

FIRST METROPOLITAN CHURCH

Ministries/Community Life Groups

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Welcome

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

It means so much to us that you have taken the time out of your lives to come to worship with us. We really appreciate you being here and joining us!

We hope you enjoy our services and will join us again in the near future. This booklet provides you with all the ministries and group we have at First Met. Feel free to join in and connect with us as our guest.

On the back of this booklet you can find more information about our church.

We look forward to seeing you again!

FIRST MET MISSION

The mission of First Metropolitan Church is to be a: Dynamic congregation that Declares God's Word to our community and beyond that Draws people to Christ; that leads people to Develop a godly lifestyle; and, that seeks to Demonstrate God's love through service.

Core Values

We value the Word of God! We aggressively pursue Christian education and promote individual study of God's Word. We give ourselves fully to the principles, precepts and promises revealed through God's written Word, the Bible.

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FMC MINISTRIES

ARMOR BEARERS The armor-bearers are carefully selected to serve in a wide array of tasks to support the pastors in duties needed to further the ministry of First Met. Position by appointment only. **Michael & Linda Ford**

BUILDING & GROUNDS The Building & Grounds ministry oversees all activities associated with the operation, maintenance, safety, and security of all buildings, grounds, furnishings, and equipment owned by the church. Routine maintenance of landscaping around the church buildings is overseen by this ministry to provide a safe and sanitary environment for our staff, members, and guests. Upkeep of the grounds by: weeding, lawn mowing (on a rotating basis in summer months), shrub trimming, sweeping driveway, trash removal etc.

CONSTRUCTION Construction management provides a project's owner(s) with effective management of the project's schedule, cost, quality, safety, scope, and function. To mobilize volunteers to use their skills, talents, and time in response to construction projects that will further God's kingdom. **John Ogletree, Evelyn Ogletree, Johnny Ogletree, Perla Lane, Chris Butler, Kevin Fields, Vincent Daniel, Daniel Johnson**

CULINARY The Kitchen / Culinary Ministry supports the local church events by providing, preparing, and serving nutritious meals or refreshments while promoting a warm environment of hospitality and fellowship. Providing food for the church community can sometimes be a daunting task, but we are always encouraged and inspired by the words of Scripture that impel us to serve: Matt. 10:45 says: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but, but to serve." **Natisha Fowler**

CWF The purpose of the Christian Women's Fellowship is to foster spiritual growth among women. It is responsible for identifying and addressing issues that confront and challenge Christian women in today's society. For more growth opportunities, please review our CWF outreach activities. **Cheryl Foley & Tina Whitaker**

DEACON AND DEACONESS Their responsibility is to care for the needs of others through their assigned family groups. Care includes wellness checks, comfort during the loss of loved ones, and helping members stay connected with First Met. This ministry is by appointment only. **Jeff and Deborah Gant**

DREAM TEAM ROOM Host our Dream Team members in the DT room by providing food & encouragement during services & special events. On the Sundays members are serving they can refresh with a little food a place to relax. **Bea Grant**

ECHO ministry reaches unchurched individuals who want to hear God's message and to keep First Met Members informed of the upcoming events in the life of our church through social media. **Mike Walker**

EVANGELISM This Ministry seeks to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through creative and ex-citing outreaches with a spirit of compassion and excellence. This will be done by incorporating special worship services, musicals, plays, in-home visitations, street witnessing, apartment ministry, and others. **Ostrova McGary**

FIRST MEN We are a band of men devoted to connecting men to a commitment to God and each other, to excellence, leadership, visibility, and to tangible accomplishment through relevant ministry. This will be accomplished through modeling, mentoring, ministering, maturing, and mastering. **Chris Butler**

GET-IN-THE-GAME Take the next step in serving at First Met by joining the Dream Team. Get-In-the-Game is our ministry fair to share where you can serve and give you time to sign up! **Kimberly Washington**

GREETERS The Greeter ministry exists to serve others, setting a welcoming, inviting atmosphere throughout our time on campus. We reflect the joy of the Holy Spirit and freely serve joy to others around us. We are prayed up so we can make the worship experience of others spirit-filled and powerful. **Patricia Tatum**

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LEADERSHIP ACADEMY We are committed to providing First Met Leaders with the training they need to lead and guide God's people into a consistent and concise understanding and application of Doctrine at First Metropolitan Church. The goal of the Doctrine's teaching is to equip the leaders of First Met with the biblical truths of church doctrine, so they can consistently lead their ministries, teach, train, and lead others. **Debra Jones**

LEGACY MINISTRY Our team knows strategies and approaches that can help you prepare for and reduce the impact of illness, accident, forced retirement, layoff, death, etc. forces on your life. A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for [the hands of] the righteous (Proverbs 13.22).

LIGHTHOUSE COUNSELING LCC offers a ministry of service to and for individuals and families that provides help, hope, and healing to their total well-being. Its primary focus is to lead them to become fully developing followers of Christ through biblically-based counseling. Our purpose is to make a noticeable difference in the hearts and lives of people by helping them to recognize, understand and solve their problems in accordance with the will of God and to help them to grow spiritually. **Quincy 'Skip' & Brenda Harvey**

MARKET PLACE MINISTRY The Market Ministry is committed to equipping entrepreneurs with planning skills and biblical principles that will ethically enrich their businesses. This ministry is designed to promote business and the exchange of goods and services between other Christian professionals and church congregants. This ministry also produces the church business directory and sponsors various business mixers, lunches, and workshops throughout the year. **Christine King**

MEDIA MARKETING & TECHNOLOGY Technical branch of our ministry. These men and women are committed to making sure that all technical aspects of our worship service are of the best quality. These men and women serve in different capacities: Screen Support (Main Operating Screen in Sanctuary), Online Stream, Camera Operators, etc. **Johnny Ogletree**

MISSIONS (INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST) The International Ambassadors for Christ ministry mission is to spread the goodness of Jesus Christ in nations outside of the United States and to encourage the First Met body to be moved to action by Praying, Giving, and/or Going out into the international mission fields. Focus is on International Missions, being conscious to provide opportunities that allow non-traveling members to participate and engage. **Lynette Francois**

NEW MEMBERS The New Members Ministry welcomes new members to FMC by encouraging a growing/maturing relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ through (1) Establishing a relationship with Jesus Christ; (2) Identifying and developing spiritual gifts; (3) Applying Biblical instruction for daily living; (4) Charting a path toward spiritual growth. **Darlene Davenport**

PARKING LOT This ministry directs traffic in the parking lot during Sunday services, ensures the proper use of handicapped parking, allocates space near the sanctuary for visitors, and promotes safety in the parking lot.

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PERFORMING ARTS MINISTRY Performing Arts Ministry is a ministry where we use our God-given gifts and talents to minister in creative expression. The areas are Choir, musical instruments, dance, and drama. These arts are used during church services, on the streets, and at various events and occasions.

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- **FLAGS of Fire DANCE**

Dancers provide animated expression through dance or creative movement to enhance the message in a musical or an orated piece thereby elevating the worship atmosphere. **Andrea McMillian**

- **MUSIC**

Music Ministry serves the purposes of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through song, encouraging believers in their walk with Christ, leading the congregation in worship, and providing an avenue through which individuals may share their gift and be an integral part of the worship experience. The Music Ministry spreads the Word of God through musical expressions. **Ruth Goolsby/ Bridgjetta Jackson-Taylor/ Darius Kendrick**

RCDC RCDC offers integrated services products and programs that develop and/or enhance the economical, educational, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual conditions of Family members in the Northwest and Greater Houston community. **Evelyn 'Lady O' Ogletree**

SECURITY TEAM A congregational gathering is a vulnerable place. * We need to be better prepared for emergencies. * Should something tragic happen, a Safety and Security Team can guide you through the chaos. **Herbert Raftie**

SHEKINAH GLORY PRAYER MINISTRY The Prayer Ministry engages the church in organized prayer for individual and congregational needs and builds awareness of what the scripture teaches about communication with God. To make connections in love while building relationships through fellowship as we focus and grow stronger in our prayer lives. **Annette Burnam**

SOUND TEAM Set up the stage for musicians (or with musicians depending on your church situation). * Perform proper line check. * Perform proper soundcheck; includes gain settings, monitor mixes, proper volume settings, and the eq/mixing process. * Checks with worship leader and pastor for schedule and any schedule changes. **Billy Calhoun Jr.**

STEWARDSHIP Promotes the principle that Christian stewardship is "the free and joyous activity" of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purpose. **Frank McCammon**

TWO BECOMING ONE FMC Marriage Ministry is designed to enrich the lives of couples and those engaged to be married. This ministry host workshops, retreats, conferences, and seminars designed to equip and enrich the lives of families. **Maurice & Michelle Sanders**

VINEYARD BOOKSTORE We are a team that provides biblical & historical information to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Nikita Edmondson**

VIP HOSTESS TEAM It is vitally important that our guests are taken care of with excellence. Guest Services encourages guests to seek the Lord in every area of their lives. We are here to lend a listening ear and give words of encouragement with prayer when requested. Our desire is to make the overall worship experience at First Met, pleasant as they experience the anointing.

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WAFJ WAFJ is our annual Women's Conference that provides biblically sound, trustworthy, and fun events for women of all ages. We offer inspiration, motivation, networking, personal & professional development, and community service. We also offer a variety of experiences that include training, prayer, worship, and—most importantly—Bible teaching. **Evelyn 'Lady O' Ogletree**

WEBSITE & APP The website and App team are dedicated persons responsible for overseeing the planning, organization, creation, and publishing of all highly organized, detail-oriented work for the Website and App.

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS Worship Attendants assist in the orderly flow of the worship, attending to both the needs of the worshipers as well as the need to maintain a spiritual reverence for the worship service. **Noland McMillian & Clifford Washington**

YOU BELONG FOOD PANTRY The Food Pantry is responsible for distributing food to the families in the Northwest community. Team duties include registration, distribution, and loading and unloading food. **Jerome McGowan**

YOU BELONG THRIFT STORE You Belong Thrift Store offers everything from clothes to shoes; small household appliances to home décor to linens. Our location has 8 square feet of showroom space. So, whatever you're shopping for, you are bound to find it somewhere, sometime, in our store! **Carmen Washington**

YOUNG ADULT (ROOTED) This Young adult ministry is led by the Holy Spirit, seeks to provide spiritual nourishment, inspiration, and guidance to adults ages 25 to 40. The ministry, which includes those that are single, married, widowed, divorced, and with or without children, encourages proper spiritual and moral principles to empower Christians to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. **Johnny & Quinita Ogletree**

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CHOIR - TEEN The Teen Choir is open to students, grades 6th-12th, who have a desire to pursue music in a church setting. No experience is necessary to be a member of this group! We will be singing throughout the year in the worship services as well as participating in special holiday services. Our goal with the Teen Choir is to take the passion they already have for music and cultivate it by showing the students how different styles can be used within the church. 7th – 12th grade

CHOIR - YOUTH The Children's Choir program at First Met offers children opportunities to lead worship through music. Choir members learn a wide variety of music of the church, they grow in faith, and they develop vocal and musical skills to open up a lifetime of joyful music-making. Through choir, children connect with one another, with their faith, and with their community. 3 yr old – 6th grade **Lucy Solomon**

COLLEGE/CAREER (PLUGGED) The college ministry is specifically designed to meet the unique needs of college-aged young adults (18-25). We do this through a wide variety of experiences that help college-age students nurture a relationship with Christ in a loving community as they navigate the challenges of this life stage. **Jeanine Wilson**

GIRL SCOUTS Girl Scouts discover their strengths, passions, and talents. They also learn to overcome obstacles and how to make good life choices. Our sole purpose is to provide a platform for our girls to change the world through positive experiences. Our troops and are open to ANY girls in the surrounding area. **Linda Burnett, Sylvia Jimmerson & Danyell Schulze**

GOD'S LITTLE DAUGHTERS The group is focused on imparting wisdom and transforming the lives of females ages 7 to 12. God's Little Daughters mentors build lasting, trusting relationships and provide girls with the skills and knowledge to be confident as God's daughters. **Jackie Dugas**

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ONE22 One Twenty-Two is the Teen Fulfillment Hour class that is generated from an online study called Student Life Ministries. The lessons aid students in applying God's Word to everyday life situations. **Jordan & Michelle Ogletree**

SAVE OUR SONS The group is focused on imparting wisdom and transforming the lives of males in 3rd - 6th grade. **Darrell Franklin**

SOLID GROUND Solid Ground is available for any parents with small children (infants to 3 years old). We believe that the worship experience is vitally important therefore our staff is on hand to assist parents with their children so that they are free to be impacted by the worship experience. Nursery is available at all of our Worship Services. **Gloria Robinson**

SOLID ROCK Solid Rock (The Training Den) is a place of unforgettable FUN and life-changing experiences! Our youth will be FREE to WORSHIP God in an atmosphere created just for them. They develop a personal relationship with God, build lifelong friendships, discover their purpose, and become disciples of Jesus Christ. Ages 3 yrs – 6th grade. **Sandra Downs**

COMMUNITY LIFE GROUPS

Additional information about COMMUNITY LIFE GROUPS can be found at <https://myfirstmet.com/lifegroups/>

A CLOSER WALK Effectively apply the Word of God in all areas of our lives to result in changing our lives and the lives of others in the furtherance of the Gospel. **Deborah Reevey - Sunday - 9:30 AM - RM 203B**

COVENANT KEEPERS Whether you're newly married, have been with your spouse for a number of years, or are engaged, our Couples' Group reinforces the covenant of marriage. **Fred Burnett - Sunday 9:30 AM - RM 206 & ZOOM**

DOORKEEPERS FOR EXCELLENCE Join the ushers and greeters of First Met as we explore ways to create a more hospitable environment and with an in-depth study of God's word. We share the one way we can dwell with God now and forever is through his Son, Jesus Christ. **Noland McMillian - Sunday 9:30 AM - RM New Members**

EDUCATORS Small group to offer educators help through some of the challenges they face. This group offers an environment for teachers to connect, fellowship, and study the Word of God. **Flaire Clark – 1st Saturday – 12:00 PM—ZOOM**

K.G.P. – KNOWING GOD'S PURPOSE To Know God's Purpose is to better know God. Truly knowing God involves our commitment to obey what we read in the Scriptures. K.G.P. looks to experience knowing Him intimately and personally to better understand His Purpose for our lives. **Jeff & Deborah Gant – Thursday Bi-Weekly 7:30 PM – ZOOM**

MALACHI We are a diverse group of both married and single adults age 45 and older studying the Word of God and supporting each other during our Christian journey. **Ostrova McGary - Sunday 11:15 AM - RM 202**

MAN CAVE A safe environment for men to meet and discuss all of life's challenges while helping each other to grow in God's love and grace. Discuss how to become "Real Men of God". **Chris Butler - Sundays 9:30 - ZOOM**

MATURE ADULTS To identify and exemplify the traits that are pleasing to God and put our lives in His hands because we belong to Him. **Annie Freeman & Skip Harvey - Thursday 1:30 PM—ZOOM**

MEN OF LIGHT Christ-centered and Bible-based educationally sound teaching, promoting family and church values. **Terry Johnson - Sunday 9:30 AM - RM 203A**

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MOMMY AND ME Young Mom's Group provides a judgment-free space for pregnant and parenting young mothers to share ideas, build positive peer relationships, teach each other, ask for support and make it known that parenting is a learning process for everyone. Mothers with children under 5. **Victoria Jones, Felicia Robertson** – **Sunday 9:15 AM—ZOOM**

N.A.K.E.D. No longer Ashamed seeking Knowledge & Expecting Deliverance - Designed as a place of refuge, freedom, and release. Also, thought-provoking, fulfilling, and fun, to become NAKED for the purpose of cleansing and intimacy with God while maintaining confidentiality for each other. What this adds up to is no more lies, no more pretense. **Alice Baker** - **Sunday 9:30 AM - RM 207 & ZOOM**

ReGENERATION consists of Music Ministry members who celebrate life's victories, get prayer support, be encouraged in tough times, and keep ourselves accountable in our personal growth. **Kenneth & Taneshu Collier** - **Sunday 9:30 AM - WC**

THE CUP This is a group for young adults seeking to deepen their walk with God through prayer, fellowship, and study. We study a range of topics that meet the needs of the young adult population at First Met Church. **Johnny Ogletree** - **Saturday 2:00 PM—Google Meet**

TRUTH SEEKERS To gain a deeper understanding of God's Word and its application to our lives and to strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ. **Louis Robinson, Sr.** - **Sunday 2:00 PM - ZOOM**

THE WELL-WATERED WOMAN The Well-Watered Woman is designed only for the truly thirsty-for those tired of living a dry, unsatisfying existence. It is for women whose desire is to be watered by the Holy Spirit and develop an insatiable desire for more of God. For women ages 18+. **Kimberly Washington** – **Tuesdays Bi-Weekly – 7:00 PM—ZOOM**

UNITED For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with Him in spirit. This group is geared towards married couples of all ages. **Al & Jackie Dugas** – **Tuesday – 7:30 PM – ZOOM**

WOMEN of BETHANY Biblically-based discussions with contemporary applications designed to meet the spiritual needs of women in all stages of their lives. **Stephanie Moss** - **Sunday 9:30 AM - RM 210**

WOMEN with PURPOSE Are you a leader? Are you interested in becoming a leader or a more powerful leader? Join our group of ladies as we discover and fulfill our purpose in leadership at First Met. This group is for women of all ages and stages of life who want to find and define their fit with some great women who are focused on Leadership. **Angela Martin-Greer** – **Monday 7:00 PM – ZOOM**

WOMEN WALKING WORTHY (3W's) Committed, Faithful Women craving a deeper walk pleasing to God. This group provides a safe atmosphere for women to talk, pray and ultimately develop a sisterhood of Worthy Walking Stilettoes. “That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;” Colossians 1:10. **Nikita Edmondson** – **Saturday 10:00 AM – ZOOM**

COMMUNITY CARE GROUPS

DIVORCE CARE DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone.

GRIEF SHARE Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. **Quincy 'Skip' & Brenda Harvey** – **Monday – 6:30 PM – ZOOM**

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CONNECT WITH US

SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:00 & 11:00 AM In-Person

SOLID ROCK
1st & 3rd Sundays In-Person, 2nd, 4th & 5th Services via
Zoom
11:00 AM Zoom 11:30 AM

ONE22
1st & 3rd Sundays In-Person, 2nd, 4th & 5th Adult Services
11:00 AM

MID-WEEK SERVICES

BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM Stream

WORD on WEDNESDAY
1st Wednesday 7:00 PM Stream

PRAYER-LINE

7 days a week 6:00 AM 605-468-8806 Access Code 1513334#

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We are a family of faith, leading people to become fully developing followers of Christ by **Belonging**, **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



Community Life Group and/or Ministry.



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