

***What excites you about our ministry? What inspires you and why?***

- The energy, vision, and ideas of our Pastor
- Teachings provided
- Wednesday Bible Study
- The possibilities to revitalization of the ministry and discernment process
- We are moving in a positive direction
- We know the expectations
- We have hope and anticipation
- There is a sense of inclusiveness
- Youth moving in a good direction and becoming more visible in the congregation
- Inspired by new ideas and activities (ex. Wellness Walks)
- Seeing pockets of growth and new life
- Our minds and hearts are open to new things as we learn about prayer, meditation and fasting.
- Members are steadfast and steady to continue to support the ministry
- There is a commitment to ensure that our children have a foundation to understand their race.
- There is a holistic approach to ministry from our Pastor that fits well with the overall focus or call of Saint James ministry.

***What are ways that we can create a deeper connection with God?***

- Group Meditation Mindfulness
- Nature walks with partner conversations
- Food Truck community meet up
- Prayer Labyrinth
- Journaling about how we can grow our relationship with God – share in small groups

***What are ways that we can serve the community in a deeper way?***

- Canvass the community to ask what they needs are
- Provide shower facilities
- Something happening on the hill at Saint James parking lot a concert etc.

- Open our space to be used for mission needs of the community- 24/7 church that cares for the overall needs of the community
- Youth relating with elders and older adults. Intergenerational focus
- Youth learning their history
- Building on the education legacy
- Health programs free of charge
- Support single parents, safe childcare for certain nights
- Community 5 on 5 tournament
- Free legal services for families experiencing separation, divorce, or child custody issues.
- Foster Care needs
- Partner relationships with youth
- Community garden
- Blessings Box for community to come by and take food from the box
- Clothing box
- Working with the United Way agencies to serve
- College Student Care packages
- Create a safe space for all people to come and find respite (coffee shop, book space, co working space)
- People who are excited to come to worship and praise God or be part of the ministry of the church.
- Scholarships for youth
- Text message group for parents
- People who are excited to serve and lead mission project local and international
- Build a school, MH outreach, clinic, basic needs met, teach children the history and safe space
- Paradigm shift to think about how we see ourselves in a multigenerational way. How do we relate to one another? How do we embrace children? How do we tell our story? Create space where people want to hear what others have to say. A space to socialize be comfortable relax, chill and laughter.