

**EXPLORE**

*Join us for Bible Study  
on Wednesdays at noon and 6:30pm.*

*Youth Bible Study also takes place at 6:30pm.*

*The name of Sunday School has been changed officially to "Church School." Make Church School a part of your personal growth for all ages on Sunday at 930a—1020a*

**Remember our sick, those shut in or bereaved and those in need of prayer with a card or call! Make it your personal ministry to let them know you care!**

**If you become ill, let us know immediately or have a friend or relative notify the church.**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Worship Service** | Online at 10:45am  
**Bible Study / Youth Bible Study** | Every Wednesday at noon and 6:30pm - watch online

**Please go to the YouTube page. Pastor Edner airs a weekly Wow Wednesday information and inspiration each week... please watch... subscribe and share**

Church Ministry Fair-TBA  
 WM-Ministry Outreach @ Children's Home -TBD

**February 4, 11, 18, and 25** "Black History Observance"

**February 11**-Senior Valentine Reception/  
 Super Bowl Sunday

**March 10**-Church Anniversary

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**Our Mission**

*Carter Metropolitan is a Holy Spirit empowered body of disciples called to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to provide ministry to all.*

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**Rev. Johnnie Brinson**  
 Clergy-in-Residence


**Rev. Steven Davis**    Clergy  
 -in-Residence

**Rev. Dr. Valencia E. Edner**  
 Pastor of Carter Metropolitan

**Rev. Dr. Drexel N. Mitchell, Sr.**  
 Presiding Elder of the  
 Fort Worth District

**Sen. Bishop Lawrence L. Reddick,**  
 Presiding Prelate of  
 Eighth Episcopal District of  
 The CME Church

**Carter's Voice**  
**October, November, December 2023**



Greetings to the Carter Metro faith community and Happy New Year,

As we begin another year, and as God has blessed us, I give thanks to God for the love, prayers and perseverance of each of you who continue to serve, pray, give and exemplify your commitment and devotion to God and to Carter. It is my prayer that despite the obstacles in our lives that this ministry will SOAR in 2024 to greater heights and new levels of ministering to Gods people as we love God, others and ourselves with bold resolve!

Please know that I continue to pray for each of you and your families, and especially for those who are experiencing grief and the loss of loved ones. Prayers are lifted constantly for those experiencing illness and who are, praise God, recovering! God is a healer! We praise God in advance for restoration! There is a balm in Gilead!

Thank you for your tithes and offerings, and for those who have already contributed to conference assessment. We still need for each person to give their best gift so that we can complete our goal! We are over ¾ of the way there. Please help us finish well this month. I am believing that God will touch hearts to give generously!!! We can do this ...with your help!!!

2022 Disciplines will arrive this week, and thank you to those who pre-ordered. All officers and ministry leaders are expected to have a discipline. All are invited to purchase one at \$35 dollars. Please see Sis. Andrea Reed.

Thank you to each ministry that submitted a Ministry Action Plan, who are already implementing that plan. I challenge those whose plan only outline what you have always done, to revisit and seek to press beyond the comfort of routineness and consider what ways your ministry can" do a new thing" and embrace next!.

We invite all new members to attend new members training even as you seek God for what area of ministry you are led to work with. We pray that you will feel free to use every gift and skill God has blessed you with to the work of this ministry... We need you!

We are excited to announce that Carter Metro has received the Reimagining Children's Worship from the CME church. Stay tuned for the details as training is scheduled for February. We are hoping to be recipients of other grants that are pending, as we seek to do the will of God and to impact the community

As I have said previously, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve God and this body of believers. I am excited about all that God has done, is doing and will do as we live out the mission and the bold vision for this present age! We are growing in number, in grace, and in the knowledge of the Lord! Keep fighting the good fight of faith!! God is up to something!

We are Carter Metro! A living Faith Community: Boldly Loving God, others and ourselves! Ministry that Soars in 2024!! #boldlylivingboldlyloving ....and it does not yet appear what shall be! 1 John 3:2a

Blessings and Love,  
 Dr. Vee

# CARTER METROPOLITAN AT THE EMPOWERMENT BANQUET HELD IN TYLER, TEXAS



Members of Carter Metropolitan attended the 3rd Annual CME Empowerment Banquet in Tyler, Texas.



## CARTER METRO STEWARDESS BOARD



The Stewardess Board of Carter Metropolitan on October 28 took a day of leisure starting with an awesome breakfast that led into lunch with laughs, giggles, and super fun.

As a Stewardess there is never play without work; so of course, all business items were finalized.

After brunch ended, a few Stewardesses traveled to Jubilee Theatre to support our Super Star, Preston Busby. He did an outstanding performance. Such a great ending to a beautiful day.

# Happy October, November, December Birthdays

## October Birthdays

Nicholas Gist	1
Maricia Johns	2
Dietra Williams	2
Chance Richards	4
Shanice Wheless	4
Joyce Crowder	4
Broderick Umblance	7
Rev. Elsie Manning	7
Barry E. Haynes	10
Zenna Smith	13
Trinity Foy	20
Lyric Kelley	21
Curtis Roberson	22
April Kelley	23
Patricia Umblance	23
Frankie Williams	23
Brandon R. Carter	27
Rayna Johnson	27
Alexis Howard	31
Kerry Warren	31

## November Birthdays

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Wheless	6
Gregory Smith	6
Derek Amos	6
Gabretta Guerin	7
Alexis Jackson	8
Stanley Johnson	8
Theophlous Sims, Jr	8
Cossetta Williams	9
Carlynnne Alfred	9
Linda Green	11
Ronald Thomas	12
Cornelius Heath	13
Eric Gee	13
Faith McDonald	13
Jaela Greer	15
Linda Ford	22
Elder Drexel N. Mitchell	22
Roosevelt Gee	25
Geneva Lee	26
Carter Curtis, Jr.	27
Alice Searcy	27
Aaron LaBruce	29
Rosetta Curtis	30

## December Birthdays

Patrick Harris	3
Linda Cortez	3
Edna Williams	3
Curtis Jackson	4
Donald Freeman	5
Michael Pope	5
Courtney Busby	9
Marcia Warren	10
Patsy Hobbs	11
Clarice Reeves	11
Paul Bowers	12
Caleb Heath	14
Kenneth Rose	14
Patrick Rose	16
Verdella Crowder	17
Jeff Clark	21
Dorothy Newton	24
Calvin Epps	26
Danny Warren	27
Jordon Wiley	29
DoAnna Bates	29
Arther Curry	30

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!

## SALUTING OUR GRADUATES



Evangelism on the Move

*Our commission for Evangelism outreach is "EACH ONE REACH ONE"*



*Carter Metropolitan CME Church  
Evangelist  
"2023"*

We are featuring our **Prayer Warrior Leader** this month, the one and only **Emma Johnson**. She's loving, trusting, hardworking, prayerful, and one who makes a positive impact in our congregation. She's our top recruiter for this month. She recruited three new prayer warriors for evangelism.

We welcome: Lillian Harvey, Delores Berliner, and Mary McBride.

Our current prayer warriors: Dr. Valencia Edner, Emma Freeman, Rita Jackson, and Karen Mathis.

We appreciate all our field workers who are committed to face-to-face witnessing. We thank

Rhonda Greer, Hattie Smith, Diane Rhodes, Margarita McDonald, and Shirley Ross for all your bravery. A special thanks to our Spanish Teacher Margarita McDonald for preparing us to witness in Spanish. "We're getting there." Thank you, Shondra Twine, for stepping in as a lay to assist evangelism when needed. "We appreciate you." We encourage all lay members to become actively engaged in personal evangelism. We stay connected in the community, and through social media with one another.

We all want goodwill working together to share a path of a common goal and passion. We see one another where we can be and not where we are. As we continue to share God's word, please pray for the evangelism team.

**"WE EXPECT GOOD THINGS TO HAPPEN"**

Evangelism Coordinator  
Elizabeth Miles

## Young Adult Sock Drive



The Young Adult Ministry of Carter Metropolitan joined in the spirit of giving during the Christmas holidays by collecting socks for those living on the streets. The drive ends next Sunday, Jan 14th as they lead in our Greek/HBCU/ MLK Sunday Observance. Our Young Adults have been working with the Missionaries, Food Ministry and Evangelism showing their love for Jesus Christ, the community, and the members of Carter. Ms. Courtney Busby is the Young Adult Fellowship President



## Carter Metropolitan Food Giveaway Holiday 2023



The Carter Food Outreach Ministry thanks the Carter Metropolitan Family, all donors and volunteers who helped feed 800 families this year. The last food giveaway of the year will be this Thursday, December 21, 2023. A thank you luncheon was provided after the food giveaway on Saturday, December 16, 2023. A short program and certificates were provided during the luncheon. We hope to continue feeding the community and all others in the coming New Year. God's blessings on all this Christmas season.



### Missionaries Impact in Action

Each year, the Thanksgiving Basket giveaway has been a longstanding tradition at Carter Metropolitan C.M.E. Church, Fort Worth, TX. On, ? November ?, 2023, the Missionary Society, led by President, Sis. Thelma Roberson provided over eighty local families with a turkey and all of the trimmings for Thanksgiving dinner. This was made possible because of generous donations of volunteers and supporters who gave of their time and resources so that those facing hunger in our community, know the love of Christ this holiday season.



# SISTERHOOD OF Missionary - Stewardess - Women's Ministry



The Missionary, Stewardess and Women Ministries had their Annual Fellowship at Patsy Rose home on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Games, prizes, and food prepared by our distinguished Chef Patsy Rose.

As we have adopted each year to always remain true to our Ministries, this year we chose as our community service project was to assist the Young Adults with their "Sock Drive." The endeavor went extraordinary contributing #324 pairs. Fellowshiping with one another was incredible and we are eager to see what is in store for 2024.



# BLUE CHRISTMAS

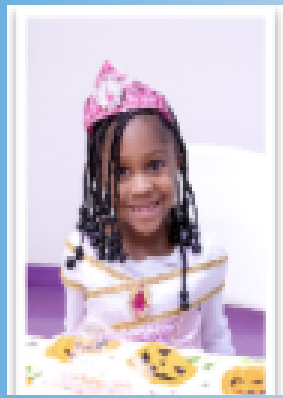


# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CHILDREN & TREAT-N-TRUNK



October 29th was a busy day at Carter, during the Sunday Church School Hour our children demonstrated their knowledge of the Books of the Bible, the Missionary Society did morning worship and after service the Board of Christian Education and the Youth Department enjoyed the Annual Treat N Trunk Activity in the fellowship hall.





# Seniors celebrate Christmas



# Christmas Door Decoration Competition 2023



On December 13th, Community Uplift Services (Darlene Rhodes-Chester) held their annual holiday event for local Grandparents and Seniors. The event was co-sponsored this year by Monlina Health Care and Senior Assist. The event aims to provide socialization and resource connection to the older population and prevent social isolation and loneliness. The group meets via Zoom every 2nd Tuesday of the month for fun, resources, and social networking. To join us, please contact Sis. Darlene Rhodes-Chester @ 817-500-1121.

From the Desk of Darlene Rhodes-Chester  
Visit our website: [communityupliftservices.com](http://communityupliftservices.com)



Carter Metropolitan Church School participated in this year's "First Annual Church School Door Decorating Contest."

The Church School classes decorated their classroom doors for a festive, fun competition. We loved seeing everyone get in the Christmas spirit. On Christmas Eve, the doors were judged by Elder Drexel Mitchell, Sr. The criteria used to judge the doors were based on appearance, creativity, and coordination.

The participants included the Youth class, the Men's class, and the Friends class. The Youth class, led by Brother Tony Williams, won best overall (1<sup>st</sup> place) and received a \$50.00 Chili's restaurant gift card for the class to enjoy some food and fellowship together. Second place winner was Children's class and third place winner was a tie between the Friends class and the New Members class.

Which one was your favorite? Looks like this will be a new Christmas tradition at Carter.

Thanks to all of the classes that participated in just another way to fellowship with each other.

Thank you to Elder Drexel N. Mitchell for judging the doors.

CARTER'S YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS



The Youth and Young Adults of Carter Metropolitan celebrated Christmas by performing a skit entitled "The Twelve Symbols of Christmas" and children's department did recitations.

**SKIT – The 12 Symbols of Christmas**

The Cast  
( Children, Youth & Young Adult Ministries)

Narrators:  
MacKenzie Sinclair  
Mikeal Arthur  
Emmanuel Brinson  
Malichi Berliner  
Courtney Busby -  
Young Adult Leader

Youth :

Jaida Roggins  
Isabelle Guidry  
Carlyne Alford  
Cara Alford  
Lennyah Williams  
Lyric Kelly – Dance –  
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Recitations (Children's Ministry)**

Jerome Price III  
DeKorian Copeland  
Layla Johnson  
Zadyn Moore  
Joella Gibson  
Tymar Swift-Carter  
Demariana Swift-Carter  
Demar Swift-Carter

