



ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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St. James Presbyterian Ministry Overview: Aug 2021-Feb 2022

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To St. James Session and SF Presbytery Committee on Ministry (West Bay),

Wholly by the grace and sovereign will of God, I prayerfully submit an overview of what I believe is a working guide to revitalize St. James. All these may look a lot to work on in the next seven months. It is, by human standards. But with and because of the leading and enabling by the Holy Spirit, I am confident that the aspirations presented below would gradually direct us to seeing St. James2.0 on a path towards becoming reality! It will be difficult, with bumps and bruises along the way. Knowing St. James is a church of the Lord Jesus Christ and He promised to walk each step of the way, what we need to do now is simply to step off the boat into the stormy seas with Him. It is with such confidence this overview is presented for your consideration, prayers, and support. - Pastor Fernando

Vision: A revitalized St. James Presbyterian Church whose leadership and congregation are Gospel-grounded, missionally active, and growing.

August – preparations and prayers before September reopening

- 4-Sunday Sermon series about Hope
- Church cleaning and asking ourselves why we're doing church
- Team-building and visioning among the core group
- Scaled down but focused worship and fellowship
- Start talking about the core elements of ministry strategy:
 - Rekindle faith, love, hope, and service in Jesus
 - What is God calling St. James Presbyterian Church to be and to do
 - Building passion for Christ and growing in discipleship
 - The Past, Present, and Future of St. James: hard decisions
 - St. James to become a New Worshiping Community, a Revitalized Congregation, or a hybrid?
 - Developing fresh eyes and active hands to respond to changing ministry realities in our neighborhood and beyond

September-October: Why are we a church?

- Revitalizing our worship
- Revitalizing our discipleship
- Revitalizing our fellowship

November-December: What are we called to do as a church?

- Being thankful about who we are in Christ
- Being missional beyond our ethnic identity

- Being creative and intentional in community outreach

January-February: *Where are we headed to as a church?*

- Claiming God's promise and call to St. James
- Equipping and preparing the church for the future
- Building hope for the future based on God's Covenant