

METRO CONNECT

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POINTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST, OUR LIVING HOPE.

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45 YEARS OF GOD FAITHFUL

This month we celebrate 45 years of God's faithfulness. In 1977 under the leadership of Dr. David A. Morgan, Metropolitan Baptist Church started a home fellowship where many could come together to worship God, hear the gospel and then go on mission to point people to Jesus. In the last four and a half decades, God has done some great things through the ministry of Metropolitan Baptist Church. Many have experienced radical transformation in their lives through the power of the gospel, leading to hundreds of people publicly declaring to the world that they have decided to follow Jesus. Today there is still a great need for the gospel in South Florida. In a place that's immensely diverse with different cultures and multiple generations, we get a chance to see great needs, but the greatest need that people have is for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As people who are a part of the family of God, we have been transformed and anchored in the truth of the gospel. We partner together in the gospel for the purpose of pointing people to Jesus. Through authentic worship we point our lives to Jesus, in this gospel centered community we point each other Jesus and as missional individual on mission we get the opportunity to point the world to Jesus. As partners in

the gospel we are free to stop living for own glory and start living for the glory of God for the next 45 years or however long God would allow us to live. May we not just come to a building to consume for 90 minutes once a week, but what would it look like if our gatherings would truly empower us to be mission individuals who would be carriers of faith, hope and love to the pain, brokenness and lostness of South Florida.

As we celebrate 45 years of God's goodness and grace, may we honor those who came before us by continuing the mission of finding people where they are and pointing them to Jesus who is our living hope; while ensuring that the vision lives on by investing our lives and the gospel to help others become fully devoted to follow Jesus. If we are going to impact our world, the score card can't be based on our preference or how well we perform, but on us trusting in Jesus as we live beyond ourselves in our homes, work places, church and communities. May we commit to pointing people to Jesus as we **Love God, Love People and Impact our World.** 

In Service to the Master,
Arthur Connor, Jr. | Lead Pastor
Metropolitan Baptist Church





College

By
**GROUND ZERO
SOPHOMORE**

**CHRIS-JAHMAAN
LYONS**

Life



As a second-semester Sophomore at Florida Atlantic University, I have embraced new experiences, I have new friends, new living situations, new activities, new classes and teachers. I have joined my community council (Atlantic Park Towers) and became Vice-President to be the voice for my community. I am also a part of the BSU organization which stands for Black Student Union. This organization focuses on the African American community on campus.

I am currently majoring in Biology aspiring to attend medical school to become a Surgeon . It will not be easy but with God by my side I know I can accomplish anything. In return I will just have to let the Word of God permeate through my friendships and my lessons. While these experiences are exciting this also challenges me academically, and I thank God for keeping me grounded in my faith to help me identify the routes in which I need to take to make me into the man that I should be.

College can be a hassle but I will try to make the most of my experience. You only get to have these college life years once. Jesus has called us to live life to the fullest and in his grace he has provided all the resources for me to walk with him. I know I will survive college, but not without my immediate family and the constant prayers and outreach from my Metropolitan Church Family. Thank you all and please keep us students in your prayers. We need it!! 



REDEFINING CULTURE THROUGH THE CHRISTIAN LENS

**MAY
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2022**

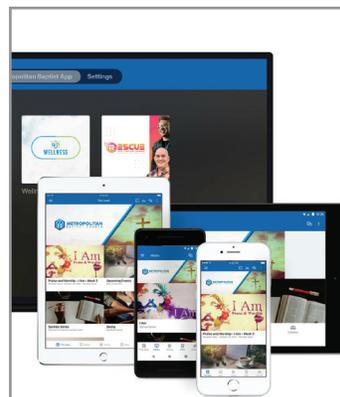
REGISTRATION
ENDS 5/19/22 **\$25**

AT THE DOOR **\$30**



FOOD AND DRINKS
WILL BE PROVIDED.

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BAPTISM Sunday

It was a great opportunity to witness God's hand and work in the lives of our youth group, **Ground Zero**. In the month of February we had the wonderful opportunity to baptize two of our youths, **Kyle** and **Ramaya**. From the moment they started their baptismal classes up to the moment it was time for them to be baptized, there was great anticipation and excitement.

Taking a slightly different approach this year, the experience and fellowship of sharing within this great moment was like no other. It's in these moments that we are always encouraged and empowered as a church, seeing God's grace radiating through the lives of our young people; committing their lives to Christ and being on mission for him and utilizing their talents and gifts to glorify him as they minister to others. 🏠

Submitted by **James Hanna** | Youth Pastor



Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit." – John 3:5



METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

DAVID MORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

**ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS
For High School
Graduates**

APRIL 1 - MAY 31, 2022



Since 1998, Metropolitan Baptist Church has been awarding the David Morgan Scholarship to high school graduates who wish to pursue higher education and are accepted into a college, university, or other institution of higher learning. During this past year, our annual fund-raiser was very successful. With the help of devoted members, our 5K Participants raised \$3,516.00. **We thank you!** We were able to award four (4) scholarships.

The (4) four deserving scholarship recipients were:

- 🏠 **ABIGAIL JONES**
- Sophomore at Florida Atlantic University
- 🏠 **CHRIS-JAHMAAN LYONS**
- Sophomore at Florida Atlantic University

🏠 **RICHEMAR LAGUERRE-GALLETT**

- Freshmen at Broward College

🏠 **ZANTHE JORDINE**

- Junior at Georgia University

We congratulate all our recipients! We thank all our 5K participants for helping us raise the funds. Our participants reached out to their family, friends, coworkers and neighbours and asked them for support. The donors put us in a position to bless four students and encourage them, and for this we are very thankful. The Scholarship Committee is once again helping students to seek the many scholarships which are available and to make good applications including the David Morgan Scholarship.

The David Morgan Scholarship application period is April 1st through May 31st. This year's annual 5K fund-raiser event will again be held in the spring. We are looking forward to your participation to make this a successful fund-raiser. Remember to invite all your friends and family to support you by making a donation on your behalf. Look out for details and please plan to participate. 🏠

Submitted by **Valda Adeyiga** | Chairperson
David Morgan Scholarship Committee

THE INCREDIBLE HULK

By
PRINCE
OMAR

I use to (and still do) enjoy reading comic books and one of the comic books I read alot was The Incredible Hulk. In case you don't know who the Hulk is, he's a superhero with sort of a split personality. After physicist Dr. Robert 'Bruce' Banner was caught in a blast of a gamma bomb he created, he was transformed into the Hulk, a raging unstoppable force. So, on one hand, you have the mild-mannered Bruce Banner, and when he was angered, he transformed into the Hulk.

When I was growing up, I had this theory that all Mothers have a little 'Hulk' in them...they all have this strange transformational metamorphosis that temporarily makes them a little crazy when 'ticked-off'. How else can you explain a situation like my mother who would whip my butt for something I did and then in the midst of my tears, would utter something like, "you betta hush up before I give you something to cry about." What? Oh...I guess the whip of that belt was not worth crying over! And then after all that, she would come and hug me later on, soothing me with words like, "you know I did that because I love you" or "that hurt me more than it hurt you." Oh really? If that's not a split personality, I don't know what is. I tell you; I got a lot of lovin' from Mommy growing up and it used to hurt! But from all my experiences with 'belt to butt' relationships, I have realized two things. Firstly, more often than not, whatever I was being punished for, I tried to not repeat that offense in order to avoid Mrs. Hulk and her faithful sidekick, Mr. Belt. Judging by my record, there must have been a whole lot of first-time offenses, but very rarely was I a repeat offender. Secondly, I really do believe that those 'belt to butt' encounters probably saved my life and definitely helped to shape it.

Love manifests itself in strange ways sometimes. Without question, I know that my Mommy loves me and was not trying to hurt me, but it's just hard to see all that when you have to go and get the very strap that will eventually pay your butt a visit. But what my Mother did growing up is no different from how God deals with His children. God says if we are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then we are illegitimate children and not true sons. It's a hard pill to swallow, but punishment and discipline are indeed manifestations of God's love for us. The comfort and assurance in that though, is that He does that not to hurt us, but because He wants us to share in His holiness. Thank you God for your love and the plan you have for my life. Thanks Mommy for your love, discipline and your way of keeping me out of trouble. And, oh by the way Mommy, Mr. Belt didn't get lost...I buried him in the back yard!

Inspired by: Hebrews 12:11 

Events UPCOMING

-  **ANNUAL KESWICK CONVENTION**
May 11 – 15 at Christway Baptist Church
-  **CORPORATE PRAYER**
May 14, June 11 & July 9 at 8:30a.m.
-  **COUNCIL MEETING**
May 15
-  **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**
May 21 at 10:00a.m.
-  **COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION**
May 21, June 4 & June 18 at 9:00a.m.
-  **MEMBER'S MEETING**
May 22
-  **NEXT STEPS CLASS**
May 29
-  **MEN'S MINISTRY SOCIAL**
June 11 at 6:00p.m.
-  **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
June 20 – 24 at 6:00p.m.
-  **YOUTH CAMP AT CAMP HORIZON**
August 3 – 6

Finance FLOW

1ST. QUARTER
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THREE (3) MONTHS
(Oct. 1, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2021)

Cash Inflow	\$ 115,992
Operating Expenses	\$ 102,149
Property Taxes	\$ 35,436
Difference (Excess Cash)	\$ -21,586

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