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MONTHLY

Same Mission.
New Chapters.
Still His Church.



Our **106th**
Church Anniversary

PRESERVING OUR PAST

CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Celebrating Life • Honoring Legacy • Continuing in God's NEW DIRECTION

Beloved Metropolitan Love Family,

As we enter the month of October,
my heart is filled with gratitude.

On **October 2nd**, I celebrated my 67th Anniversary of Life, and I simply thank God for the gift of another year. Every birthday becomes more meaningful as I reflect upon the goodness, grace, mercy, protection, and faithfulness of God.

I am especially grateful that so much of my life's journey has been intertwined with the Metropolitan Community Church family. God has allowed us to worship together, serve together, grow together, endure together, celebrate together, and witness His hand leading us through countless seasons.

October also brings another extraordinary milestone as we celebrate the **106th Anniversary of Metropolitan Community Church on Sunday, October 18, 2026.**

For 106 years, God has sustained this congregation.

Generations have prayed here.
Generations have worshiped here.
Generations have served here.
Generations have sacrificed here.
Generations have declared the mighty acts of God here.

And now, it is our privilege and responsibility to continue building upon the foundation laid before us.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our anniversary is not merely an opportunity to celebrate how long we have been here—it is a reminder that God still has purpose for Metropolitan Community Church.

As we continue walking in our Divine Blueprint...NEW DIRECTION, may we remain prayerful, faithful, united, and willing to follow wherever God leads.

I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to our congregation, servant leaders, ministry teams, musicians, guests, visiting preachers, and friends who helped make our 2026 September Revival Month such a tremendous blessing.

We prayed for a mighty move of God—and God met us!

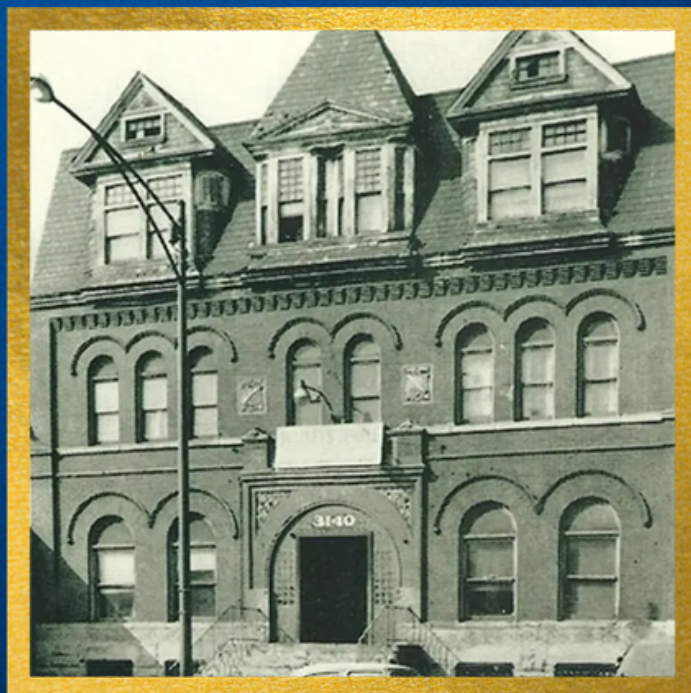
The Word was preached.
Seeds were planted.
Faith was strengthened.
Lives were encouraged.
And now we continue believing that the Word of God will never return void.

May we never allow Revival to become only something we attended in September. Let the spirit of revival continue in our worship, our prayer lives, our service, our homes, and our daily walk with God.

As October unfolds, let us celebrate life, honor our legacy, care for one another, study God's Word, gather with our servant leaders, and continue moving faithfully in God's NEW DIRECTION.

With a grateful heart and continued love,

Rev. Leon R. Perry, III
Senior Pastor / Senior Servant
Metropolitan Community Church





106 years of Faithfulness

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 18, 2026
Worship Service — 10:30 AM
Celebrating 106 Years of
Faith • Service • Witness • Ministry

***“One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.”
— Psalm 145:4***

For 106 years, Metropolitan Community Church has remained a place where generations have encountered God, received the Word, served the community, nurtured families, and shared the love of Christ.

We pause to honor those who came before us, Our founder; Rev. William D. Cook, Our Second Pastor Rev. Joseph M. Evans and our third pastor Rev. Theodore Richardson, we celebrate those who faithfully serve today, and prepare the next generation to carry the ministry forward.

We Remember the Past.
We Celebrate the Present.
We Prepare for the Future.

To God be the glory for 106 years—and for the chapters still to be written!

QUARTERLY GATHERING WITH OUR SERVANT LEADERS

BUILDING TOGETHER IN GOD'S NEW DIRECTION

Saturday, October 24, 2026 @9AM

Metropolitan Community Church will gather with our servant leaders for our quarterly time of fellowship, prayer, encouragement, vision, and ministry alignment.

This gathering provides an opportunity for our servant leaders to:

- Reflect on the progress of our ministries
- Share updates, concerns, and opportunities
- Strengthen communication and collaboration
- Encourage one another in service
- Review upcoming ministry priorities
- Discuss submission of the 2027 ministry activities
- Discuss 2027 projected budget
- Pray together for Metropolitan Community Church
- Continue aligning our work with God's Divine Blueprint and NEW DIRECTION

Leadership is not only about responsibility—it is also about relationship, accountability, unity, and shared purpose.

We are grateful for every servant leader who gives time, energy, wisdom, gifts, and love to the work of the church. Together, we will continue serving faithfully, leading prayerfully, and building intentionally for the future.

All designated servant leaders are encouraged to attend.

Come Ready to Pray.
Come Ready to Listen.
Come Ready to Share.
Come Ready to Serve.

AM MINISTRY OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Taught by Pastor Leon R. Perry, III



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

“ASK GOD FIRST”

Scripture: James 1:5–8

Lesson Focus:

Godly wisdom begins with recognizing that we do not have all the answers.

We will explore:

- The difference between knowledge and wisdom
- Why God invites us to ask for wisdom
- The importance of faith when seeking direction
- Learning to resist double-minded decision-making
- Trusting God when the complete plan has not yet been revealed



Life Question:

Before making my next decision, have I truly asked God for wisdom?



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

“TRUST GOD MORE THAN YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING”

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5–6

Lesson Focus:

There are seasons when God’s direction will challenge our own reasoning.

We will discuss:

- What it means to trust God with the whole heart
- The danger of depending only upon human understanding
- Acknowledging God in every area of life
- How surrender prepares us to receive direction
- Allowing God to make our paths straight



Life Question:

Where is God asking me to trust Him beyond what I presently understand?



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

“WISDOM KNOWS WHEN TO MOVE”

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

Lesson Focus:

Everything has a season, and spiritual maturity includes recognizing when a season is changing.

We will explore:

- Understanding divine timing
- Knowing when to remain and when to move
- Releasing what belonged to a former season
- Discerning opportunities God is placing before us
- Walking confidently into a new chapter



Life Question:

Am I holding onto something whose season has already ended?



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

“BUILDING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION”

Scripture: Psalm 145:4; Proverbs 13:22

Lesson Focus:

Godly wisdom thinks beyond the present generation. As we celebrate 106 years of ministry, we will consider:

- The responsibility of spiritual legacy
- Passing faith from one generation to another
- Preparing others to lead
- Leaving ministry stronger than we received it
- Building what we may not personally live long enough to see completed



Life Question:

What am I intentionally leaving for the generation coming behind me?



PRAY before you decide.
LISTEN before you move.
DISCERN before you respond.
TRUST God with the direction.

PM MINISTRY OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Led by Elder Alan B. Conley - Assistant to the Pastor

Our Wednesday evening Ministry of Biblical Studies will resume in October under the teaching leadership of Elder Alan B. Conley.

OCTOBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY SERIES

The Divine Blueprint: **DOMINION**

A Kingdom Theology of Dominion

Series Texts: Genesis 1:26–28; Daniel 7:13–14, 27

WEEK ONE

RESPONSIBLE DOMINION

*“What Has God
Entrusted to Me?”*

WEEK TWO

RESPECTFUL DOMINION

*“I See God’s
Image in You”*

WEEK THREE

RELATIONAL DOMINION

*“Kingdom Leadership
Happens Through
People”*

WEEK FOUR

RESOURCEFUL DOMINION

*“What Is in
My Hand?”*

We encourage our Metropolitan family to remain committed to the study of God’s Word. Whether participating in the morning or evening class, make Biblical Study an important part of your spiritual growth.

Bring Your Bible.

Bring Your Questions.

Bring Your Faith.

Come Ready to Grow!



WITH GRATITUDE FOR REVIVAL 2026

THE WORD WILL NOT RETURN VOID!

What an extraordinary blessing our September Wednesday Revival Services have been!

We extend sincere appreciation to:

Our guest preachers, musicians, worship participants, servant leaders, ministry teams, volunteers, visitors, and every member of the Metropolitan Love Family who prayed, attended, invited others, served, gave, and supported Revival Month.

We entered September praying for a mighty move of God, and we leave the month believing that every Word preached has planted a seed.

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth... so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty.” - Isaiah 55:10–11

Now we seed in faith, remain willing to do our part, and trust God for the greater harvest.

Revival may have been scheduled for September—but revived living continues every day!



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

FAITH • AWARENESS • SUPPORT • HOPE

During the month of October, Metropolitan Community Church joins communities throughout the nation in recognizing **Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**

We honor:

Those presently undergoing treatment.

Those walking through recovery.

Those who are survivors.

Families and caregivers who provide loving support.

And the precious memories of those whose earthly journey has ended.

We encourage members of our church family to remain attentive to their health, keep appropriate medical appointments, learn their family history, and speak with their healthcare providers regarding recommended screenings.

Throughout this month, may we surround every person and family touched by breast cancer with prayer, compassion, encouragement, and love.

OUR PRAYER:

GOD OF HEALING AND HOPE,
STRENGTHEN THOSE WHO ARE
FIGHTING,

ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO ARE
RECOVERING,

COMFORT THOSE WHO ARE
GRIEVING,

GUIDE PHYSICIANS AND
CAREGIVERS,

AND REMIND EVERY FAMILY
THAT THEY ARE SURROUNDED
BY LOVE AND PRAYER.

AMEN.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Greetings, Love Family!

As we welcome the cooler temperatures of fall, the Christian Education Ministries remain committed to keeping the revival flame burning as we continue sharing the love of Christ through the study of His Word.

This October, we will continue our journey through the Old Testament, focusing on the book of Deuteronomy and God's faithfulness to His people. Through His covenant with Israel, we are reminded of His desire to guide, direct, and remain actively involved in the lives of His people according to His divine purpose.

As we study these lessons, we will be encouraged by the many ways God worked through circumstances and individuals to fulfill His perfect plan. His faithfulness remains unchanged, and He continues to work in our lives today. We invite you to join us for this meaningful time of learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth—and don't forget to extend an invitation to your family and friends!

OUR THEME FOR THE MONTH IS:
"GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
TOWARDS US"

OCTOBER 2026 FACILITATORS & LESSONS:

OCTOBER 4TH
BROTHER MAX BAKANA
BECOMING GOD'S PEOPLE
(DEUTERONOMY 29:2-15)

OCTOBER 11TH
DEACON JANICE THOMAS
GOD MEETS US
(JUDGES 13:1-7, 24-25)

OCTOBER 18TH
DEACON DEBORAH PETERS
GOD OUR PROVIDER
(RUTH 2:8-18)

OCTOBER 25TH
REVEREND DARNETTE SOLOMON
GOD ANOINTS
(1 SAMUEL 16:1-7, 11-13)

PRAYER MINISTRY



Prayer is our lifeline and our connection to God, which is why we are commanded to “pray without ceasing.” As we approach our church anniversary, we are especially thankful for God’s faithfulness to this local body of Christ.

Through prayer, we stand in the gap and intercede for others, offering thanksgiving and lifting our petitions for all people, our faith community, our families, and our friends. As the Body of Christ, we are reminded that **God is not through with us yet!**

To God belong all praise, glory, and honor. We encourage you to come praying, come believing, and come expecting, knowing that the God of all might is able to move mightily on our behalf.

JASA’S CORNER



The season of celebration is upon us! As women of faith at MCC, we join together throughout October to celebrate our church anniversary and the faithfulness of God to our congregation.

JASA’s upcoming Sister to Sister Check-In will be a special part of this celebration as we reflect on what it means to be “Rooted, Renewed, & Ready” for what God has next for us as women of faith. Together, we will celebrate our shared sisterhood, encourage one another, and look forward to the next chapter God is writing in our lives.

Save the date—October 17! Come ready for fellowship, reflection, encouragement, and celebration as we gather in the spirit of sisterhood.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 01 - Elsie Harrison

October 02 - Reverend Leon Perry III

October 04 - Bernard Stinson

October 05 - Carolyn Terry

October 06 - Brian Stewart

October 09 - Gary Bell

October 18 - Aaliyah Johnson

October 20 - Paulette C. Wilson

October 30 - Ella Blanton-Kinsey

OCTOBER 2

HAPPY *Birthday*

SENIOR PASTOR
**REVEREND
LEON PERRY, III**

Celebrating the man of God whose
faith, leadership and love
continue to make a
lasting impact.

30 YEARS

*of Faith, Service,
Leadership, and Impact.*





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DOWELL**
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Only

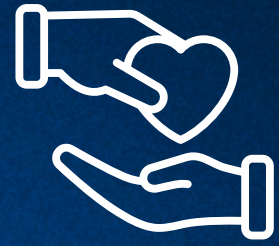
FREE SHREDDING EVENT

Wednesday, October 7th • 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
3rd Ward Public Service Office
(5046 S. State St.)

Free professional document shredding services provided by Midway Moving and Storage will be at the 3rd Ward Public Service Office to assist residents with destroying and safely disposing their old bills, medical records, bank statements, and other potentially sensitive paper documents.

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