



*Navigating the* MABCBK  
*Life*



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### ***Greetings in the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!***

I am honored that you have chosen **MABCBK** to be **YOUR** church! We do not take this decision lightly, as we believe that in obedience with God's will, you were sent here. Our goal is to introduce you to the MABCBK Experience and why we are committed to ***"Empowering People to Live Beyond Life Limitations."***

You'll discover that our passion is to provide a place where people—just like you—can have a life-changing experience with God, regardless of your stage in this Christian journey. And let me share with you, you are joining us at an *exciting* time when we are growing and becoming the ministry that we know God has equipped us to be in **Ocean-Hill Brownsville.**

God is making history with the body of believers at **MABCBK**, and we are excited to continue to strive towards becoming the kind of church described in the Bible, where there is relevant teaching, heart-felt worship, honest friendships, constant prayer, and compassion for those in need.

I am a pastor who is excited about what God has called me to do, and even more excited that He has called me to lead the church where I was raised, licensed and ordained as a preacher. I understand our community and I love to see the many lives that are being impacted by the ministry. My prayer to God has been ***"Lord, I will remain committed to where You have called me, I just ask that You send the people who can help fulfill the vision You have given to me."*** I want you to know, as you are reading this, I believe that **YOU** are a part of what it will take to make this vision come to pass.

This resource guide is designed to navigate you through the **MABCBK** life. It should help you find the areas of Church that can benefit from your direct involvement and passion to follow Christ. Conversely, you should also find programs and services that can help you personally and spiritually. He has called each of us to play a specific role in the Body of Christ, and to have a healthy and functioning body, all pieces need to work together.

Together, I believe we can continue to grow the Kingdom of God as He has called us to do. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Pastor. As I always say, ***"MABCBK is not a perfect church, but we serve a perfect God."***

In His Service,

Pastor Steven Eugene Carter

### Steps to Becoming a New Member

#### Who Are New Members?

New Members are the lifeline of **MABCBK** and are very important to building the Kingdom of God. At **MABCBK**, New Members are defined as those who are new converts, candidates for baptism, and/or believers who are joining MABCBK based on previous Christian experience.

#### Requirements

Each new member is required to attend New Members Orientation that is held once a month. The New Members Ministry facilitator will contact new members to welcome them and schedule them for their class and/or baptism. New Members Orientation is usually facilitated by a New Members Ministry Leader.

#### Celebration

New members are recognized on **1<sup>st</sup> Sundays**. We encourage new members to invite at least 5 family members and friends who are not connected to a ministry to celebrate with them. This is a way to have people celebrate with you, and also a way for us to introduce new people to the **MABCBK** experience.

### MABCBK LEADERSHIP

#### Senior Pastor

Steven Eugene Carter

#### 1962 Founding Pastor

Dr. James Thompson Reeder

#### Previous Pastors

Reverend Albert P. Curley | Dr. Elliott Cuff

#### Associate Ministers

Patricia Wingate | Maurice Perry

#### Finance Team

Richard Bramwell | Juanita Dingle | Russell Bramwell

#### Deacons

George Brown | James Maynor | Melvin Talley | Kenny Ade  
Juanita Dingle | Sandra Scott | Richard Durham

#### MABCBK Dream Team

Combination of all ministry facilitators

#### Church Leadership & Growth Consultant

Mr. Ramone Harper, President  
BNB Consultant



## **Worship Service Opportunities**

### **Sunday Worship Services**

9:00am & 11:00am

## **Weekly Life Group Classes**

**James T. Reeder Fellowship Hall**

Sundays @ 8:00am – 9:00am

Tuesday Hour of Power @ 7:00pm – 8:00pm

## **Communion Service**

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays | 9:00am & 11:00am

## **Baptism Service**

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays | 11:00am

## **Baby Dedication Service**

(ages Birth – 6 months)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays | 11:00am

## **Are You New to MABCBK?**

### ***First Step* New Members Orientation**

#### **New Members Orientation**

New Members Orientation is a 90-minute session that communicates the history, vision, and philosophy of **MABCBK** through a quality take-home booklet. The session is led by a new members facilitator and new members are provided with the expectations of membership, a plan for getting connected and direction for the next step in becoming a VERY involved member. Prospective members, visitors, and anyone interested in becoming a member of MABCBK may also attend this session. The session is held on:

**4<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

**James T. Reeder Fellowship Hall (Lower Level)**

**10:30am-12:00pm**

#### **Next Steps**

**MABCBK** host a Weekly Life Group that we encourage every member to become involved with. It comes with a workbook study guide that allows everyone to follow at the same pace. It is exciting and engaging. We also encourage new members to look for a ministry to become involved in. Studies have proven members who get connected in a ministry at their local church are more likely to remain committed to Christ and to the Church.

### Mission, Vision & Philosophy

#### Mission (What We Do)

Mount Ararat Church is committed to ***Empowering People to Live Beyond Life Limitations.***

#### Vision (How We Do It)

At Mount Ararat, our vision is to create a Spirit-filled environment where believers can acquire the necessary skills, develop the right attitude, and learn Godly wisdom. We recognize that in the Kingdom of God we are growing saints. We have not fully arrived at our highest level of growth, but like the Apostle Paul in **Philippians 3:14**, we are pressing towards the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus! We believe God will continue to compel saints to go higher in prayer, faith, giving, worship, service, and praise.

#### Philosophy (Why We Do It)

Our philosophy is to evangelize our community and disciple men, women and children by establishing genuine relationships, energetic worship, and a festive environment. A participatory approach to ministry is used to create an **“everybody is somebody”** attitude, so each member support one another while going to the next level in their walk with Christ!

### CORE VALUES

*Our core values communicate what is important to us as church!*

1. **The Word of God** – The final authority
2. **Evangelism** – God’s great commission to the church (Matthew 28: 18-20)
3. **Spiritual Growth/Discipleship** – Creating an environment for spiritual development and transformation.
4. **People** – they matter to God and to us

### Mission, Vision, & Philosophy

5. **Family** – the strength of the family determines the strength of the Church.
6. **Stewardship** – financial resources are the economics for the entire vision of the Church.
7. **The Next Generation** – the future is **NOW**
8. **Administration/Leadership** – the incline and decline of ministry hinges upon administration

### General Guidelines for MABCBK

The house of God is designed for people to gather for worship, prayer, study, fellowship, and celebrations. Please adhere to the following guidelines so that we may continue to serve God's people **"decently and in order."**

- **Announcements** – If you desire to have a ministry announcement, please make sure that your ministry leader submits it to the Dream Team during our monthly meetings as we seek to plan and approve everything 90 days (3 months) advance.
- All **Check Requests** submitted by ministries must be approved by the finance team and/or pastor before a check is released. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** If an event will include a guest speaker or musician that will require an honorarium, a signed **IRS W-9 form** from that party must be submitted before a check is released.
- Ministry Event Submission Deadlines for Dream Team Meeting

**January** (for events/programs from May-August)

**May** (for events/programs from Sept. – Dec.)

**September** (for events/programs from Jan – April)

- The use of decorations, the re-arranging of furniture, attachment materials to the walls and items of similar nature shall be done **ONLY** with the supervision of members from the decoration ministry.

### General Guidelines for MABCBK

- Equipment for activities held outside of the Church cannot be loaned or rented.
- All music instruments are to be used by music staff persons only.
- Absolutely no **soliciting or selling** of any unauthorized items on the premises.
- Absolutely no materials or flyers that's not **MABCBK** related can be placed on cars.
- **WALKING** – We ask that there is no walking during *Sermon, Invitation to Discipleship, Tithes & Offering Period, and Benediction*. In the event you **MUST** go to the restroom, we ask that you please remain in the rear of the Church as a *loving MABCBK* usher directs you when you return to prevent any distraction from other members who are in the service.
- Please do not leave donated items (clothes, toys, equipment, etc.) on the premises without prior authorization from the Church Office and/or Ministry Leader.
- **MABCBK** will not be responsible for theft or any damages to personal equipment/items left on the premises without proper consent from the Pastor and/or Finance Team.
- **Membership Updates** – Membership records are strictly confidential. In an effort to maintain accurate information for each member of **MABCBK**, we ask that you update your contact information by contacting the Church office at (718) 342-1571 or via email at **ExecutiveAssistant@mountararatchurch.com** Please place in the subject box "Membership Record Update."

### Communications

Ministry Facilitators and ministry leaders will have open monthly meetings (Dream Team) with the Pastor. Ministry concerns and questions should be presented at these sessions.

In the event of an extreme emergency, Dream Team Leaders are available at each worship service for immediate attention. Further questions can also be forwarded to the specific ministry or [pastor@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:pastor@mountararatchurch.com)

### Ministry Function & Interaction

Ministry functions are designed to take place on campus. As a precaution, all off-site ministry meetings, events or functions must receive consent from the Pastor in order to function as a representation of **MABCBK**. This is to assure that the brand of the ministry is represented respectfully and properly.

### Ministry Involvement

So that our ministries can be accessible and beneficial to everyone, regardless of their Church affiliation, **MABCBK** does not employ membership requirements to join or participate in a ministry. Membership requirement is only necessary to hold leadership positions.

### Ministries

#### Associate Ministers

This ministry is designed for people who believe they have a call on their life into the ministry of preaching. They assist Pastor with teaching, preaching, and ministry support. If you believe you have a call on your life, call the Church office and schedule a meeting with Pastor Carter. [Pastor@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Pastor@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Deacons

This ministry is designed to assist pastor with the visiting the sick, administering communion, facilitating baptisms, supervising facility events, etc. Members are selected by the Pastor and the present deacons. Once selected, you must serve a trial period of six months before you are given the rights and responsibility of a deacon.

#### Finance Team

People with financial training who are selected by the Pastor to manage the finances of the Church. Also work with vendors, budgets, event planning, etc. All finance members are selected by the Pastor and present finance team. **Background check required.**

#### New Members

Assist with new members assimilation. Making sure new members received all necessary information and guide them from the time they join the Church through their New Members Class and into a ministry. Register by emailing [NewMembers@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:NewMembers@mountararatchurch.com)

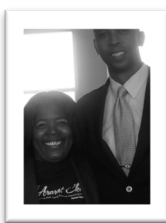
#### Youth Ministry (ages 6-12 & 13-18)

Provide opportunities for youth to be engaged in activities that will empower them, expose them, enlighten them, and encourage them to become the best that they can be. [Youth@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Youth@mountararatchurch.com)



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### 11<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary



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### Community Block Party



**MABCBK ANNUAL COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 12TH**  
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FUN | FOOD | BEVERAGES  
FREE HAIRCUTS | GAMES  
FAMILY DANCING | FIRE TRUCK | BOUNCE HOUSE  
COTTON CANDY | AND MORE...

**SPECIAL GUESTS & ORGANIZATIONS**  
CONGRESSMAN HAKEEM JEFFRIES | ACTING BROOKLYN DISTRICT ATTORNEY ERIC GONZALEZ  
NYPD ASSISTANT CHIEF JEFFREY MADDOREY | FOSTER CARE UNPLUGGED  
PRECIOUS DREAMS FOUNDATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: KARLA WALTERS AT [EVENTS@MOUNTARARATCHURCH.COM](mailto:EVENTS@MOUNTARARATCHURCH.COM)

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am & 11:00am  
Weekly Life Group: Tuesdays @ 7:00pm

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## Enjoying People

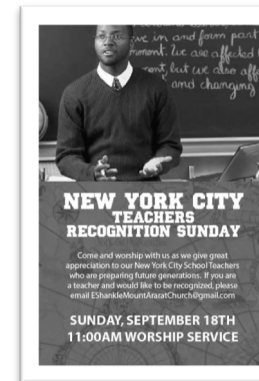
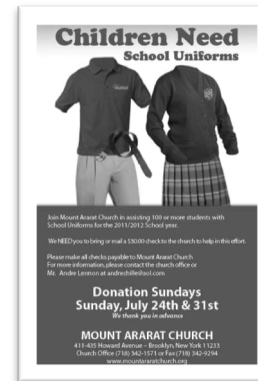


**Members Entering Our New  
James T. Reeder Fellowship Hall | More Block Party Pics**



**MABCBK Moments**

## Past Events



**NYC Civil Service Recognition Day**



**Dr. A. R. Bernard of CCC Preaching at MABCBK**



**Ministries**

**Men of Valor**

Designed to allow men (ages 18+) to come together for positive fellowship and breakfast. Discuss life lessons and spiritual lessons. Also work towards mentoring young men by way of positive example and exposure. Meet every **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10:00am-12:00pm, James T. Reeder Fellowship Hall. [MenofValor@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:MenofValor@mountararatchurch.com).**

**Music Ministry**

Designed to encourage and uplift the congregation through various forms of music during the worship experiences. If you desire to sing, this is a group you will enjoy. [music@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:music@mountararatchurch.com).

- **Church Choir** (Rehearsals 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 7:00pm)
- **Youth Choir** (Rehearsals 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00pm)
- **Young Adults** (Rehearsals 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:00pm)
- **Men of Valor** (Rehearsals 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7:00pm)

**Young Adults (ages 20s & 30s)**

Designed for young adults to fellowship on a monthly basis through positive activity and events. Meet every **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00pm, James T. Reeder Fellowship Hall. [YoungAdults@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:YoungAdults@mountararatchurch.com)**

**Media & Communications**

Assist with managing church website, social media, sound equipment, MP3 conversion, social media updates, Church blog, photography, etc. [Communications@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Communications@mountararatchurch.com)

**Greeters & Ushers**

Welcome members and guests into worship services, distribute bulletins, assist with children as needed, and assist with flow of all worship services. Rehearsal every **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10:00am-12:00pm. [Ushers@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Ushers@mountararatchurch.com)**

### Ministries

#### Liturgical Dance Ministry

Members use their gift of dancing to minister to the congregation. Perform for services and special events. All ages are welcome.

[Liturgical@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Liturgical@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Drama Team

This ministry is designed to allow people with skills in arts, acting, and other similar areas to be involved. Usually perform for special events and/or as directed by the leader. [Drama@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Drama@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Security Team

Provide safety for members and guests while on Church premises. If you have experience in Law Enforcement, this is a great ministry for you to consider. [security@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:security@mountararatchurch.com)

#### East Brooklyn Congregations

Work with other local congregations to improve the community in areas of public housing, police presence, crime prevention, affordable housing, moments of injustice, etc. [ebc@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:ebc@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Event Planning

Support the planning of ministry events/activities from start to finish. Work closely with ministry facilitators and participants to assure that all necessary requirements for a successful event have been achieved.

[Events@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Events@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Fundraising

Write proposal to companies to assist by way of financial donation and/or items to assist the ministry in having great impact.

[fundraising@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:fundraising@mountararatchurch.com)

### Ministries

#### College Ministry (Education Development)

Designed to stay connected with members who are in college and support by way of care packages, scholarships, internship support, and annual recognitions. [Education@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Education@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Hospitality Team

This ministry specializes in creating hospitable environments for special events. Ministry includes hosting event, serving food, assisting with guest vendors, assisting Pastor Carter on Sundays and other events around hospitality. [Hospitality@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Hospitality@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Christian Education

Assist with selecting, developing, and teaching Weekly Life Group lessons on Sundays and Tuesdays. If you have teaching ability, we seek your involvement. [ChristianEducation@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:ChristianEducation@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Hospital Visitation

Designed to visit members who are hospitalized and/or homebound. This also includes working directly with the deacons. [Deacons@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Deacons@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Intercessory Prayer

Spiritually strong participants who are committed to praying for the prayer request of members that have been submitted by way of calls, emails, and/or prayer-request cards.

[Prayer@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Prayer@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Angel Tree

Provide Christmas gifts for children whose parents are incarcerated. Names are sent to the ministry and gifts are prepared for them by donations from the members. [AngelTree@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:AngelTree@mountararatchurch.com)



### Ministries

#### Street Team

Distribute Church information (flyers, post cards, surveys, etc.) during the week to keep the community informed about what is happening at MABCBK. [Evangelism@mountaratchurch.com](mailto:Evangelism@mountaratchurch.com)

#### Financial Empowerment

Partner with D-Free Organization and provide training on how to better manage your finances as you continue to live day to day. Offered once a year. Contact the finance team to confirm the date. [finance@mountaratchurch.com](mailto:finance@mountaratchurch.com)

#### JEWELS (Women's Ministry)

Ministry for women (ages 21+) to meet monthly for healthy and positive fellowship. Also involve ministry activities and other fun and empowering experiences. [women@mountaratchurch.com](mailto:women@mountaratchurch.com)

#### Mime Dancers

Dancing as a form of ministry through music. Available for all ages, male and female. Usually perform on Sunday mornings. [mime@mountaratchurch.com](mailto:mime@mountaratchurch.com)

#### Steven Carter Ministries

Assisting Pastor Carter with personal ministry products on-site and off-site as needed. [Pastor@mountaratchurch.com](mailto:Pastor@mountaratchurch.com)

#### Baby/Child Dedication

Working with parents to plan for baby dedications. It involved registering the families, preparing certificates, welcoming the families on **2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays**, and making sure that they are in their proper places for worship. [BabyDedication@mountaratchurch.com](mailto:BabyDedication@mountaratchurch.com)

### Ministries

#### Baptism

Assisting with the deacons and/or ministers in preparing the candidate for baptism and assisting them after baptism.

[Baptism@mountaratchurch.com](mailto:Baptism@mountaratchurch.com)

#### Decision Time Counselors

Standing in the aisle to receive new members during the invitation to discipleship when Pastor Carter and/or preacher makes the appeal. Must go through a training. [NewMembers@mountaratchurch.com](mailto:NewMembers@mountaratchurch.com)

#### Parking Lot

Assist members and guests as they arrive on the church premises. Guiding them from the parking lot and helping to make sure that they are safe in inclement weather (snow, rain, ice, sleet, etc.).

[Parking@mountaratchurch.com](mailto:Parking@mountaratchurch.com)

#### M.A.T: Millennial Advisory Team

Meet with Pastor Carter to help keep our ministry connected with ways and ideas of how to reach and involve millennials in ministry that can be both fun and fulfilling. [Millennials@mountaratchurch.com](mailto:Millennials@mountaratchurch.com)

#### Girl Scouts

Designed to inform and empower young girls in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Volunteers are welcomed too. Meet every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 11:00am-1:00pm at MABCBK. Email: [MountAraratScouts@gmail.com](mailto:MountAraratScouts@gmail.com)

### Volunteers

*“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.”*

*—Audrey Hepburn*

If you desire to serve as a volunteer in any of the ministries you have seen, please contact them directly with the email provided. In the event you are open to serve as a volunteer in any area of ministry in the Church, simply email [Volunteers@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Volunteers@mountararatchurch.com)

### Ministries that We Desire at MABCBK

*Are any of these your area of passion? If so, feel free to email Pastor Carter to further discuss the possibility of implementation of it.*

Marriage Business Network | Young Professionals for Christ  
MABCBK Teachers | Legal Advice Team | Greeks for Christ  
MABCBK Law Enforcement Team | Children Leader (ages 6 & under)  
Senior Adults | Alzheimer Team | Autistic Children Support  
Drugs & Alcohol Recovery | Prison Ministry | Political Team  
Health/Mental Education | Nursery Ministry  
MABCBK Sports (Basketball, Baseball, Golf, etc.)  
Cheerleaders for Christ | *and much more*

### Ministry Leadership Selection

#### Criteria

Candidates for leadership positions must satisfy the following criteria:

- Commit to ministry term of two years
- Be a member of **MABCBK** for at least six months
- Attend monthly Dream Team Meetings
- Attend leadership training or any other required sessions.
- Be committed to tithing
- Maintain social media and public presence that is not contrary to your leadership role in the Christian Church
- Commit to the vision of the Church
- Regularly attend worship service

### Member Services

The Church provides the following services for the membership:

#### Spiritual Advice & Professional Counseling

By law, only licensed counselors can provide counseling. Therefore, the Pastor only provides “**Spiritual Advice.**” In the event that you need professional counseling, we can direct you to proper services. To schedule a meeting, contact the Church office (718) 342-1571 or email [pastor@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:pastor@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Benevolence

The Benevolence Ministry is designed to help needy or hurting people in the congregation and community with assistance in obtaining food and clothing. [Benevolence@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Benevolence@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Baby/Child Dedications

Baby/Child dedications are performed by Pastor Steven Eugene Carter for Church members. At the dedication ceremony, the baby is publicly presented at the altar for prayer and dedication. Parents, grandparents, Godparents, and other family members are acknowledged. Certificates are presented to the parents of the child to document the event. Please contact the Church Office to schedule a Dedication. Baby dedications are reserved for children up to six months old. Held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at the 11:00am worship experience. To register: [babydedication@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:babydedication@mountararatchurch.com)

#### Baptism

**MABCBK** baptizes children seven years of age or older and adults. If you desire to have your child baptized, or to be baptized yourself, you are encouraged to contact the New Members Ministry at [baptism@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:baptism@mountararatchurch.com) so that a date can be scheduled.

### Member Services

#### Weddings

If you would like to hold your wedding at the Church or have the Pastor officiate your wedding, you should contact the Church office at (718) 342-1571 or email [pastor@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:pastor@mountararatchurch.com). You may also find more information by visiting our Church website.

#### Hospital Visitation/Terminal Illness

Information regarding terminal illnesses and death of Church family members should be reported to the Church office. Our Grief Ministry, Associate Ministers, and Deacons Ministry visit the terminally ill, hospitalized or homebound to provide communion upon request. For questions, please contact the Church office and/or email [Deacons@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:Deacons@mountararatchurch.com)

#### The Use of Offering Envelopes and Church Contributions

We recommend that **ALL** contributions, whether by check, debit, or cash, made to our church be given in an appropriate offering envelope. Please be certain that your name, address, and other requested information is printed **clearly** to ensure that you receive proper credit. To many, using envelopes may seem like a nuisance at first (especially for a small cash offering.) However, over a year, those small offerings can add up to a substantial amount. Using offering envelope also makes the accounting task for the finance ministry easier.

You may also create an account with our Church App Giving by downloading **GIVELIFY App** and looking up “**Mount Ararat Baptist Church Brooklyn, New York.**” This method has proven to be quick and easy. It also records all of your given for the year and sends you a statement at the end of the year.

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### **Member Services**

#### **Income Tax Records**

Your tithes and offerings are maintained by the Church office. Records of your donations for tax purposes are provided at the beginning of each year and may be obtained from the Church office. For questions, please call (718) 342-1571 or email [finance@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:finance@mountararatchurch.com)

#### **Use of Church Facility**

Church facility is available for use by Church members for ministry events. In the event you belong to an outside organization and would like to use the facility, it must be approved by the Pastor.

#### **Pre-Marital Sessions**

Under the leadership of Pastor Carter and seasoned married members, we offer a four-week seminar **“So You Want to Get Married”** that is available to engaged couples prior to their wedding date. These seminars are scheduled twice annually. Visit the Church website or contact the Church office for the next session. For more information, [pastor@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:pastor@mountararatchurch.com)

#### **Death Notices/Funeral Services**

**MABCBK** ensures that you never have to grieve alone. Under the auspices of our Grief Support Ministry, they are available to provide support for you during these times. Funerals are allowed to be held at the Church for members and immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling, and grandparent). For more information, contact the Church office and/or email [deacons@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:deacons@mountararatchurch.com). Unfortunately, we do not hold repast on the Church premises, but we can recommend reputable locations.

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### **Church Partnerships**

We believe that as the Church, we cannot accomplish what God has assigned us to do alone. Therefore, in an effort to have greater impact, we partner with various reputable organizations to help fulfill God's command. Below are some of the organizations we have partnered with.

**Precious Dreams Foundation**

**Girl Scouts of Greater New York**

**Foster Care Unplugged**

**Ocean-Hill Brownsville Young Professionals**

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated (Delta Rho Chapter)**

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated (East Kings County Chapter)**

**East Brooklyn Congregations/Metro-IAFNY**

**Angel Tree Foundation**

**NYPD 73<sup>rd</sup> Precinct**

**Brooklyn District Attorney Office**

**Community Board # 16**

**Public School 12**

**National Action Network**

And others....



**Annual Ministry Events**

Community Block Party (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in August)

Christmas Toy Drive

Community Thanksgiving Giveaway

NYC Teacher's Recognition Day

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Civil Service (NYPD/NYFD/NYCD) Recognition Day

Foster Care/Adoption Sunday

Social Justice Day

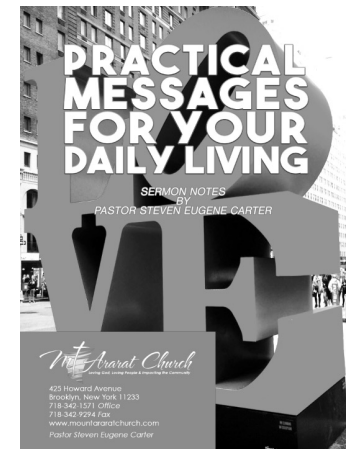
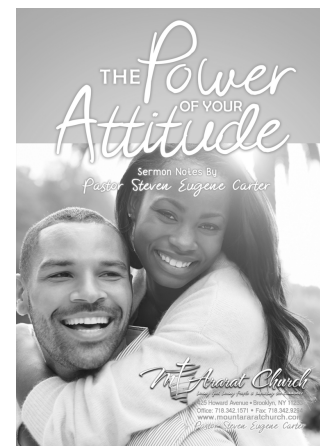
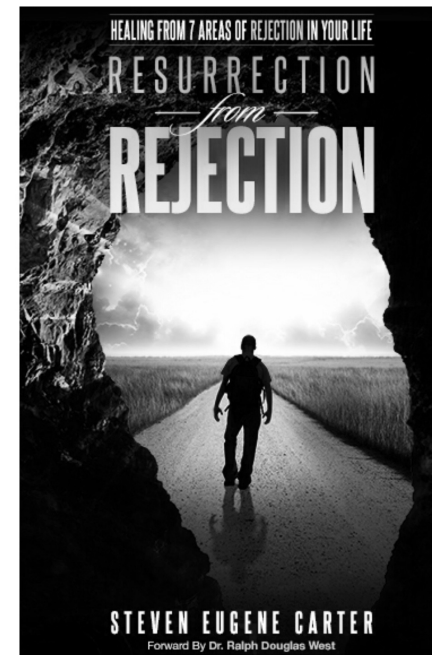
Women's Empowerment Weekend

Men of Valor Sunday

Community Leaders Recognition Day

Annual Spring/Fall Clothe Drive

**Books by Pastor Steven Eugene Carter**  
**Order by going to [www.steven-carter.com](http://www.steven-carter.com) or on site.**



### Questions & Answers

#### **I want to join, but I am a member of another Church.**

Remain prayerful and ask God to lead you in your decision. Our goal is not to recruit members from other local ministries, but we are committed to accepting people who know that they are being led to **MABCBK**. Before making a decision to join, be prayerful that where you are, is not where God wants you to be.

#### **What am I going to wear to Church today?**

You are able to dress casual every Sunday. We are a **C.A.Y.A** Ministry, which means **Come as You Are**. Our focus is not being impressed by you **clothes** externally, but to be impacting for your **soul** internally.

#### **Why do you use Sermon Handouts?**

We do this to allow you to be able to retain the messages that you heard on any given Sunday. Most people forget the message they heard less than 48hrs after worship. This method allows you to remember and share with others as a form of encouragement.

#### **Is the church impacting the community?**

Yes! **MABCBK** is intentionally involved in impacting our community through personal and partnership activities. We believe that we were placed where we are to ***Empower People to Live Beyond Life Limitations. John 10:10 "...I come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly."***

#### **I am upset with a member and/or the Pastor and I am considering leaving the Church.**

No one is perfect, not even the Pastor or you. In this event, we ask that you request a meeting with the person you have been offended by. We believe that most negative interactions can be resolved through healthy conversations. **Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons and daughters of God."**

### Questions & Answers

#### **I sure wonder if MABCBK has a good sounding choir.**

Our music ministry is committed to presenting excellence in their responsibility on Sunday mornings. We have selected committed people as leaders to ensure that the quality of music is always inspirational as well as Spirit-led.

#### **I've been calling and have not received a response.**

In the event you are unable to receive a response due to reasons unknown, simply email [communications@mountararatchurch.com](mailto:communications@mountararatchurch.com) and a ministry representative will get back in contact with you in 24-48hrs.

#### **There is a ministry I would like to start that I don't see listed.**

Call the Church office and schedule a meeting with Pastor Carter to further discuss the idea and how it can fit into the overall vision and mission of **MABCBK**. Our goal is not to simply add ministries, but to add ministries that will help us fulfill the vision for the Church and community we have been called to serve.

#### **I am married, but my spouse will not come with me.**

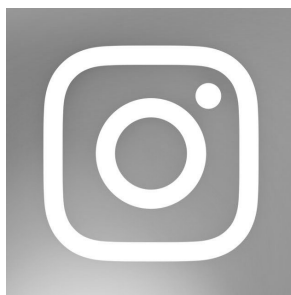
Do not NAG them to come. Simply pray for them and invite them to special events/activities that you know will be appealing to them. Also, if you are involved in a ministry, a good method is to invite them when you know you are serving as support and leave the transformation to God.

#### **I have a question, but I can't remember what it was.**

That's cool. All you have to do is email the ministry leader that the question is directed to or you can email Pastor Carter directly when you remember your question. Remember, there is no bad question.

### Stay Connected with MABCBK

Another way to remain updated with what's happening in the life of MABCBK is to follow us on social media **@MABCBK**. You may also remain connect with Pastor by following him **@StevenCarterNY**



### People to Invite to YOUR Church

*Take the time and write their names on the lines. You will be surprised at how many people you can invite to **MABCBK** who you never thought of.*

Barber/Beautician	_____
Accountant	_____
Next Door Neighbor	_____
Parents	_____
God Parents	_____
Grandparents	_____
Siblings	_____
Cousins	_____
Aunt/Uncle	_____
Teacher	_____
Sorority/Fraternity	_____
Doctor	_____
Current Bae	_____
Ex-Baes ☺	_____
Potential Bae	_____
Co-Workers	_____
Parole Officer	_____
Mentor	_____
Social Media Friends	_____
Electrician	_____
Employees	_____
Golfing Buddy	_____
Jack & Jill Members	_____
Grand Lodge Brothers	_____
Elected Officials	_____
School Crossing Gd.	_____
Classmates	_____
Workout Partners	_____
Jogging Friends	_____
Other People	_____

There is always *another* person for you to invite to **MABCBK**

90-Minutes or Less

MOUNT ARARAT  
*Worship Script*

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY  
9:00AM & 11:00AM

CALL TO WORSHIP  
MINISTER

INSPIRATIONAL SINGING  
MAC PRAISE TEAM

MINISTRY UPDATES  
PASTOR CARTER

MEET SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW  
EVERYONE

SERMONIC SELECTION  
CHURCH CHOIR

MESSAGE OF THE DAY  
PASTOR CARTER

RECOGNITION OF NEW GUEST  
THIS COULD BE YOU

TITHES & OFFERING  
EVERYONE

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION  
PASTOR CARTER

TUESDAY  
HOUR of POWER  
BIBLE STUDY  
7:30PM-8:30PM  
(SANCTUARY)

Pastor Carter was Adopted by Loving Parents

Pastor Steven E. Carter's  
*Story*



SUBMIT  
ADOPTION  
STORY TO

[Tamika.goodridge@gmail.com](mailto:Tamika.goodridge@gmail.com)

If you are asking yourself, why did he use this picture? Well, that's me and my parents and what better image than the image of fun and relaxation. Mr. Eugene & Mrs. Mary Carter are the two God-sent parents who took me, a sick child at birth, whose biological parents left for death and gave me a home with love that money could have never afforded.

However, when I learned at the age of 13 that I was adopted, I went through a major state of rebellion. Fighting teachers, kicked out of high school and sent to my zone school, almost left back a grade, selling drugs for three day (then I came to myself after thinking if my father finds out I am as good as dead), and so many other challenges because I could not understand why my biological parents would give me up and leave me for DEAD!

However, as time continued to pass and I grew in my faith, I begin to turn my anger into joy by being thankful to God that since my biological parents realized they could

not do for me, they more than likely asked God to place me in the hands of someone who could. Well, God more than answered their prayers.

My parents raised me in a loving and caring home to fear and love the Lord, they kept me in church (all the time J), they taught me self-appreciation, they demanded respect, they worked hard to provide, my father taught me how to be a man, my mother taught me how to help whoever I can and they always reminded me that whether by natural birth or legal adoption, we could not love you any more than we already do. So I want to say Thank You to the two greatest parents who have given me more than any child could ever ask for or dream of. I love the both of you more than words could ever express!

Let me ask you, do you have room in your house to be a blessing to a child (newborn or older) who may be in need of a loving family?



When the Last You Been to MABCBK?



Are You  
Playing Hookie  
from Church?

Have you ever played hookie from school?  
You know you have!! Whatever you do, do not treat your  
God the same way.

**WE INVITE YOU TO COME BACK TO  
WORSHIP OR TO VISIT FOR WORSHIP.**



425 Howard Avenue – Brooklyn, New York 11233  
Sunday Worship Service: 9:00AM & 11:00AM  
Tuesday Hour of Power Bible Study: 7:30PM  
Pastor Steven Eugene Carter

Important Dates to Remember

*We believe in helping you stay out of trouble*

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Salvation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Engagement Date \_\_\_\_\_

Best-Friend Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Children Birthdays \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Date \_\_\_\_\_

Baby Dedication Date \_\_\_\_\_

High Sch. Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

College Grad. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grad. Sch. Grad. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Boss Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Prison Release Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Goal is to have endless anniversaries***

Overcoming Addiction \_\_\_\_\_

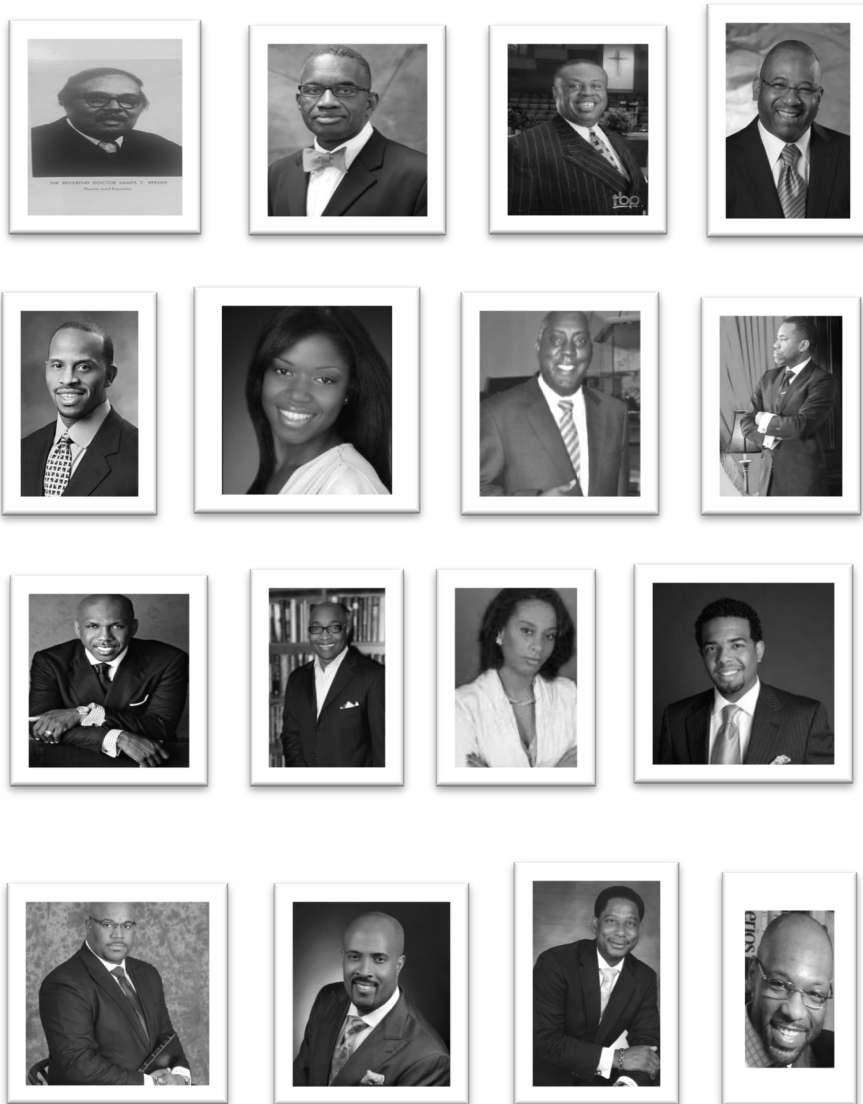
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**BONUS ☺**

Pastor Carter's Birthdate | September 23<sup>rd</sup>

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**We thank each of them for their special gifts.**