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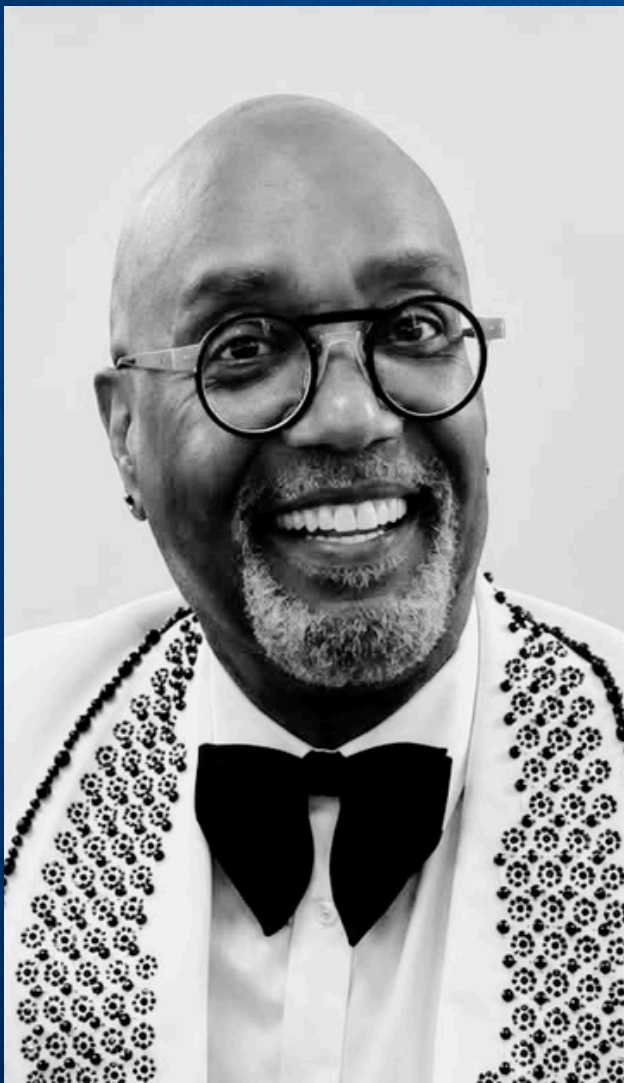
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Grace and Peace to the Metropolitan Love Family,

I pray that each of you experienced a meaningful and refreshing August Sabbatical. My sincere prayer is that these weeks provided opportunities for physical rest, spiritual renewal, and personal restoration. Even in seasons of quiet, God continues to prepare His people for what lies ahead.

As we enter the month of September, our hearts are filled with anticipation as we gather for our Annual Revival Services. Throughout Scripture, revival has always been God's invitation to renewed faith, deeper commitment, and fresh direction. I encourage every member, family, and friend of Metropolitan to make plans now to join us each Wednesday evening as we seek God's presence together.

As we continue embracing our 2026 church theme, "The Divine Blueprint... NEW DIRECTION," may we remain attentive to God's voice and faithful to His leading. I believe our greatest days of ministry are still before us because our faithful God continues to direct our steps.

Thank you for your continued prayers, your faithful stewardship, and your unwavering love for this church family. I look forward to worshipping, growing, and serving alongside you throughout this exciting month.

May the Lord continue to bless you, keep you, and guide you in every step.

With gratitude and love,

Rev. Leon R. Perry, III
Senior Pastor

SEPTEMBER REVIVAL 2026

“REVIVE US AGAIN!”

Join us each Wednesday evening during the month of September as we experience powerful preaching, inspiring music, heartfelt prayer, and spiritual renewal.

Beginning Wed, September 9, 2026

*“Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?”
— Psalm 85:6*

Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers as together we seek God’s fresh anointing and renewed direction for our lives.

Everyone is Welcome!

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

As we celebrate Labor Day, we thank God for every worker, every profession, every volunteer, every retiree, and every servant whose labor helps strengthen our families, churches, and communities.

*“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”
Colossians 3:23*

May God continue to bless the work of your hands!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday!

The Metropolitan Community Church Love Family extends warm birthday wishes to all of our September celebrants!

May this new year of life be filled with God’s abundant favor, renewed strength, divine health, and overflowing joy.

*“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
Psalm 118:24*

Happy Birthday from your Metropolitan Church Family!

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Sundays

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday

Immediately Following Morning Worship

Join your church family for food, fellowship, laughter, and meaningful conversation as we continue strengthening the bonds that unite us in Christ.

Come... Stay... Fellowship Together!

GRANDPARENTS RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Honoring Our Grandparents

We thank God for the wisdom, faith, love, and legacy of our grandparents who continue to bless generations through their prayers, encouragement, and example.

"Children's children are the crown of the aged..."
Proverbs 17:6

May God richly bless every grandparent within our Metropolitan Love Family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for our New Members

Prayer for our Entire
Congregation

Prayer for ALL of our Students
/ Teachers / Administrators
returning to school

From the ministry of
Trustees...

Re; Pledges received toward
our Preventive Maintenance
Goals

CONGRATULATIONS, PASTOR!

Congratulations to Our Senior Pastor!

The Metropolitan Community Church proudly congratulates our Senior Pastor, Rev. Leon R. Perry, III upon being selected as one of the **2026 Outstanding Educators by the HeraldDolores Johnson Scholarship Foundation.**

Pastor Perry is being recognized for his decades of faithful leadership, distinguished career in education, and unwavering commitment to strengthening schools, churches, families, and communities through teaching, mentoring, and servant leadership.

EDUCATOR'S DAY GALA

Saturday, September 19, 2026
12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

Georgia's Banquet Center
8800 West 159th Street
Orland Park, Illinois

Individual Tickets: \$150

We celebrate this well-deserved recognition and thank God for the countless lives Pastor Perry has touched through both education and ministry.

Congratulations, Pastor! We thank God for your faithful service and exemplary leadership.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Greetings, Love Family!

September often signals a return to school, but it also offers a wonderful reminder for each of us to return to Sunday School with open hearts and a renewed hunger for the Word of God. As we grow in the knowledge of Christ, may we approach each lesson with expectation and a desire to draw closer to Him.

As we remain in fellowship with the Lord through Scripture, He reveals deeper truths about His identity, His character, and His plan for our lives. This September, we have another opportunity to revisit the Pentateuch—the first five books of the Bible. These books highlight foundational themes such as creation, sin, redemption, covenant, and holiness.

Throughout these books, God makes many promises to His people. We can hold firmly to those promises, trusting that He is faithful and that His Word will come to pass in His appointed time.

The Lord reminds us in Jeremiah 29:13: “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Let us come rejoicing, prepared, and expectant to experience God in a fresh way through these lessons. Since everyone is invited to the Lord’s table, please extend an invitation to your friends and family and encourage them to join us for this time of learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

We look forward to seeing you in Sunday School!

**OUR THEME FOR THE MONTH IS:
“THE PENTATEUCH”**

SEPTEMBER 2026 FACILITATORS:

September 6th

Brother Max Bakana
The God of Jacob
(Genesis 28:10-22)

September 13th

Deacon Janice Thomas
God the Deliverer
(Exodus 34:1-10)

September 20th

Deacon Deborah Peters
God Is with Those Who Honor Him
(Leviticus 26:1-6, 11-13)

September 27th

Brother Max Bakana
Moses Disobeys
(Numbers 20:1-13)

PRAYER MINISTRY

Revival Is in the Air! 🙏🔥

There is no better way to prepare our hearts and minds for revival than to seek God in prayer. As we enter this revival season, we continue to move under His divine direction, trusting Him to prepare us for all He has in store.

Join the Prayer Ministry each Sunday as we lift up one another, our families, our communities, our church, and our world, seeking God's grace, mercy, and guidance as we continue to build His Kingdom.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

🕊 Every Sunday | 8:30–8:55 AM
MCC Sanctuary

*"Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in
you?"*

— Psalm 85:6

Come expecting. Come believing.
Come ready for revival!



JASA'S CORNER

Greetings, Sisters of MCC!

Sisters of JASA, our time of rest has prepared us for a season of revival and renewal! 🌸✨

After a month of sabbatical, we return refreshed and ready to embrace all that God has in store for us. September is Revival Month at MCC, and what better time to allow God to revive our hearts, renew our minds, and refresh our spirits?

JASA invites you to reconnect with your sisters at our next Sister-to-Sister Check-In. Save the date: TBA for our September gathering—it is sure to be a time of encouragement, fellowship, and refreshing!

As we enter this new season, let us return to our vibrant and active faith, deepen our relationship with God, and renew our commitment to His will. May we become revitalized in our purpose and strengthened in our walk as believers.

It's time to be revived, renewed, refreshed, and ready for what God has next!





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1 — Marie Sanders

September 3 — Lavern Smith

September 8 — Cheryl Van Eaton

September 8 — Mariah Garner

September 14 — Tracey Stephens

September 15 — Danielle Stewart

September 16 — Elise Bradajic

September 18 — Kim Lee

September 18 — Margaret Allen

September 21 — Mya Michelle Williams

September 23 — Khari Simpson

September 26 — Veronica Hannsberry

September 27 — Linda Haggins

September 28 — Davion Jordan



METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

THE CONLEYS VOW RENEWAL





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Your Faith:

BIBLE STUDY ENCOUNTER

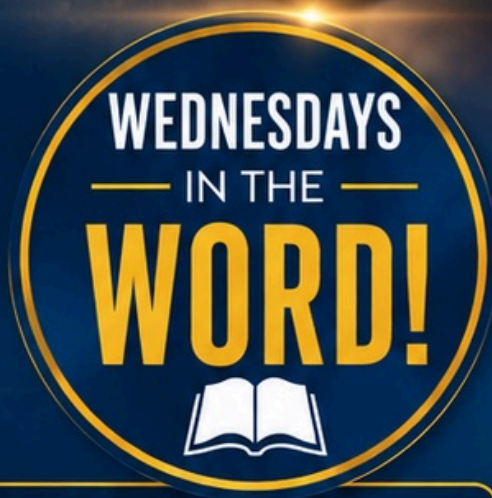
Beloved Metropolitan Family and Friends,

As we transition into a new season of spiritual growth, we are thrilled to announce the re-launch of our evening **Bible Study Encounter!**

This is a time to dig deeper into God's Word, build stronger faith, and grow together in His truth. Whether you're new to Bible study or have been walking with God for years, this re-launch is designed for you to **grow, learn, and belong.**



We invite you to bring your Bibles, your journals, and an expectant heart. Let us come together to experience a **deeper understanding** of God's Word and a stronger faith for the journey ahead.



SAVE THE DATE



KICK-OFF:
WEDNESDAY,
OCT 07, 2026



TIME:
7:00 PM



FORMAT:
IN-PERSON AND
VIA FACEBOOK LIVE



VISIT THE PASTOR'S CORNER
IN HABARI GANI TO SIGN UP FOR BIBLE STUDY

All are Welcome!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE AS WE CONTINUE
WALKING IN GOD'S DIVINE BLUEPRINT.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH PRESENTS



2026 ANNUAL REVIVAL

THE *Divine* BLUEPRINT...

NEW DIRECTION: VISION • WISDOM • FAVOR



PASTOR
DAVID WINSTON

SEP 9



PASTOR
JEVON D. MOORE

SEP 16



PASTOR
STEPHEN THURSTON, II

SEP 23



EVANGELIST
LAUREN TURNER

SEP 30

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN
SEPTEMBER *at* **7PM**



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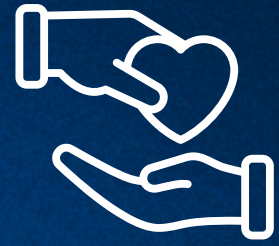
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LEON R. PERRY III



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