



ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERMON STUDY & DISCUSSION OUTLINE

Church Series:

- #1 – Why are we a church?
- #2 – Are we becoming the church God calls us to be?
- #3 – From the past to the future
- #4 – What will becoming God’s church do to/for us?
- #5 – God’s work of grace in the long life of a church (115 years: 1906-2021)

10.17.2021 – God’s work of grace in the long life of a church (1906-2021)

(God is not done yet with St. James Church!)

Options for a church that had been closed for two years

- Close the church
- Merge with another established church
- Try again reopening the church by doing the same old, same old things
- Close the church and start a new one
- Hybrid: revitalize the church but restart doing some old things and also new things

The Pastors of St. James: a total of 31 including the current pastor

God’s master plan through the church

- Ephesians 1:7-10 – God has prepared every spiritual blessing for the church
- Ephesians 3:7-11 – through the church, God will demonstrate his “manifold wisdom”

In response to God’s grace, what must we do as a church (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

- Always thank God for his amazing work of grace among us
- Constantly pray so our work produced by faith, our labor prompted by love, our endurance inspired by hope in Christ will flourish and grow even more

On the practical side of life, consider these:

- Start re-ordering your life priorities
- Start dreaming, visioning for yourself and God’s church
- Church leaders grow old, younger in spirit
- That’s why, prepare the next generation leaders
- Are you ready to be surprised and to be blessed by God?
- An idea: St. James Neighborhood Church?

Vision of the future for St. James

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