

# The Metropolitan Community Church of Charlotte

Building a Center for Community  
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## Special Christmas Events

**Sunday, December 20**  
Morning Service - 10:45am  
Christmas Celebration Service  
to be held at our current  
E. Independence location

**Sunday, December 20**  
Evening Christmas Service - 6:30pm  
and Open House at our soon  
to be new church home  
Come see the building we are buying

**Thursday, December 24**  
Christmas Eve Service  
8:00pm  
to be held at our current  
E. Independence location

Dear Friend,

When I arrived in July of 1998, becoming the Pastor for MCC Charlotte, many people spoke to me about the need for a "Community Center" and while I agree that such a place is needed, I believe that before such a task can be undertaken, we must first build a "sense of community" among our/the people. Otherwise, all we have is a building that houses many agencies and service organizations. I believe the vision that God has given to me and to our congregation speaks to something more. Something which will draw people together and a place that will be a springboard for pride, consistency, and commitment to healthy spirituality and human involvement.

Community may be defined as "joint ownership," "similarity," "likeness," "a body of people living in the same place with common ideals and dreams," "a feeling or sense of belonging," and "a place from which all else flows." MCC Charlotte can be a place where one's sense of belonging and involvement can grow and where one will realize that they belong to something greater than themselves; a higher purpose.

MCC Charlotte is about "Building a Center for Community." The vision that God has given to us is one which speaks to the development of a greater foundation which will serve to ground our

people for future endeavors and diverse participation as a gathered community. It is a vision that speaks to a place where people of all "likenesses" will find a source of affirmation, strength, safety, and empowerment. It is a vision that speaks of a place from which all else flows.



MCC Charlotte's soon to be new church home located at 1825 Eastway Drive next to Methodist Home Park

It is our hope that as we strive to develop MCC Charlotte as a "Center for Community" that each of you will not only be excited about such a vision, recognizing its importance, but will actively and financially support making this vision a reality. Join MCC Charlotte as we reach out with God to establish the foundation needed to make "Our Community" strong.

Thank you for your attention and support. I look forward to the possibility of talking with you further about our vision for the Charlotte area and this church. I also look forward to your total

support of this endeavor in the near future.

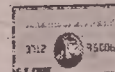
God's peace,

Mick Hinson, pastor

## Capital Gift Giving Opportunities Goal: \$300,000

Platinum Gift Giver: \$10,000 & up  
Gold Gift Giver: \$5,000 to \$9,999  
Silver Gift Giver: \$1,000 to \$4,999  
Ebony Gift Giver: \$500 to \$999  
Purple Gift Giver: \$75 to \$499

In recognition of your gift, an engraved name plate will be given a place of honor in the new MCCC Entrance Hall. Metropolitan Community Church of Charlotte is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Your gift is tax deductible.



### WEEKLY EVENTS:

<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Mondays</u>	<u>4th Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>	<u>4th Sunday</u>
9:30am Choir Practice 10:45am Formal Worship 6:30pm Less Formal Worship	Time Out Youth at 7:30pm Support for GLBT youth	Singles Group at 7:00pm	Conversations with God: Share, Care and Prayer at 7:00pm Journey - MCC Youth Group at 7:00pm	Singles Group following morning service