

~What's Happening At The Met~

January 2022



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Rev. Allen Page, III

Each and every year of my adult life I can remember vowing to trust God more in the current year than in the year gone by. I suppose I have made some progress in the endeavor, however, it seems that each year I find myself needing more. Trust, that is! Oh, I long for the trust of God that is based in a reality of being able to absolutely trust God in everything I do and experience. It may seem strange to hear a preacher, and your pastor at that, make such a confession. But it is true, I desire to live in this world, as God's disciple with no doubts and no fears. I do believe there have been people who have walked the earth with the ability to trust God completely and I admire them greatly. However, I find that this is an area of our humanity that must be reconciled daily. My personality is such that I think too much sometimes. My analytical nature drives me to know "the whole" of the matter. But then I remember the passage from God's Word in which Jesus asked, "Why do you worry so much? No matter how much you worry, you can't add even a moment to your life. Each day has enough trouble of its own; therefore, trust in Me" (my summary of Matthew 6:19-34). Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight".

My brothers and sisters, I encourage you all to strive to trust God more in this year. Yes, struggle with that aspect of your character to want to control, analyze, and direct all matters and circumstances. Let us all resolve to trust God—the same God that has sustained, directed and carried us from moment to moment, and experience to experience, both good and bad. Remember that God is our Rock and the Hope of our Salvation. He has promised to never leave nor forsake us. In him, we can take full confidence. The truth of the matter is many of our New Year's resolutions wouldn't be necessary if we mastered a greater level of trust in God. Isaiah 26:4 encourages us to "trust in the Lord forever; for in God the Lord, we have an everlasting Rock." How would you gage your level of trust in God? Is it total, complete, unconditional, or is it limited by your capacity to trust God. Join me in **Expanding and Deepening your trust in God!** Yes, maybe, just maybe trusting God totally won't just pay off afterwhile - it will pay off right now, and in each and every moment we have in this New Year! Happy New Year Metropolitan - Remember "**Happiness is an Inside Job**". Work it!



OR IN PERSON

Join us remotely each Sunday morning at 10:30 AM on Facebook Live for our Sunday Morning Worship Service. Search for Metropolitan CME Church—Restoration Blvd. on Face Book Live or utilize the Free Conference call Line: 605-475-4821, Access Code 306019
OR
Visit us for In-person Worship Service



*Thanks to each of you who gave during our
 "Follow The Star—End of The Year
 Fund Raiser. A special thanks to those
 who gave in memory of those who are no
 longer with us. They Are:*

Julia Jones gave in memory of her Husband & Daughter
 Rev. Alfred Jones and Ms. Janice Jones

Constance Morris gave in memory of her Mother,
 Mrs. Silena Morris

Susie Stephens gave in memory of Fellow Usher,
 Mrs. Annie Steed Douglas

Lolita Morris Johnson gave in memory of her Mother/Aunt &
 Asia gave in memory of her Grandmother/Great Aunt
 Mrs. Silena Morris &
 Annie Mae (Sweet) Robinson

Carolyn Williams gave in memory of her Parents,
 Mr. Sam & Mrs. Evelyn Garrett Williams

Joe Wilmore gave in memory of his Wife,
 Jeanette Wilmore

Nedra & Scheree Washington gave in memory of their Parents,
 Mr. Alvin and Mrs. Olevia Washington

Ardyth Guyer gave in memory of her Parents,
 Mr. Milton and Mrs. Thelma Guyer

Nedra Washington gave in memory of Church Member,
 Mrs. Silena Morris

Elayne Scott, Whitnie Scott, Justin Scott and Clifton Scott
 gave in memory of their mother/grand-mother
 Mrs. Martha Williams

Ruth Linton gave in memory of her Aunt
 Mrs. Queenie Williams

Rose Cheers gave in memory of her Friend/Church Member,
 Mrs. Silena Morris

Claudia Bradford gave in memory of her Husband
 Mr. Walter Bradford

Mrs. Melba Sparks gave in honor of her Family and Friends
 Joseph H. Warren, Brother—Deceased 3/19/2021
 Dederick E. Warren, Brother— Deceased 7/25/2021
 Onza Spiller, Cousin—Deceased 8/27/2021
 Mary Ewing, Best Friend—Deceased 12/20/2021
 Louise Warren, Mother—Celebrated 95th Birthday 10/16/2021

Follow The Star—Continues

Darlene Brown gave in memory of her Mother
 Mrs. Maggie Phillips

Lillie Lockett gave in memory of her Husband,
 Bishop Wallace Edward Lockett

Brian and Sandy McPherson gave in memory of
 her Grandmothers and his Father
 Mrs. Vada Perry, Mrs. Hattie Brown &
 Mr. Melbourne McPherson



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 Nan Wiley Hendley
- Sister Freddia Bradley
- Sister Melba Sparks
- Sister Cheryl Foster & Family
- Sister Brenda Hayter & Family
- Rev. Horace Barron
- Sister Patrecia Bailey
- Sister Jo Alice Scott
- Sister Jackie Cooper
- Sis. Sherri and Bro. Daniel Myles
- Rev. E. Anne Ross

Trustees on Duty for January

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

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**.

Black History Moment

Martin Luther King Jr.



Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement.

Born: January 15, 1929, [Atlanta, GA](#)

Assassinated: April 4, 1968, [Memphis, TN](#)

Famous speech: [I Have a Dream](#)

Celebrate his life on January 17, 2022

STEWARDSHIP BOARD WORKSHOP

Metropolitan CME Church Steward Board, Chaired by Rosco Dann Carr is planning a Financial Workshop on Saturday, January 22 at 2:00 pm via Zoom. Please check your email for Zoom link and more information.



Please remember that the second Sunday of each month has been designated as **DEBT REDUCTION SUNDAY**.

Please pay and honor your previous commitment towards debt reduction.

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. The number to call is: 605-468-8885; then enter the code – Access Code 616984#.

January 2022—Confirmed Meetings

1. Communion Cups with wafers distributed 10 AM to 1:00 PM
2. Holy Communion Sunday – 10:30 AM—In-Person OR 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
3. Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM
Free Conference Call Line—267-807-9495
Access Code 342569693#
- 5 Bible Study Resumes
Mid-Day Bible Study @ Noon
Evening Prayer & Bible Study @ 6:00 & 6:30 PM
- 22 2:00 PM - Workshop - “January is Stewardship Month” via ZOOM—Watch email for more information
- 30– Missionary Emphasis Sunday

COMMUNION CUPS WITH WAFERS

Pre-filled and consecrated by the Pastor Allen Page, III, sealed communion cups with wafers are available each Saturday before Communion Services. 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/Gloves). Questions should be directed to the Stewardship Board President, Mrs. Julia Jones, 832-683-8428 .

Next Distribution Date is February 4, 2022

Congratulations Kenneth!



Congratulations to Mr. Kenneth Lewis Davis, Sr. on earning his Masters of Business Administration from University of Texas at Tyler. Your Metropolitan CME Church Family is so very proud of you. Kenneth is the spouse of Samisha Davis, father of Kenneth Jr., Karson and Kenadee and the son of Mrs. Brenda Davis.



The Phillips School of Theology will host the virtual **Twenty-Sixth Pastors' Conference & Seventy-Eighth Founders' Celebration** on Monday, January 10 and Tuesday, January 11, 2022 from 7:00 - 10:00 PM each night.

The theme is, **"Getting Back to Basics: The Evolution of The Black Pulpit; Its Present Condition, Its Future Impact."** This historical Pastors' Conference is a milestone as we celebrate our 26th annual event and second virtual one!

The Pastors' Conference will be streamed via Zoom. The Chapel Service will be held Tuesday January 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM and streamed via the ITC Zoom platform.

Bible Study Resumes January 5, 2022

Noon Day Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 12 Noon
Via Free Conference Call Line
701-802-5001; ACCESS CODE 495037#

Evening Prayer & Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Via Zoom & Free Conference Call Line
605-475-4821; ACCESS CODE 306019#

Missionary Society Awards Scholarship



The Houston District Women's Missionary Society's 2nd Virtual Lola B. Clark Scholarship Reveal was held on Saturday, December 11, 2021. Metropolitan's member, Samisha Davis received a scholarship in the amount of \$600.00. Congratulations Samisha!

A Big Thank You From The Youth Department

The Youth Department presented a big "thank you" to Mrs. Sandra Hines, "Honorary Mayor of Sunnyside" on Sunday, December 19, 2021. Mrs. Hines was recognized by the parents and grandparents of the Youth Department for her contributions to recent activities for the Youths



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| Josalind Casey | January 02 | Evelyn Monmouth | January 15 |
| Ubong Inyang | January 02 | Ella Boxley | January 16 |
| Trina Johnson | January 02 | Jamie Dooley Renfro | January 17 |
| DeAndrea Jones-Crooms | January 02 | Cyrus Hill | January 19 |
| David Tonsall | January 02 | James Crowder | January 22 |
| Tianni Williams | January 05 | Paula Nervis | January 24 |
| Telia Marshall | January 06 | Roshanda Williams | January 24 |
| Sherri L. Myles | January 08 | Gloria Broom | January 25 |
| Janie Morris | January 09 | Leona Booker | January 26 |
| Alice Sims | January 09 | Sean O'Neal | January 28 |
| Richard Spiller | January 09 | Lola Morris | January 29 |
| Flozella Ayers | January 10 | Kourtney Mitchell | January 29 |
| Jamica Smith | January 10 | Alexandria Green | January 30 |
| Brent Green | January 11 | Rev. Jerry Smith, Sr. | January 30 |
| Demetria Williams | January 14 | Patricia Jones-Valdez | January 31 |
| Brenda Davis | January 15 | | |