

## 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 4/28– 5/5)

**Jane (Ronnie's sister-in-law)** – recovering from cancer operation.

**Ronnie** – new hearing aids.

**Charlie (Barbara's cousin) and wife Pettis** – healing from knee surgery followed by back surgery.

**Michael** – 15 years past start of liver treatment and thankful to have made it past many struggles.

**Julia O'Brien's sister and Michel's brother (married)** – adopting twins due May 14! Prayers for birth mom, Maya.

**Michael and Karen Markham** – pregnant with 3<sup>rd</sup> child.

**Anita's niece and her husband Tom** – looking for work.

**Velma** - Prayer's for relief from conflict at work

**Gail (friend of Paula)** – difficult time in life.

### Continuing Concerns of Our Church Community:

#### LAST WEEK:

**Pamela (Paula's sister)** - rough time, migraines

**Jane (Ronnie's sister-in-law)** - major cancer surgery.

**Paul Lord (friend of Troy Messenger)** - prostate cancer.

**Jo (Paula's friend)** - mother died, prayers for direction.

**California synagogue shooting.**

#### LAST 3 MONTHS:

**Explosions in Sri Lanka.**

**Ken Jennings** –Brendan has diabetes and his mother worried that Ken cannot take care of him in an emergency.

**Julie Gold (friend of Ruby & Metro)** - had a reaction to anesthesia after hip surgery.

**Louise (Paula's friend)** - son Paul & wife Susan had twins, one stillborn, other doing OK.

**Brenda (friend of Roger)** – recovering from surgery and dealing with other health issues.

**David (Paula's mother's husband)** - health scare last week.

**Will (Dan's father)** - difficulties with church politics.

**Dan's high school coach** - chest pains, clogged arteries.

**Robert & Pete** - moving to Chicago.

**Stefan (Margaret's uncle)** - stage 4 cancer.

**Eric** - a homeless veteran Cat met in the subway

**Bud (Maren's friend's father)** - found a tumor, figuring out treatment.

**Steve (Maren's sister's neighbor)** - has cancer and cannot swallow

**Kathy (Maren's former pastor Ron's wife)** – cancer

**Kenneth (Marcy's friend in UK)** – passed away. Prayers for his parents in Malaysia and his partner John.

**Paula** – Aunt Melba is watching both grandaunt Glenda who had pneumonia and friends with cancer

**Scott (friend of Stephen)** – father died

**James Scott Andersen** – homeless man participating in a documentary project

**Rachel (sister of Adam S.)** – cancer diagnosis

**Community of author/blogger Rachel Held Evens** – passed away.

**Julia's friend** – diagnosed with cancer at age 40.

**Emma (Julia Day's twin sister)** – suffering shoulder pain and unable to work.

**Benicio (Julian's classmate)** – hit by SUV, multiple ankle fractures.

**Maureen (friend of James)** – struggling through divorce and difficulty finding a home.

**Daughter of Bob and Beth (friends of Paula)** – experiencing racism in Spokane.

**Becca G (friend of Paula)** – graduating with MSW and now taking classes to be a foster mom.

**Coworker of Susie (Paula's friend)** – hit by bike.

**Queenaccia** - Living Well participant who had a baby and named him Emmanuel

**Priscilla (friend of O'Briens)** – custody situation with son. The boy is separated from his mom and siblings. Social services professional is needed to help to resolve the situation.

**Roger** – thinking about undocumented families/people in neighborhood who have disappeared.

**Joan V** – in poor health, awaiting lung transplant

**Anita (Alan G's sister)** – difficult time in life, but also exciting new job.

**Margaret's Uncle** - stage 4 skin cancer

**People of Zimbabwe** - typhoon recovery

**Dottie Lewis** – recovery from surgery

**Scott Roberson (Stephen's friend)**

**Alan (Dan's friend)** - father died.

**Kenneth (Marcy's friend in UK)** - in hospital, chemo treatments affected his lungs.

**Dawn (Rogers friend)** – cancer has spread.

**ONGOING CONCERNS:**

**Henkel Family** – One year anniversary of the passing of Dan and Tiffany's nephew Peter

**Gerri** - ongoing health problems.

**Eunice** – Health

**John Halbrook and Lorri Miller** – death of son, Greg

**Anita** – continued prayers for her family after loss of her sister-in-law

**Stacey (Alliance of Baptists Pastor)** – stage 4 tissue 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

**Christy (former Metro member)** – leukemia

**Robert's niece** – leukemia and stroke.

**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

## 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.

# METRO BAPTIST CHURCH



*Christ the Good Shepherd*

*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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### 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**