembly –Jacksonville, FL
24. VBS Outing
24. Tuscany Village –2:30—3:30 pm—(Stewardess)
25. Children’s Day Celebration 10:30 AM

BLACK HISTOORY MOMENTS



The month of June is important for three causes. *Father’s Day, Juneteenth, and Black Music Month.* Father’s Day was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd. Its

first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised six children. After hearing a sermon about Jarvis' Mother's Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. **Juneteenth**, also known as **Juneteenth Independence Day** or **Freedom Day**, is a holiday that commemorates the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas, and more generally the emancipation of Black slaves throughout the Confederate South. Celebrated on June 19, the word is a portmanteau of "June" and "nineteenth". Juneteenth is recognized as a national holiday, and the official end of slavery around the world. On June 19, 1865 standing on the balcony of Galveston's Ashton Villa, Union General Granger read aloud the contents of "General Order No. 3", announcing the total emancipation of slaves. The following year, freedmen organized the first of what became annual celebrations of Juneteenth in Texas. **National Black Music Month** was established by President Jimmy Carter in 1979. It was created to celebrate the African American musical influences that comprise an essential part of our nation’s treasured cultural heritage. So, this month make sure you celebrate the three F’s: *Fathers, Freedom, and Faith (through music).*



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.**

Happy Birthday
To Everyone
Born in June!

Nedra Washington	June 02
Anthony Wilkerson	June 03
Tyra Clemons	June 04
Tyrese Clemons	June 04
Flossie Robinson	June 04
Barbara Hardge	June 07
Kevin Wheeler	June 07
Andikan Inyang	June 07
Kristi McDaniel-Williams	June 10
Paul Coleman	June 11
Kenneth Mathis	June 11
James Hines	June 13
Heather Renfro	June 13
Mary Cunigan	June 14
James Bean	June 15
Glynis Lee	June 15
Quincy Campbell	June 20
Laithan Jones	June 21
Annie Melson	June 21
Veda Longmire	June 22
Cheryl Cook	June 23
Jamieson Dixon	June 28
Lauretta Jones-Johnson	June 28
Khristian Thurmond	June 28
Taylor Davis	June 29

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
June 11, 2023	June 17, 2023
July 9, 2023	July 15, 2023

Please check donations for expiration dates!

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

June 24, 2023—Stewardess Ministry
July 22, 2023—Usher Ministry

Trustees on Duty for June

Ardyth Guyer 713-409-2508
Kenneth Davis, Sr. 713-446-2799



Please READ and refer to!!!

Take notice of the revisions to our rehearsal schedule- **effective JUNE 2023, NO Saturday rehearsals unless otherwise informed**

Thursday, 6/1/2023

MALE CHORUS rehearsal, 6:00pm
MASS CHOIR rehearsal, 7:00pm
MASS CHOIR will sing on 1st Sunday, 6/4/2023

Thursday, 6/8/2023

MALE CHORUS rehearsal, 6:00pm
MASS CHOIR rehearsal, 7:00pm
MALE CHORUS will sing 2nd Sunday, 6/11/23

Thursday, 6/15/2023

PRAISE TEAM rehearsal, 7:00pm
PRAISE TEAM will sing 3rd Sunday 6/18/23

TUESDAY, 6/20/2023

MASS CHOIR rehearsal, 7:00pm
due to V.B.S. on Wed-Fri.
MASS CHOIR will sing Sunday, 6/25/23

Thursday, 6/29/2023

MASS CHOIR rehearsal, 7:00pm
[this is for 1st Sunday in JULY]



Celebrate your Father or Father Figure on
Sunday, June 18, 2023



The Noon Day Bible Study which meets at 12 Noon each Wednesday & The Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study which meets at 6:00 & 6:30 pm will all be on Summer Break during June, July and August

All three will resume on September 6, 2023
The first Wednesday after Labor Day at usual time.