

CHURCH Series...

Sep 19: Why are we a church?

Sep 26: Are we becoming the church God calls us?

Oct 3: Learning from the past. Moving to the future

Oct 10: What will becoming God's church do to us?

Oct 17: God's work of grace in the long life of a church (1906 – 2021)

GOD'S WORK OF GRACE IN THE LONG LIFE OF A CHURCH

1906

2021

GOD IS NOT DONE YET WITH ST. JAMES CHURCH!

CLOSE CHURCH

MERGE WITH ANOTHER

TRY AGAIN: Same old, Same old

CLOSE & START a new church

Hybrid: REVITALIZE and RESTART ANEW!





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THE PASTORS OF ST. JAMES

1906-1908 - DR. LYNN T. WHITE
1908-1909 - REV. GEORGE BLAIR
1909-1910 - REV. CHARLES WATSON
1910-1911 - REV. OLNEY WALKER
1911-1912 - REV. MR. SHIMMIAN
1912-1913 - REV. CHARLES DUNCAN
1913-1914 - REV. GEORGE GAMMON
1914 - REV. DONALD CHAPPEL
1915 - REV. CHARLES WATSON
MR. EARL HANEY
1916-1918 - REV. LOREN HANNA
1918-1919 - MR. WILLIS LAMOTT
1919-1920 - REV. RUDOLFO HUMMEL
1920-1921 - MR. ROLLO LAPORTE
1921-1923 - REV. WALTER COWDEN
1923-1924 - REV. MR. MILLER

THE PASTORS OF ST. JAMES

1924-1928 - MR. CHARLES GHORMLEY
1928-1935 - REV. FRED HOFFMAN
1936-1945 - REV. ANDREW SZILAGYI
1945-1946 - REV. CARL FRITZ
1946-1947 - REV. A. LUKE FRITZ
1947-1951 - REV. PAUL HALL
1951 - REV. GEORGE SEARLES
1951-1963 - REV. LLOYD STREHL
1963-1968 - REV. DR. DOUGLAS BAER
1969-1983 - REV. R. MARK COONRADT
1983-1990 - REV. JAMES EAKIN
1990-2006 - REV. DR. JEREMIAS
RESUS
2000-?- REV. ROBERTA BLISS
2009-2019 - REV. DR. EDWARD CHOA
2019-2020 - NONE
2021- - PASTOR FERNANDO
DEL ROSARIO JR.

Ephesians 3:7-11, NLT

7 By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.

8 Though I am the least deserving of all God's people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ.

9 I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning.

Ephesians 3:7-11, NLT

10 God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

11 This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.



The background is a detailed architectural blueprint on a dark blue grid. It features various technical drawings, including floor plans, sections, and elevations. Labels such as 'PIPE TRUCK', '1st FLOOR, 1st BASE', '2nd FLOOR', and '3rd FLOOR' are visible. There are also numerous dimension lines, circles, and rectangular outlines representing structural elements. The overall aesthetic is technical and precise.

The Church

GOD'S MASTER PLAN

Ephesians 1:3-6, NLT

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.



Ephesians 1:7-10, NLT

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness (grace) on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

By His grace, God has set His plan...

- **Blessed us with every spiritual blessing**
- **We are united with Christ**
- **God loved us and chose us**
- **God adopted us into His family**
- **God wanted to do these... He loved it!**
- **God's "proof of action": the Church!**
- ***Let us praise God for His glorious grace!***

In response to God's grace, what must we do as a church...

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.

**We remember before our God and Father
*your work produced by faith,
your labor prompted by love, and
your endurance inspired by hope*
in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

On the practical side of life, consider these...

- Start re-ordering your life priorities
- Start dreaming, visioning for yourself and for God's church
- Church leaders grow old, younger in spirit
- Intentionally prepare the next gen leaders
- *Are you ready to be surprised and to be blessed by God?*
- *St. James Neighborhood Church?*



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Our church vision...

**A revitalized and
fully functioning church
whose leadership
and congregation are
Gospel-grounded,
missionally active,
and growing.**