



## ~What's Happening At The Met~

### July 2024

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**Rev. Allen Page, III ~ Senior Pastor**



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



*Rev. Allen Page, III*

Greetings My Metropolitan Sisters and Brothers :

Another summer has arisen with beautiful skies, hot weather and the excitement summer brings. But we who live in this portion of the country are also acutely aware of the threat of violent weather at this time of the year. It is also hurricane season, and forecasters have predicted that we can expect upwards of 35 occurrences of violent or inclement weather. Many of you have lived through a number of these seasons and have a preestablished pattern for dealing with these times. You have your generators, your household safety plans, and other processes to help navigate these challenging times. But above all, we all hope that the storms never hit our doorsteps. That raises a question for contemplation for us; when the storms of life hit our doorsteps, how do we react? Do we trust God for our protection and guidance through the storm? It is so habitual for us as Christians to proclaim that God is with us, but do we truly believe it. When things get suddenly challenging for us, do we rely on and trust in the power and presence of God? If we were honest all of us could testify that we often forget how present God has been and is with us.

I believe that it is important for our growth to be honest with ourselves about how we respond when we find ourselves in the midst of crisis. There are times when God gives us a forewarning of the approaching storm, but often times we are caught unaware of the impending danger. There are times when challenges, chaos and trouble seemingly come out of nowhere. It is in those times that we must remember we serve a God that neither slumbers nor sleeps. In the gospel of Mark, chapter 4, verses 35-41 we see the picture/drama of a storm that seems to come out of nowhere to threaten the safety of the disciples. Many of us would think that because Jesus is there, we shouldn't have a storm in the first place. We must remember that we are not exempt from the storms of life, nor are we immune - we experience them with the fullness of our humanity. When storms hit our spiritual doorsteps, we must be reminded that God is with us, and he will not leave us. The storm offers us an opportunity to learn and grow in our faith walk with God on our side and as our guide. Remember that Jesus can calm any storm, but if all of our storms were calmed what benefit would our soul's development receive. In times of unexpected crisis, we have an opportunity to gain a keen understanding of our internal dialogue. We also have an opportunity under God's guiding hand to change/rewrite the internal dialogue according to God's precepts and principles.

I encourage you this summer to remember what Douglas Miller sang so beautifully, "Tho the storm keep on raging in our lives, and sometimes it's hard to tell the night from day. Still that hope that lies within is reassured, as we keep our eyes upon the distant shore, we know he'll lead us safely to that blessed place he has prepared. And if the storms don't cease, and if the winds keep on blowing in our lives, our souls have been anchored in the Lord." Remember God has not left. God still has the power to calm the raging storms in our lives!

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*Senior Pastor*



Please pray for the members listed below. You may request personal contact information by sending an email to [Metrocme@aol.com](mailto: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*  
*Bro. Kaleeba Griffin—Methodist Hospital*  
*Bro. Calvin Brown, Jr.*  
*Sister Patrecia Bailey*  
*Sister Willie Frances Greer*  
*Rev. Waldo Murphy*  
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*Sister Ollie Byrd*  
*Sister Annie Melson*

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Please support Davianna LeNae Robinson Chatman as she competes for the title of Miss Rossie T. Hollis. This event is sponsored by the Metropolitan CME Church's Women Missionary Society, Sister Demetria Williams serves as president. Please see Brenda Davis or Davida Robinson Chatman if you would like to make a donation,

**Metropolitan, Join us at the ...**

**DR. JESSE D. HAYES, JR. ANNUAL CHILDREN'S**



**FLY-IN**

**Sat. July 20, 2024**

**Registration: 9 am to 10 am**

**Ellington Airport  
Houston, TX**

**Sign up in the Lobby after Service**

## CONFIRMED DATES FOR JULY 2024

4. **HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY**
7. 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 Regular Weekly Services each Sunday Morning at the Church—8955 South Freeway, Houston, TX 77051
7. Weekly “In Person” Adult Church School at 9:00 am  
Held at the church in the Lockett Youth Center
8. Missionary Meeting @ 6:00 PM  
Free Conference Call Line—267-807-9495  
Access Code 342569693#
- 10.. Bible Study (Each Wednesday) Mid-Day Bible Study @ Noon & Evening Prayer & Bible Study @ 6:00 & 6:30 are all on Summer Break until September 2024.
14. Last day to donate food for July 2024
- 17-20 Southeast Texas Regional Conference—Hosted By Douglas Memorial CME Church in Beaumont, TX
20. Fly-in at Ellington Field
20. Sorting/Bagging & distribution at Blueridge UMC
27. Tuscany Village –2:30—3:30 pm—(Usher Ministry)



## Upcoming Events

**July 17—20, 2024** The Southeast Texas Regional Conference will be held on at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 3920 I-10 South, Beaumont, Texas 77706. The conference is hosted by Douglas Memorial CME Church

**September 2-6, 2024**, Senior Bishop Lawrence Reddick and First Lady Mrs. Wynde Jones Reddick and the Eighth Episcopal District will host the **Twelfth Annual CME Unity Summit** and the **General Connectional Board Meeting**, at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel located at 400 Olive Street in Dallas, Texas. The theme for this year's Unity Summit is, *"Facing Now: Making Good Trouble."* (Mark 1:15-NRSV)

**Mark Your Calendars for the Upcoming Pastor and Wife Appreciation Service to be held in August 2024. Watch your Emails for time and date.**

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.

## BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE THRU

A Collaborative Event sponsored by  
The Missionary Society, Young Adult Ministry & Prayer Ministry

### Day 1- Back to School Drive Thru

**SATURDAY - AUGUST 3, 2024**

**10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**



### Day 2- Church Services 10:30 AM

**SUNDAY—AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



**Come Worship with Us!**  
Special prayers for back-to-schoolers

After Worship Service will distribute School Supplies & Backpacks

If you are interested in providing contributions- please submit via Zelle to: [Metrocme@aol.com](mailto:Metrocme@aol.com) include in the memo – section “school supplies”

If you are interested in providing supplies- please submit to the designated area

Contact Sis. Davida L. Chatman @ 281 858 3803 for any questions or concerns



Brian Russell, III	July 02
Katrina Edward	July 04
Terrance Mays	July 06
Tywanna Glapion	July 07
Amanda Johnson	July 07
Jacqueline Christopher	July 09
Allison McLemore	July 12
Marilyn Stewart	July 12
Debra Irby	July 13
Janice Carr	July 16
Mary Lilly	July 17
Rita Washington	July 17
JoAlice Scott	July 17
Cheryl Foster	July 20
Markayla Burleson	July 21
Henry Durley	July 22
Lillie Lockett	July 23
Carristine Wiley	July 23
Neal Bland	July 24
Natasha Davis	July 24
Marvin Mayberry	July 26
Constance Morris	July 26
DeCorey Cook	July 27
Annita Lakey	July 27
Ethan Campbell	July 28
Kalyce Smith	July 28
Nina Sanyika	July 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
July 14, , 2024	July 20, 2024
August 11, 2024	August 17, 2024

Most needed donations: Dry Rice, Dry Cereal, Oatmeal, Grits, Peanut Butter, Jellies, Canned Meats, Mac & Cheese, Pasta, Soups, Tomato /Pasta Sauces.  
Please check donations for expiration dates!

Tuscany Village 2750 Miller Ranch Rd  
Pearland, TX 77584—2:30—3:30 PM  
July 27, 2024—Usher Ministry  
August 24, 2024—Young Adults & Chosen Choir



**Thursday—July 4-ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY**

**1st Sunday, July 7, 2024**  
**MASS CHOIR SINGS (Communion Sunday)**

**Thursday, July 11, 2024—REHEARSAL**

Male Chorus Rehearsal @ 6:00 PM

**Saturday, July 13, 2024—REHEARSAL**

Male Chorus Rehearsal @ 1:00 PM

**2nd Sunday, July 14, 2024**  
**MALE CHORUS SINGS**

**Thursday July 18, 2024 - REHEARSAL**

PRAISE TEAM Rehearsal - 6:30PM

**3rd Sunday, July 21, 2024**  
**PRAISE TEAM SINGS**

**Thursday, July 25, 2024— REHEARSAL**

Mass Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30 PM

**Saturday, July 27, 2024—REHEARSAL**

YOUTH/CHILDREN- 12:00 NOON

**4th Sunday, July 28, 2024**  
**YOUTH/CHILDREN SINGS**

**Trustee on Duty for July**

**Herbert Bradford 281 785-9041 &  
Albert Greer 713 828-7607**



**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 in September 2024**