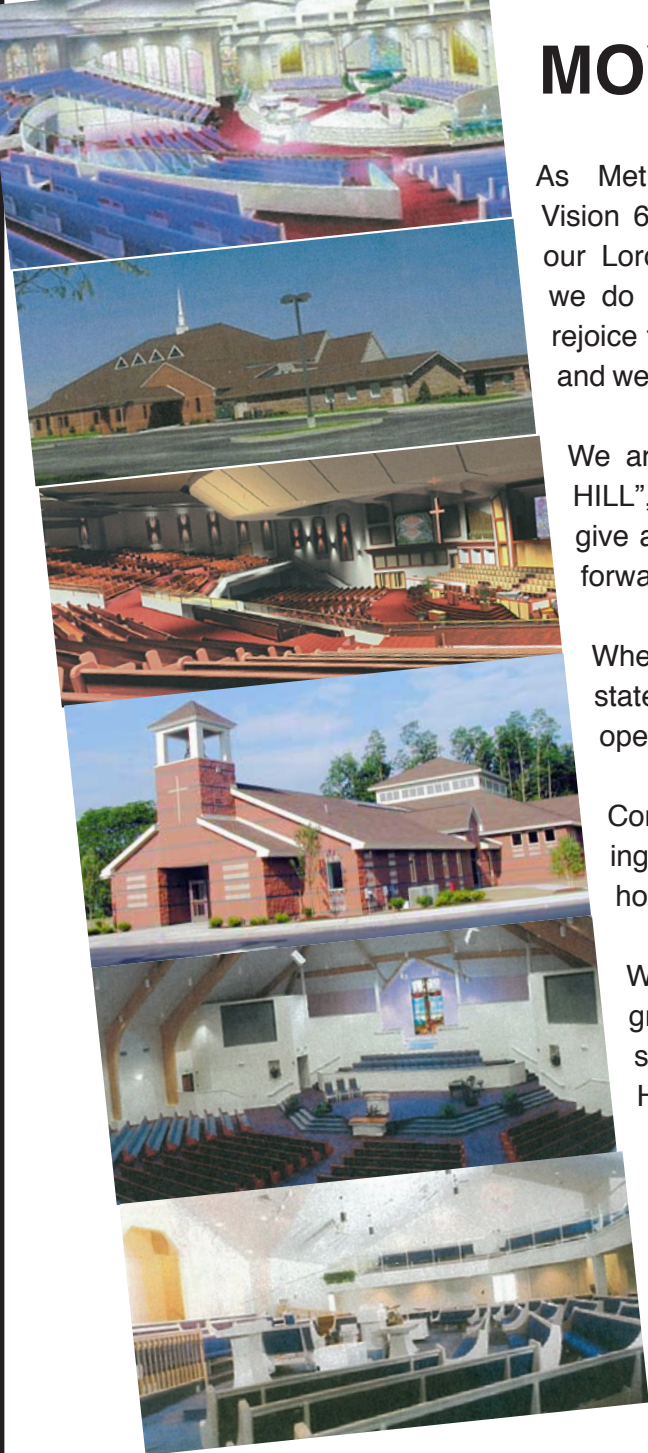


LIGHT ON THE HILL

A Newsletter of the Metropolitan New Testament Mission Baptist Church



MOVING TO THE NEXT DIMENSION

As Metropolitan moves forward with Vision 65 for the purpose of magnifying our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, we do so with a triumphant spirit. We rejoice to know that we are truly blessed and we are continuing to be shown favor.

We are launching "LIGHT ON THE HILL", a newsletter which will help us give and receive information as we go forward.

When we greet our visitors we state that our doors are always open and now we want to open up the windows of communication and information.

Communicating valuable information is very important as the expanding and building process goes forward. The newsletter will not only give out information but we hope to be able to use it as a vehicle to also receive and pass on information.

We plan to have regular featured articles, something for our varied congregation from the youth to our seasoned saints. We plan to feature the sub-committees formed for Vision 65. Not only will the "LIGHT ON THE HILL" be in print form but it will also be on the web for easy access.

As we launch the "LIGHT ON THE HILL" we ask your prayers that it will inform, enlighten and even encourage us as we move from Vision to Victory!

The song writer writes:

"There are some things that God has promised to the Saints

An inheritance to those who run and do not Faint

Stand in Authority, Walk in your Victory

Rejoice time is at hand, go in and Possess the Land

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Message from the Pastor

To the saints of New York in the City of Albany,
at the Metropolitan NTM Baptist Church:

Grace and peace be unto you.

As we embark upon another year of our faith journey to fulfill the vision that God has placed before us, we praise God for all He has allowed us to accomplish. Metropolitan, you have embraced the vision, you are sacrificing for the vision and it is deeply appreciated.

Vision 65 is designed to facilitate our mission by meeting the **Celebrative, Administrative, Recreational and Educational [C.A.R.E.]** needs of our growing and thriving congregation.

- Celebration:** A sanctuary where the presence of God can be experienced and the gospel can be preached.
- Administration:** Offices to help us serve and minister with effectiveness and excellence.
- Recreational:** A loving, lively and enjoyable environment where we can fellowship and build relationships with the body of Christ.
- Educational:** Facilities designed for Christian Education classes, Sunday School classes, Membership Orientation classes, Light Discipleship Institute classes and other training opportunities.

In order for our vision to be fulfilled, we need each and every member to be committed to:

- **Pray for the Vision** – The kind of mountain-moving faith required for us to see the vision through will only come by prayer and fasting.
Matthew 17:21
- **Promote the Vision** – Speak positively about the vision! We must have the spirit of Caleb who said in the face of negative reports, “Let us go up and possess the land for we are well able to overcome.”
Numbers 13:30
- **Participate financially in the Vision** – The level of our giving must be more than ever before. “We will not sacrifice to the Lord burnt offerings that cost us nothing.”
II Samuel 24:24

Our goal is to raise \$750,000 and we thank God for allowing us to climb to the milestone of over \$570,000 in contributions! We greatly salute the wonderful efforts and hard labor of Servant Leaders Donald C. Wallace and Rosalyn Wallace as they lead the charge in keeping structure and accountability within Vision 65. We also lift up the Vision 65 Steering Committee as we move forward in our planning stages with a focus on maintaining a spirit of excellence. Finally, we thank the entire Metropolitan NTM Baptist Church family and friends for catching the Vision and pushing us higher and higher, as we are “Walking by Faith: Moving from Vision to Victory!!!”

God’s peace and good journey!

Reverend Dr. Damone Paul Johnson
Senior Pastor

WALKING IN UNITY- MOVING TO THE NEXT DIMENSION

Vision 65 Subcommittees

STRETCHING TO SERVE

Communication/Newsletter – Periodic account both hard copy and electronically to highlight goal setting progress, milestones, and featured articles promoting Vision 65.

Fundraising – Solicit ideas, projects, and events that will support Vision 65 financially. These fundraising initiatives are earmarked for closing the gap not received from congregational contributions. Fundraisers will be strategically planned projects.

Marketing - Using effective forms of advertising which promotes Vision 65 along with reaching the masses.

Grant Writing – Seeking revenue for outreach ministries utilizing appropriate Federal, State, and City funding sources. Committee will research and organize potential partnership with community agencies.

Financials (Budget/Loan) – Oversees the selection of the correct financial institution(s) to best serve and manage project and church needs e.g. loan, mortgage, security, interest rates and terms.

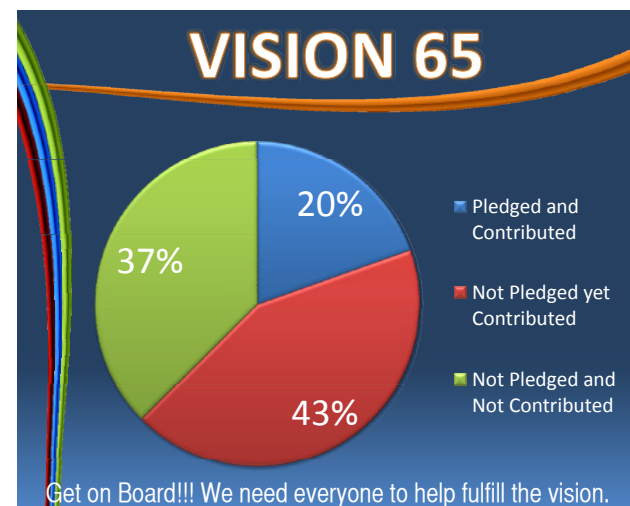
Transitional Support Prayer Group - Addresses the emotional state of the congregation associated with personal experiences attached to the sanctuary.

Zoning and Codes – Dealing with compliance of established codes and zoning laws set forth by the city and/or state.

Facilities Management – Translate drawings/ renderings and needs assessment to a fully functional working building and surroundings which comply with what has been ordered.

Beautification/Soft Purchases – Enhancement of ministry directed offices, church grounds, image ministry and other beautification needs.

Where do you fit in?



Message from Vision 65 Servant Leaders

Communication through CARE

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4

As we embark on this massive journey walking by faith moving from Vision to Victory we will do all that we can to keep the lines of communication open to the congregation.

Communication seems to be a key in the successful launch of a major life changing project. Our research in the planning and building of a church facility includes: visits, reading books, accessing the internet, and most importantly speaking to individuals or committees that have gone through the process.

Let us communicate the purpose for Vision 65 which is to share the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Love, Help, Hope, Guidance, Healing and Encouragement. We strive to meet the **C**elebrative, **A**dministrative, **R**ecreational and **E**ducational needs of the congregation and community through **CARE**.

The purpose is to:

1. Exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through *worship*
2. Equip the saints to serve with a *spirit of excellence*
3. Encourage one another through *fellowship*
4. Explain God's word through *preaching and teaching*

Our church covenant requires us to strive for the advancement of the Church in knowledge, holiness and comfort which VISION 65 is designed to do. Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes time. Vision with action can change the world.

Serving you with the love of Jesus,

Bro. Donald Wallace and
Sis. Rosalyn Wallace
Servant Leaders

Metro Vision

Meet a member of the congregation, Deacon Isaac Cancer



Name: Isaac Cancer

Occupation: Security Supervisor/ Albany City School District

Family/Background: Proud Father of 1- Elijah Cancer, Proud Grandfather of 3

Favorite Food: Mississippi Catfish

Last Book Read: Shoulder To Shoulder: Strengthening your Church by supporting your Pastor by Dan Reiland

Religious Background: Baptist/ Member of Metropolitan NTM Baptist Church.

Favorite Scripture: Psalms 23

Metropolitan Questions

How long have you attended Metro? 17 years

What ministries are you involved in at Metro? Deacons Ministry, Security Ministry and Pastor's Aide (Pastor's Armourbearer).

What do you like about Metropolitan? The teaching of God's Word to God's people and the love shown to everyone from the Metro Church family. I also love how Pastor and Lady Johnson don't just talk the talk, they also walk the walk.

What is your outlook involving Vision 65? To see God's work done through Metropolitan and to assist anyone wanting to increase or develop a relationship with the Lord.

Is there an area of Metro life that you would like to know more about? I would be interested in learning more about the Christian Education aspect & how we best can utilize that education towards our service.

Transitional Support

I Corinthians 3:11-13 - For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.

I Corinthians 15:58 - Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (NIV)

CHURCH MISSION

To be the "Light on the Hill" sharing the message of our Lord Jesus Christ so that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

The Metropolitan Church Family is first and foremost about doing the work of God and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. Since our inception in 1943 we have stayed focused on doing the will of God. We have been blessed with excellent Pastoral Leadership, from our Founder Reverend John B. Holmes to our current Pastor, Reverend Damone Paul Johnson. Reverend Johnson is a dynamic and anointed teacher and preacher of the gospel. His magnetic style has enabled the church to grow exponentially since he took the reigns in early 2003. He is a strong believer in the power of prayer and has taken on a motto of: "Moving from Membership to Discipleship on Our Knees".

We are consistently challenged spiritually to be a blessing to others in our community and to encourage them to join in the love of Jesus Christ. Through our various ministries, including, but not limited to our missionary auxiliaries, various choirs, youth department, workshops and events throughout the year that target more specific needs of Christians in a modern, ever changing world. A few of our annual events include: Thanksgiving Baskets, Toys for less fortunate children at Christmas, Community Days where we provide school supplies, clothing donations to families, voter registration assistance and an all around fun-filled day for the surrounding neighborhood residents.

David and Goliath Bible Quiz

- 1) Who was David's dad?
 - A. Saul
 - B. Samuel
 - C. Jesse
 - D. Abimadab
- 2) Who was Goliath with that went to make war with Israel?
 - A. Philistines
 - B. Jebusites
 - C. Egyptians
 - D. Hivites
- 3) About how tall was Goliath?
 - A. 10 feet
 - B. 13 feet
 - C. 15 feet
 - D. 20 feet
- 4) How many days did Goliath challenge Israel to send a man to fight him?
 - A. 2 days
 - B. 13 days
 - C. 40 days
 - D. 75 days
- 5) In what book of the Bible is the story of David and Goliath?
 - A. I Kings
 - B. I Chronicles
 - C. I Samuel
 - D. Ezra
- 6) Which one of these did David not take into battle?
 - A. helmet
 - B. staff
 - C. five smooth stones
 - D. shepherd's bag
- 7) The armies that went to make war with Israel gathered together at Shochoh. Who did that land belong to?
 - A. Judah
 - B. Simeon
 - C. Levi
 - D. Reuben
- 8) David was a _____.
 - A. farmer
 - B. man of war
 - C. shepherd
 - D. none of the above
- 9) What did David use to kill Goliath?
 - A. sword
 - B. spear
 - C. gun
 - D. stone
- 10) Where did David fatally wound Goliath?
 - A. forehead
 - B. chest
 - C. arm
 - D. leg

Answers in next edition

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All funds will support Vision 65

Bible Word Search

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God - Jesus - Christ - Jacob - Isaac - Abraham - Moses - Adam - Eve - David - Samson - Solomon - Job - Jonah - Joel