

## COVENANT OF CONCERNS

*If you have updates to any of the concerns listed below,  
please let Scott or Tiffany know or email [mbc@mbcnyc.org](mailto:mbc@mbcnyc.org).*

### Global & National Concerns:

All those whose lives are impacted by violence, conflict, war, natural disaster, and injustice of any kind  
Those seeking to bring about justice, love, and peace in our world  
National & International Leadership

### Recent Concerns of Our Church Community (shared 4/29 – 5/6):

**Ruby** – Spinal fusion surgery on May 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Angie** – Moving to Memphis in August – full ride for MFA  
**Tony** – prayers for 4<sup>th</sup> floor bug  
**Jessie Voss (Laura's Dad)** – full recovery  
**Udi (Paula's friend)** – mother died in UK

**Diana (Paula's friend)** – anxiety  
**Ashcraft Family** – Graham's mother Ann passed away, prayers for family and Randy especially  
**Gerri** – not feeling well  
**Mike and Amber Neuroth (Tiffany's friends)** - Mike's father passed away.

### Continuing Concerns of Our Church Community:

#### LAST WEEK:

**Strider Family** – loss of David's father  
**Many and family (Roger's friends)** – Terrible car accident in Puerto Rico.  
**Bekah (Paula's relative)** - contacted by birth family.  
**Ginny (Brittani's mom)** - met her grandson for the first time after reuniting with her brother  
**Paula's friend** - surgery for cancer  
**Emily (Angie's friend)** - grandmother died.

**Family and friends of Theresa Benedetti** - Longtime NYC Cares volunteer who passed away at age 47. She volunteered at many places putting in 500 hrs/month  
**Paula's friend with pancreatic cancer**  
**Ruthie Ann Miles and family (friends of Michael & Julia)** - car accident in Park Slope  
**Tracy (Tiffany's Sister)**  
**Roger** - his dear friend, Peter, took his life  
**Nancy and Courtney (Paula's friends)** – moving to Vermont.

**Rosemary (Glenn's mother)** - high blood pressure and other health issues, going thru rehab and PT  
**Scott K** - eyesight is improving.  
**Elena (Scott K's coworker)** - had a stroke  
**Scott K's coworker** – health issues  
**Scott K's coworker** – mother died  
**Brett's parents** - moving houses, facing tough decisions

#### Ken's son Brendan

**George (Paula's coworker)** - mother in failing health  
**Paula's friend** – pancreatic cancer  
**Davidson and Family** - great uncle passed away  
**Neal** - he and his husband Matt are moving to London  
**Anita's friend** - dealing with illnesses  
**Ben (Jacob's brother)** - mental health  
**Florida families and victims**  
**Andrea (Maren's mother)** – Breast cancer has returned. She is starting Chemo pills.

#### ONGOING CONCERNS:

**Stacey (Alliance of Baptists Pastor)** – stage 4 tissue cancer  
**Susan B** - cancer  
**Cliff (Melissa's Dad)** – in clinical trial for cancer  
**Marina (friend of Brett)** - colon cancer  
**Kathy (friend of Eileen)** - cancer  
**Courtney Craven's father** – heart surgery, cancer  
**Ron (Maren's former pastor)** – prostate cancer  
**Christina's grandfather** – leukemia.  
**Alan's friends** - diagnosed with brain cancer  
**Roger's Sister** - brain tumor  
**Lisa (Laurel's aunt)** – cancer  
**Christy (former Metro member)** – leukemia  
**Robert's niece** – leukemia and stroke.  
**Stevie (friend of Graham)** – brain tumor  
**Laurel's Father** – melanoma  
**Sharon (friend of Christina)** – cancer returned  
**Sandra (Alan's former teacher)** – cancer  
**Mary (friend of Roger)** – brother battling cancer  
**Tia (friend of Paula)** – pancreatic cancer  
**Liz (friend of Becky in Sudan)** – cancer  
**Rachel (sister of Adam S.)** – cancer diagnosis

#### LAST 3 MONTHS:

**Star Brooks Lorenzi (Kathy's friend)** - transitions  
**Vadim's parents** - impending divorce  
**Dana (Velma's friend)**  
**Devon and Wendell (Velma's sons)** - guidance  
**Velma** - work is difficult  
**Colleen (Dan's step grandmother)** - age and diagnosis slowing her down  
**Yenova** - graduating from Embry-Riddle on May 5th! Upcoming job decisions  
**LaMartha** – state test next week  
**Solange's father** - stroke last week  
**Noelle (Roger's friend)** – health  
**Mary (Rebecca's mother's friend)** - passed away  
**Molly and Ryan Brinkmann and family (friends of Rebecca and Jacob)** - death of child  
**Michael & Jack (Melissa Harlow's & Brittani's boss)** - lost house to fire  
**Uncle Leon (Paula's great uncle)** - heart not in healing  
**Paula's father** – dangerously high blood pressure  
**Eunice** - sends her love and asks for prayers  
**Anita** – continued prayers for her family after loss of her sister-in-law  
**Becca's father (Paula's friend)** – cancer  
**Shavey** – friend's dog (George) is dying  
**Davidson** – brother and his wife had a baby and named her Emma Lynn.  
**David (Paula's Mom's husband) and son**  
**Michael** - has some carcinoma  
**Pamela (Paula's sister)** - finding a job  
**Paula** – friend Jim died  
**Henkel Family** – Dan and Tiffany's nephew Peter recently passed away  
**First Baptist Church Elkin**  
**Tony** - middle sister got concussion, Uncle having life issues  
**Angie** - Mom is retiring

#### Church Life:

**Our Pastors & Staff** in their various ministry responsibilities through Metro and RMM

#### Brazilian Baptist Church

**The Staff and Ministries of the Alliance of Baptists, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Church World Service, National Council of Churches and Graffiti/East 7<sup>th</sup> St. Baptist**

## WHO WE ARE

Metro Baptist Church is a Christian community where all are welcome regardless of gender, age, sexual identity, ethnicity, social standing, education, or economic status. We believe that everyone is created by God in the likeness of God to be a full participant in God's redemptive plan.

Metro Baptist Church seeks to be a free and faithful voice of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, adhering to historic Baptist principles, freedoms and traditions. We value worship, religious education, missions and evangelism, theological depth and diversity, intellectual openness, religious freedom, social consciousness, responsible stewardship, and warm fellowship.

We receive into membership any person who publicly professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. If you are a Christian and are not active in a church, we invite you to become a vital part of the Metro Baptist Church family by transfer of your church letter or by statement of faith. If you do not identify yourself as a Christian, we invite you to begin that journey of discipleship with Christ this very day. Please speak with one of our ministers at the close of this morning's service if you wish to join the Metro family in our journey of faith.



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# METRO BAPTIST CHURCH



*To all who are weary and need rest,  
To all who mourn and need comfort,  
To all who are lonely and need friendship,  
To all who are complacent and need disturbing,  
To all who sin and need a savior,  
To all who are glad and would serve,  
This church opens wide its doors.*

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