

METRO CONNECT

POINTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST, OUR LIVING HOPE.

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WORSHIP THE MISSION

Community

A WORD from *Pastor Arthur*

When God called me to be the Lead Pastor at Metropolitan Baptist Church over 5 years ago, I never expected to have a year like 2020. It was a chaotic and uncertain year for us as a church, but most of all has left me extremely humbled. In 1 Corinthians 2:5 the Apostle Paul reminds us that, "Our faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." Today more than ever we have to do whatever it takes to fulfill the Great Commission, but not with human wisdom. The work that's before us is going to take much more than the wisdom man can offer. We need to lean on the power of God to continue the mission to which He has called us.

Today, all generations have grown farther away from God. Currently, South Florida is known to be one of the most unchurched places in the nation. But what if we could change that narrative in our city, in our county and in our country? I believe God by His power wants to spark a revival that would go beyond the walls of our churches (a movement that would address the social pain, the lostness and cultural brokenness of

our communities). **You** are a vital piece of this movement. No matter your age, economic status or your educational background, you have a part to play.

For over 40 years, Metropolitan Baptist Church has been proclaiming the gospel and sharing hope with all generations. The Lord has been extremely kind to us for more than four decades yet now it feels like we are in a different

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season in the life of our church. COVID-19 has uprooted and rearranged so much in our lives and ministry, yet God has been faithful. **NOW** is the **TIME**

to **REPLANT** what has been uprooted and refocus on our commitment to the great commission of making disciples and proclaiming the gospel.

My prayer is that we will commit to reach people where they are and point them to Jesus, the living Hope. Your generosity has helped us to move this mission forward. Together we must trust the Holy Spirit to give us the wind we need for the **"ship"** of our ministry. A wind that will lead to true **WorShip**, authentic **FellowShip** and Christ-centered **DiscipleShip**. God is calling us to join Him on His mission.

In Service to the Master



Arthur Connor, Jr.
Metropolitan Baptist Church
Lead Pastor



Our MISSION

We exist to reach people
where they are and to point
them to Jesus, the living hope.
We point people to Christ.

Then Jesus came to them and
said, "All authority in heaven and
on earth has been given to me.
Therefore go and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."
Matthew 28 | 18-19

**We Believe
A Healthy
Disciple
Will:**

- 1. Connect**
- 2. Serve**
- 3. Invite**
- 4. Give**
- 5. Worship**
- 6. Share their Faith**

We Are COMMITTED To

WORSHIP

Pointing our lives to Jesus

OUR COMMUNITY

Pointing each other to Jesus

THE MISSION

Pointing the World to Jesus

What's AHEAD in 2021

- **THE MARRIAGE COURSE**
January 31 – March 21
- **WORSHIP & CULTURE NIGHT**
February 3
- **WMU PANEL DISCUSSION**
February 6
- **MEN'S MINISTRY ZOOM MEETING**
February 6
- **BAPTISM**
February 7
- **WMU BOOK REVIEW**
February 20
- **ZOOM MEMBERS' MEETING**
February 28

Get involved! Contact us at info@metrobc.us
or call 954.963.0634.

The Gospel Changes People & People Change The World



Our VISION

To see people become fully devoted to following Jesus and changing their world.

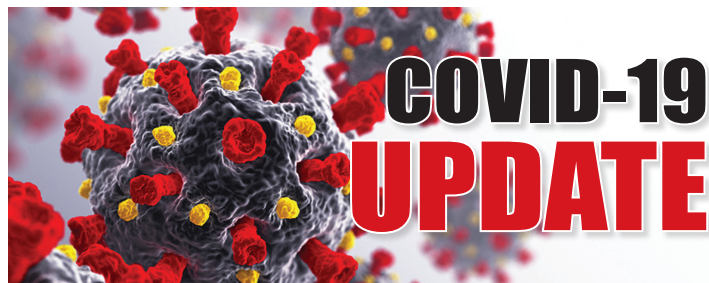
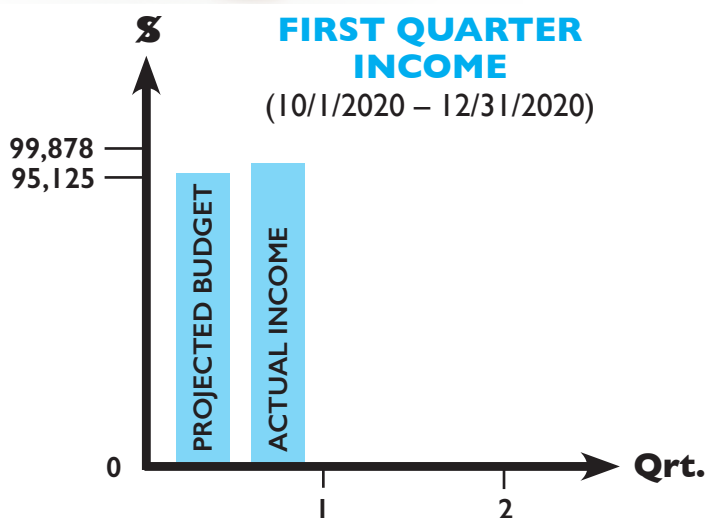
He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

I Thessalonians 5 | 10-11



Finance FLOW

Submitted by Julius Adeyiga
(Accountant)



COVID-19 UPDATE

In 2021, we continue to gather as a church family in our pews. Our LIVE and Online Sunday morning experience begins at 10:00a.m.

We continue to take the extra steps to keep everyone safe by having temperature checks for each person entering the building, sanitizing our sanctuary and keeping our bathrooms clean at all times.

Wearing a mask is mandatory and must be worn during the service. Attendance capacity is 100 persons. We hope to see you soon.





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A
God Story

First, we want to give our deepest and warmest gratitude to the Metropolitan Baptist Church. Your hospitality to our School is not in vain nor was

it just another kind act. It was and is always needed. This is your second year sponsoring families at our Learning Center. This year was very pressing. Every family that received your kind, significant, and "GENEROUS" donation really needed it in this pandemic. As I expressed, one of the recipients lost child care assistance and was no longer employed. She was able to scout and successfully find employment because of your provisions. Another family who works in law enforcement as an "Deputy", needed assistance. You "NEVER" know what others are truly facing! Many professionals do not qualify for help because of their income. Their living expenses exceed their salary and really don't meet all of their needs any longer. She now didn't have to work overtime in exhaustion trying to make up the difference (and for some overtime is limited). Another recipient was a single Dad taking care of his five year old Daughter by himself, because his Wife was not able to come back to the States due to this pandemic. Your kindness not only blessed them, but it was proof that God has not forgotten about us! I am literally in tears typing this. I sometimes question if God has really called me and my husband to educate his little people. Acts of Charity that you've displayed have been a manifestation of the fact that we are not forgotten and we are approved by God! Thank you all for being a light to us. You have truly fulfilled scripture.. "When I was naked you clothed me, when I was hungry you fed me!" Thank you MBC.

Sincerely, Steps 2 Progress Learning Development Center

Community OUTREACH

Our Community Food Drive organized by High Schooler **Amanda Williams**, was held on Saturday, December 1, 2020. We served over 80 families who were happy to receive a bag of groceries for



Christmas. A special thank you to those who donated all the groceries and our volunteers who took the time to serve

and helped to make it a success.



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Christ

