

Metropolitan Baptist Church

“The Ministry That Makes a Difference”



Meeting Needs, **E**mpowering People,
Transformational Teaching,
Revitalizing Worship, **O**rders & Excellence

Sunday School:

Men's Class: 9:00 am

Youth & Women's Class: 9:30 am

Morning Worship:

Sundays 10:45 am

Bible Study:

Wednesday's 6:30 pm & Thursday's 12 pm

Lamont A. Hobbs, Pastor

Wi-Fi Access: Metro Sanctuary PW: Praise21

WELCOME TO THE METRO EXPERIENCE!

January 20, 2019

Sheepfold Sunday



Call to Worship

Pastoral Partner in Christ

Invocation

***Hymn of Praise**

Responsive Reading

#547 "God the Omnipotent"

Parishioner's Prayer

Deacon

Announcements

Church Clerk

Welcome

Deaconess

Offertory Prayer

Ministry of Giving

Sermonic Selection

The Proclaimed Word

***Invitation to Christian
Discipleship**

Benediction

Lady Chanel's Blog

Good morning Metro! With ALS, I am forced to do a lot of thinking. That can be a good or bad thing. I do many self-reflection exercises, in my mind.

Recently, I thought, in what ways has ALS made me a better person. I reflected, and decided that one area I am diligently working on is having more empathy for people, when I don't understand their plight. I'm sure this has resonated with me

because of my situation. I realize even more, you truly don't know what people are dealing with. For me, my physical struggles are apparent, but emotional struggles or situations are often unseen.

Plato said, "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle." To me, this simply means, just be nice, because everyone has something.

Your smile, friendly hello or nod, just might make someone's day. When we ask someone, how are you, do we even wait and listen for a response, or is it just a standard greeting? Take a moment

sometimes to try and walk a mile in someone else's shoes. Be kind and less judgment because life hits us all at some point. Just because your life may be all together right now, remember things can fall

apart really quickly. Be an encourager and not a discourager. Life people up, don't bring them down and most importantly, if you can't help, then please don't hurt! #JustTryingToMakeIt



January 24,
2019
6:30 pm



SUPER BOWL PARTY

Metropolitan Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
February 3rd, 5p.m-10 p.m.



This is not a church funded event refreshments will be provided by attendees!

All donations are accepted please contact Deaconess Melbra Rose or Kim Evans



Please be advised the above event has been cancelled.



Soul Food
Sunday
Sunday,
February 10th
*Bring your best
side dish and
dessert*



Marriage Ministry Event
"Falling In Love Again"
Reviewing the Vows
Saturday, February 9 @ 2 pm
Pastor Hobbs & Lady Chanel
will moderate
All Married Couples Invited
Please RSVP by Jan 31 with
Carolyn Price 804-920-0147

Fallin
I love you.
in
with you.

**blood
drive**

Sunday, March 31, 2019
10 am – 3 pm
Fellowship Hall
Contact Sis Rosa Epps
for an Appointment
804-691-3736

Moments from The Message
Time to Move
Deuteronomy 2:1-7

- Be cautious about seeking the validation of others when God has promised you victory
- Some things may need to die off in your life before you move to the next phase of your journey
- 2018 stuff will not work in 2019
- Everybody is not meant to go with you on this journey this year
- It is time for me to move. If it is to be, it is up to me
- *We* tend to grow roots, make camp, settle down, get comfortable on the stops along the way
- **Don't camp out in despair, in defeat, in depression**
- **Disappointment is only an appointment for something greater**
- If we are not careful, a place of rest can become a graveyard of broken dreams, unfulfilled hopes, and abandoned promises.
- Avoid costly and unprofitable confrontations-Stay in your lane
- Don't engage with people who simply don't and will never support you
- Family should show you love and support, but they may not--keep it moving
- **The vision is for an appointed time, an appointed place, and appointed people**



January/February 2019

Jan 20 SHEEPFOLD SUNDAY

Jan 20 Marriage Ministry M&G 2 pm

Jan 21 Male Chorus 7 pm

Jan 24 2018 Q4 Church Conference 6:30 pm

Jan 26 WOW 12 pm

Jan 28 Mass Choir 7 pm

Jan 31 Mass Choir 7 pm

Feb 02 Deacon/Minister Leadership Training 9 am

Feb 03 Superbowl Fellowship 5 pm

Feb 04 Missionary Meeting 5:30 pm

Feb 05 Senior Citizen Meeting 11 am

Feb 06 Leadership Meeting 5:30 pm

Feb 09 IronMen Prayer Breakfast 9 am

Feb 09 Marriage Ministry Event 2 pm

Feb 11 Transformation Choir 6:30 pm

Feb 11 Transformation Dance 8 pm

Feb 12 Missionary @ Battlefield NH 2:30 pm

Feb 12 Teacher's Training 6 pm

Feb 12 WNB Praise Dance 7 pm

Feb 14 SC Valentine's Social 12 pm

Feb 14 Transformation Practice 7 pm

Feb 14 Transformation Dance 8 pm

Feb 15 Downtown Churches 11 am

Feb 16 Trustee's Meeting 8 am

Feb 18 Male Chorus Practice 7pm

METRO PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Jan 29 Royal Essence 5:30 pm

Feb 05 Youth Choir 7 pm

Feb 05 KKD Practice 12 pm

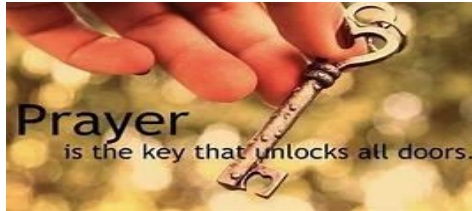
Feb 09 Youth Choir 3 pm

Feb 12 Royal Essence 5:30 pm

Feb 16 GS Meeting 10:30 am

Feb 21 Heavenly Presence 5:30 pm

Feb 26 Royal Essence 5:30 pm



Bereaved Families We are Praying For
Family of Sister Sherri Clark
Family of Sister Catherine Hill

Our Thoughts and Prayers-Sick & Shut-In

Pastor Emeritus William N. Bland

(Riverview Nursing Home #314)

***Rev. Ruth Mallette, Bro Richard Allen Raught, Sis Joyce Mason,
Bro William Steele, Sis Alfreda Hill, Sis Rosa Crenshaw, Bro
Charles Stubbs, Sis Jessie Nelson, Sis Brenda Langford, Deaconess
Gladys Jordan, Deacon Idof Glover, Sis Jerrell Jackson, Bro Chris
Hill, Rev. Sylvia Wright, Sis Lucille Parham, Rev. Merle Keene, Bro
Danny Clavo and Sis Nancy Gilliam***

January 2019 Safety Tip from
Metropolitan Baptist Church S.A.F.E.
Ministry

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNLOCKED and
RUNNING!**

Please. We know that it is cold in the morning when you may be headed to work, school or church. We know you are just running back inside for a second to finished getting dressed or grab that cup of coffee, but car thieves are waiting for that small window of opportunity to steal your car. Most of all, we know **NO ONE** should steal your car, period. However, **PLEASE, PLEASE**, do not make it easy for them to steal your car. Turn your car off, **LOCK** it and **TAKE** your keys with you!





CHURCH NEWS

Calling All Voices: The To God Be the Glory Ministry needs your voice. If you are interested in making a joyful noise for the Lord, consider joining the Mass, Youth, Transformation or Women's Choirs or the Male Chorus. Please contact Bro O'Brian Hargrave or Bro Tronell "TJ" Wynn if you are interested.

Praise & Worship: The Praise and Worship Team are looking for new members. If you are interested in joining, please come to practice each Monday night after choir rehearsal.

Hospitality: The Hospitality Ministry is looking for new members. If you are interested in food service, cooking, serving, and becoming a part of this ministry please contact the Church office.

Media Ministry: The Media Ministry is looking for new and dedicated members. If you have an interest in working with sound, cameras, video or the website, please contact the Church Office.

Boot Camp: Metro's Cardio Boot Camp class will be held every Monday at 7 pm. (Resumes February 5th)

Zumba: Zumba Classes will now be held every Monday and Tuesday at 6pm.

Missionary Ministry: The Missionary Ministry are looking for members who are willing to give 10% of your time and talent to do Missionary work. If you are interested, please see Sis Josephine Jenkins and Deacon Mary Nelson.

Membership Information: If you have not filled out a sheet yet please do so and return to either an Usher or place outside the Administrator's office. The information is needed to make sure our records are up to date.

MYE

Permission Form - Boyz To Men (B2M) and Wonder to W.O.W. (W2W)

Eddie Rose (614.893.9308) Sheila Mosby (804.248.5373)
Parents, this is a reminder to turn in all activities and events permission form if your child plans to participate in the B2M and W2W mentoring sessions throughout the year. **These sessions will be available for youth ages 9-18.** The sessions will have a specific topic for both our young men and young ladies. There will be a workshop speaker followed by activities related to the topic. **The meetings for 2019 will be held from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm on Feb. 9, April 13, June 8, Aug. 10, Oct. 13, Dec. 7.** Contact Sheila Mosby or Eddie Rose if you have any questions regarding the mentoring sessions.

Eagle Eyrie 2019

MTE 2019 - Eagle Eyrie 4th Annual Interstate Youth Conference

Sheila Mosby (smosby6038@gmail.com), 804-248-5373
Mark your calendars for the YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT OF THE YEAR!!!! The 4th Annual Interstate Youth Conference at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA. This year's Mountain Top Experience will be held **April 5-7, 2019.**

Full payment of \$170.00 is due February 10, 2019.
Contact Sheila Mosby by Jan. 23 if your child plans to attend or if payment is a concern. For any other questions regarding the conference contact Sheila Mosby at 804-248-5373.

Metropolitan Baptist Church Dance Ministry

Kingdom Kids Dance (KKD) - ages 8 and under

Contact: LaQuesha Mosby (804) 943-7853

(Lsm61210@gmail.com)

Practice: 2nd Saturday @ 12:00 p.m.

Heavenly Presence Dance (HPD) - ages 9-12

Contact: Monique Bethune (804) 691-2958

(jonesmonique@gmail.com)

Practice: 1st & 3rd Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.

Royal Essence Dance (RED) - ages 13-17

Contact: Antaeyah Scales (804) 720-6066 (ascales18@gmail.com)

Practice: every other Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m.

Transformation Dance (TD) - ages 8-34

Contact: Demetria Parham (804) 721-1959

(demetria_parham@yahoo.com)

Practice: 2nd Monday & Thursday after Transformation choir practice

William N. Bland Dance - 35 years and older

Contact: Phyllis Branch (804) 551-5314

Practice: 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

WOW

Following God's Lead

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things' Matthew 25:23

When people ask me how I got started in ministry, I tell them I started by writing for *free* publications for *free* for 10 years. This is not what most people want to hear. When I tell them, I started out by cleaning the bathrooms in our first little ministry office, they seem confused.

“No, I mean how did you get started writing and speaking?” they ask.

I reply. “This is how I got started. Being faithful in the little things. By doing what God led me to do on any particular day.”

I never dreamed about becoming a speaker and writer, but that's what God had planned for me. I just put one obedient foot in front of the other and that is where the path led.

We don't obey God in the seemingly small assignments in order to get the bigger ones. However, God will never entrust someone with a big assignment who has not proved herself trustworthy in the small.

When God invites you to join Him in His work, what you do next reveals what you truly believe. If you trust Him completely and follow His lead in the great dance of obedience, then you will experience the lifts of the glory life Jesus came to give. If you decide to sit this one out because of fear, then the chairs along the wall are positioned just for you to sit and watch the less fearful wow the crowd. But know this: The band is playing your song.

When God extends His invitation to join Him in the divine dance of obedience, the time to accept is at that very moment. We have about 10 to 30 seconds before common sense talks us out of obeying God's promptings. The time to act is as soon as you sense the Spirit calling you to move. Big assignments begin with a thousand tiny “yeses.” Small steps of obedience become beautiful sweeping moves of faith. But first...you must take the little steps.

Nurses' Ministry & WOW present:
"Caregivers Resources"
January 26th @ Noon

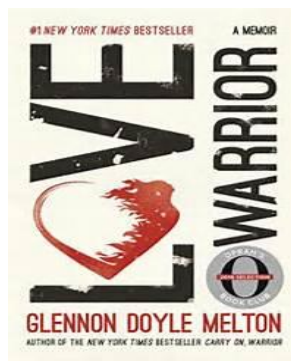
With an increasingly aging population, the role of caregiver has been increasingly recognized as an important one, both functioning and economically. Caregiving is most commonly used to address impairments related to old age, disability, a disease, or mental disorder. This Inservice will include educating and providing essential advice and support of Caregiving.

Speaker: Mr. Bill Humphreys, past Chairman of the Crater Caregiver Coalition.

Book Club

The WOW Book Club will meet again on
Friday, March 1, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

The book that will be discussed is
"Love Warrior" by Glennon Doyle Melton.



Metro Ministries

Diaconate/Deaconess	Youth	Finance
Food Pantry	Nurses'	WOW
Trustee's	Discipleship	Missionary
Marriage Ministry	Ushers	Pastor's Aide
Hospitality	Beautification	Music
Seasoned Citizens	Media	Transformation
Ironmen	Boyz2Men	Military
Transportation	CEM	S.A.F.E.

Community

Good afternoon my name is Kevon Monroe with New Virginia Majority. I am contacting you because I have a community service/Social Action event through New Virginia Majority. We are organizing a lobbying day on Martin Luther King Day which is January 21st this upcoming year. This event is about calling the state gov't to action about Healthcare, Gun Violence, Criminal Justice reform, and other topics. Transportation will be provided for those that need it. The location is at the John Marshall Building in Richmond and the event is from 10am-4pm. For any questions or to confirm that you are coming feel free to reach out via email or text at 678-773-1851 or kmonroe1@wvstateu.edu.



What's Happening in Sunday School This Week?

Cornerstone – Sis Jenkins, Deaconess Taylor & Sis Shaw

“Timothy Learning From Paul”
1 Timothy 1-6; Acts 16:1-5

Pre-Teen – Sis Spencer & Sis Maple

“True Sacrifice”
Genesis 32:24-32
How God invites us into a personal relationship by sacrificing Himself for us.

Teens Class – Sis Young & Sis Steele

“Jesus & Loving Others: The Greatest Commandment”
Mark 22:34-40; 1 John 3:10

Men's Class – Deacon Hawkins

“Home”
Genesis 31:2-16

Women's Class – Deaconess Hawkins

“Home”
Genesis 31:2-16

Metropolitan Baptist Church
New Number
TERRIFIC TUESDAY CONFERENCE CALL

Join us each Tuesday at 6 a.m.

1-646-632-1000

Access Code: 8049311097

"A Church On the Grow"

Join Pastor by way of conference call for morning devotion inclusive of your word for the day. If you missed last week's call dial: (888) 899-7904. Enter 384275352

January Trustee:

Christopher Jackson
(804) 833-2412

Transportation Trustee:

Christopher Jackson
804-833-2412



The Food Pantry Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays:

10 am – 12 pm

Eligibilities:

*Emergency Food
ONLY

*Only 1 supply of food
QUARTERLY
(3 months)

*You **MUST** have a
Picture ID

Adult & Youth Bible Study

Wednesday's
6:30 pm

NOON-DAY BIBLE STUDY

Digging Deeper

"From Beginning to End"

The Metropolitan Baptist Noon-Day Prayer and Bible Classes are held each Thursday from 12:00 noon until 1:30pm. Fellowship time will begin at 1:30pm and is encouraged but not required. Come grow with us. Individuals from seventeen years and older are invited. For more information call the church (804-733-3753) or (804-732-7110)

*We sincerely hope that you enjoyed
“The Metro Experience”.
We pray that something was said or done
that will cause you to worship with us
again.*



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