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# ***O-Member***



# ***Welcome Packet***

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## Welcome Note

St. James Missionary Baptist Church is excited that you have made us your place of worship and Kingdom service. It is our mission to assist you with your transition and facilitate assimilation through Bible-based and SPIRIT-filled Orientation Courses. It is our prayer that you will continue to grow in the Word of God through bible study and participation in the St. James Community Institute for Biblical Studies.

In Matthew 9:37(NIV), Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." It is our prayer that you will find a place of service that will allow you to use your spiritual gifts for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

The Newcomers' Ministry (NCM) seeks to promote and inspire active involvement. It is our prayer that God will lead you to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, love others unconditionally and utilize your God given gifts to build the Kingdom of God.

Please feel free to share any thoughts, concerns, or suggestions that will help us serve you better. Welcome to your new home.

In His Service,



**Sis. Cynthia Galvin**  
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## From the Pastoral Staff

Thank you for blessing St. James with your O-Membership. Words cannot express how excited we are to have you. We look forward to connecting with you, online or in-person. We are excited about what GOD is going to do to and through St. James because of the great people HE continues to send, like you.

This Welcome Packet is just a compilation of materials to get you started. Don't forget to schedule time with Dr. McClendon (Your New Pastor) so that you can get to know him. He loves GOD's people. Please reach out to his Executive Assistant, Sis. Willie Odems ([exectopastor@stjamescmbc.org](mailto:exectopastor@stjamescmbc.org)) to schedule an appointment. Pastor will even do a Zoom Meeting with you.

Again, we are excited about your joining The James. The Newcomers' Ministry (NCM) has a servant-focused manager, great captains and faithful workers who praise the LORD for the opportunity to serve you. I say, on behalf of Dr. B. W. McClendon, Sr. (Our Pastor), Rev. Robert Clemons (Assistant to the Pastor), Rev. Dr. Nathan Robertson (Executive Pastor), Rev. Adrian Sweeney (Associate Pastor) and Rev. DeVon Odems (Generations Youth Pastor), if there is anything that we can do to assist you, please don't hesitate to let us know. Our prayer is that the TRIUNE GOD (FATHER, SON and HOLY GHOST) will richly bless your time at St. James.

Welcome to St. James O-Church and Blessings in CHRIST,



**Rev. Leon C. McCowan, Ph.D.**  
**Associate Pastor**  
**St. James Missionary Baptist Church**

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# CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe by the SPIRIT of GOD, to receive the LORD JESUS as our SAVIOR, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY SPIRIT, we do now, in the presence of GOD, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in CHRIST. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the HOLY SPIRIT to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of, destructive drugs or intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to shun pornography; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our SAVIOR. We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of rules of our SAVIOR to secure it without delay. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of GOD's Word.

# CHURCH MISSION

The Great Commission, Matthew 28:18 – 20

**Mission Statement:** The purpose of the St. James Missionary Baptist Church is to equip and grow a fellowship of believers in Christ who are united to go to all people to make followers of Christ by preaching, teaching, training, and baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

# CHURCH VISION

**Vision Statement:** St. James strives to be a community fellowship, recognizing and celebrating God's design for Singles, Marriages and Families. The Family is to be the main instrument in the development of Christian discipline and in making disciples in accordance with God's Word.

# CHURCH CORE VALUES

St. James, following the leadership of her Pastor, has selected the following **Core Values:**  
**Salvation, Education, Dedication and Participation**

# ST. JAMES HISTORY

## History of Your New Church

St. James Baptist Church was first organized in 1927. With our humble beginnings, the church began to grow. Over the next 45 years, walking in faith, we have been led by Godly appointed pastoral leadership. After the passing of Rev. E. M. Franklin in 1992, who led the church for 39 years, Rev. B. W. McClendon was called in September 1993 to pastor; and continues to lead our congregation to higher heights.

Through the consistent teaching of God's word and faithful membership, we were blessed to build our current worship center in March 2006, on the beautiful site at 3417 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, in the heart of East Austin, TX.

From 1993 to present, the membership continues to blossom and grow as Dr. McClendon preaches the uncompromising gospel of Jesus Christ and stays focused on Worshipping, Witnessing, Building through Discipleship and Sending our members into the community to share the gospel with others.

**Our Motto:** "We are hooked on the book!"

# ORIENTATION CLASSES

## General

Orientation is available for Adults, Young Adults (18 – 25) and Youth (13 – 17). Kids (12 and Under) are encouraged to attend Child Evangelism. If the Young People (under the age of 12) attend an Orientation Class with their Parent(s)/Guardian(s), they meet the necessary Orientation Requirement for their respective age group. Know that Child Evangelism is not Orientation.

## Topics

### **PART I: SALVATION AND ASSURANCE**

Course Description: This class will take a look at the Scriptural concepts of salvation and it's assurance for the believer.

Course Goals: By the completion of this segment, each student will know the fundamental truths of:

- The definition of Biblical Salvation
- The Perfect Plan of Salvation
- The Perfect Work of Salvation
- The Unbreakable Promise of Salvation

### **PART II: FOUNDATION OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

Course Description: This class will look at personal devotion for the individual thru prayer, bible study and fellowship.

Course Goals: By completion of this segment, each student will know:

- Why Spiritual Growth is important to a Believer
- Hindrances of our growth
- Aspects that affect growth
- Why we need fellowship.
- Benefits of Personal Devotion and the study of GOD'S Word



### **PART III: INTRO TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Course Description: This class will give direction concerning the teachings (doctrine) pertaining to GOD and provide instruction for living for HIM.

Course Goals: Christian Growth/Maturity – By the completion of this segment, each student will have received:

- A definition of Discipleship
- Explanation of what it means to be chosen and called by JESUS to be a Disciple
- Six disciplines for New and Growing Believers

### **PART IV: STEWARDSHIP**

Course Description: This class will take a look at the Scriptural concepts surrounding the living and giving of Christians.

Course Goals: By the completion of this segment, each student will have received:

- A definition of Stewardship
- A Biblical look at witnessing (Evangelism) and Kingdom service through a personal relationship with JESUS the CHRIST
- A basic understanding of a servant's lifestyle
- An introduction to the F.A.I.T.H. Ministry
- The concept of giving (Tithes & Offerings) from the Biblical perspective
- An understanding of a budget done GOD's way

### **PART V: NEW HORIZON (MEMBER EXPECTATIONS)**

Course Description: This class will touch on the history of St. James Missionary Baptist Church and will introduce four biblical expectations of Church Members.

Course Goals: By the completion of this segment, each student will have received:

- A theological commentary on expectations of St. James Members
- An emphasis on the Core Values of St. James
- References to the Church Covenant, Mission and Vision of St. James
- References to the history of St. James

# ORIENTATION OPTIONS

## Orientation Encouragement

Know that Orientation is for you, but it does not hinder you from participating or serving. You have the rights and privileges of being a member of St. James by you following GOD's lead to join the St. James Family. Even though the NCM Facilitators would love to see you complete your orientation, you don't have to wait to start your Kingdom work.

## Orientation Opportunities

- 1) Online Orientation => Lessons and Quizzes are located on the St. James Website.
- 2) Regular Orientation => Orientation Classes are taught at 9:00AM on the second floor, in the Trinity Room. These classes are part of Church School and are approximately 40 – 45 minutes in length. The topics are on a rotation.
- 3) Mini-Orientation => Orientation Classes are taught after the Sunday Morning Worship Service in Room 153. These are abbreviated classes, approximately 10 – 15 minutes in length. The class topic varies depending on the needs of the attendees.
- 4) Quarterly Orientation => For those who cannot take the Online Orientation and cannot make the in-person Orientation Classes taught on Sundays or even someone is looking for Make-Up Classes, the NCM Staff will offer Special Orientation Classes on the Saturdays leading up to 5th Sundays. These Quarterly Classes will be 20 – 25 minutes in length. These classes are upon request and can include an abbreviated tour of the St. James Campus.

## Orientation Credit

Adults seeking a Certificate of Completion must take 5 of the offered Orientation Classes. Youth and Young Adults must take 4 of the offered Orientation Classes to receive their certificate. Upon completion of the aforementioned classes, the NCM Certification Team will ensure that you receive your Certificate of Completion.

# STAY CONNECTED

## Worship & Bible Study

St. James is truly focused on the Word of God. Even if our Members cannot come to the campus, we have Sunday Morning Worship via LiveStream, FaceBook Live, and YouTube @ 10AM. On Wednesday Nights, Bible Study is also online @ 7PM via LiveStream and FaceBook. In addition, see our website for other online worship opportunities at [www.stjamescmbc.org/events](http://www.stjamescmbc.org/events).

## Time with Pastor

Dr. B. W. McClendon, Sr. loves and enjoys every opportunity he has to interact with members GOD has given him, especially the New Members. Please contact Sis. Willie Odems, Pastor's Executive Assistant (512-928-2753 or [exectopastor@stjamescmbc.org](mailto:exectopastor@stjamescmbc.org)), to schedule a one-on-one appointment with Dr. McClendon. Your Pastor can even meet you via Zoom or telephonically. Dr. McClendon looks forward to his time with "His Favorite Member."

## SJBC Online

The St. James Website ([www.stjamescmbc.org](http://www.stjamescmbc.org)) is the one-stop-shop for everything St. James. The Communication Department works closely with the Pastoral Staff, Department Heads, Ministry Managers and other Church Leaders to ensure that all Members have all the resources they need. Where is God leading you to serve while you are at St. James? Please be in prayer and see what is available. Use the St. James Website for finding information, especially about the ministries of your church. If you don't see something that interest you, please don't be restricted, God could have sent you to St. James add to our Kingdom service or to start even more ministries.

## Newcomers' Call Team

Some of the Servant Leaders will reach out to you via phone for the next four weeks or so, mainly just to check on you during your transition and assimilation into your new church. Please feel free to ask questions or to share your prayer needs. If the Caller cannot answer your question(s) they will do what they can to get additional information or make referrals. If you do not want to be disturbed, please let the Caller know. If you would rather be contacted via e-mail, please let the Caller know. We never want to bother, inconvenience or be a burden to you. We are here to be a blessing and to assist you when possible.

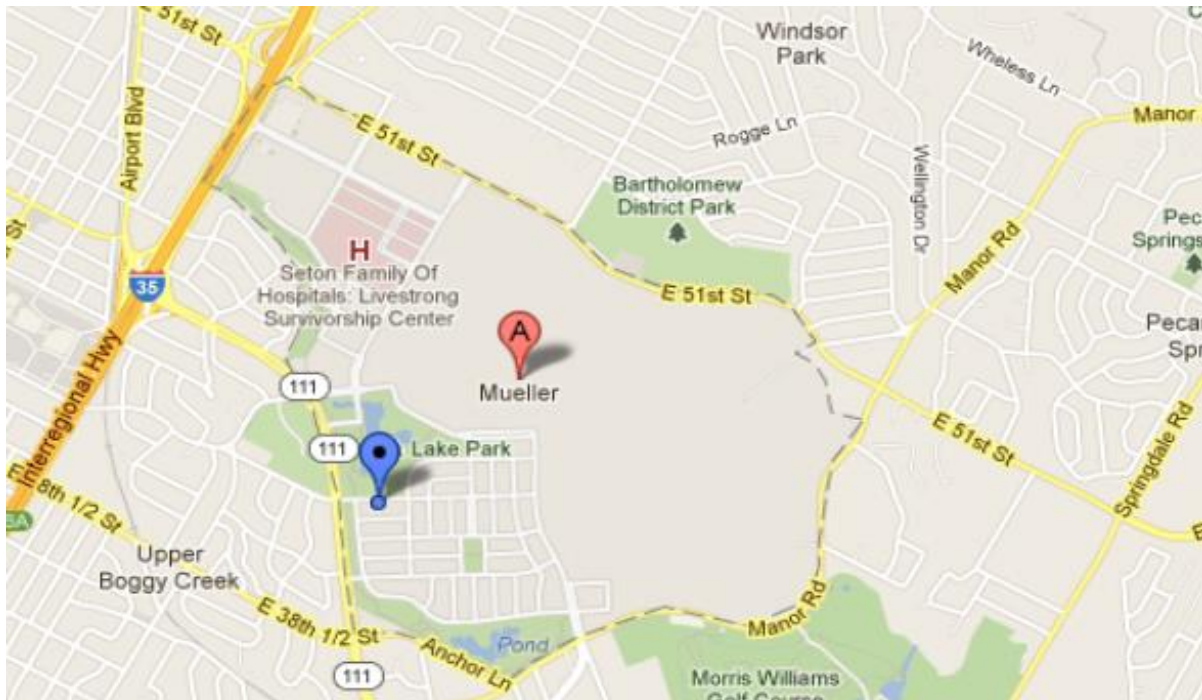
# MISSION FIELD

## Target Population

St. James is within the 78721 Zip Code and has claimed a Target Population (see below) to focus ministry, prayers and overall service evangelism. The church is not limited to this area, but this area surrounds St. James and we even utilize this area for the annual *Mission 5K/1K Run & Walk*, an event that encourages community health and wellness, as well as provides education efforts, such as preventative health screenings, nutrition education and physical fitness training.



St. James has now expanded the Target Population to include the Mueller Area. This area has been canvassed, prayed over and will be part of our evangelism efforts.



# K2/FAITH OUTLINE

## What is K2?

\*To **K**now CHRIST

\*To make CHRIST **K**nown

We are committed to making CHRIST known to this world. One of the ways that we at St. James accomplish this is the **FAITH Outline**

**Start With The Key Question:** In your personal opinion, what do you understand it takes for a person to go to heaven?

**The Responses You Will Receive:** No Opinion, Don't Know, Don't Care, Works or Faith/Biblical

**Your Transition Statement:** I'd like to share with you how the Bible answers this question, if it is alright? There is a word that can be used to answer the question: FAITH.

## **FAITH Broken Down:**

### **F is for Forgiveness**

We cannot have Eternal Life and Heaven without God's forgiveness

*"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins"*

*Ephesians 1:7a*

### **A is for Available**

Forgiveness is available to all, but it is not automatic

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"*

*John 3:16*

*"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven"*

*Matthew 7:21a*

## **I is for Impossible**

It is impossible for God to allow sin into Heaven. Why?

\*God is Love

*John 3:16*

\*God is Just

*"For judgment is without mercy"*

*James 2:13a*

\*Man is sinful

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*

*Romans 3:23*

Question: How can a sinful person enter Heaven where God allows no sin?

## **T is for Turn**

Turn means to repent.

\*Turn from something – sin and self

*"But unless you repent you will all likewise perish"*

*Luke 13:3b*

\*Turn to Someone – trust Jesus Christ only

*"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures"*

*1 Corinthians 15:3b – 4*

*"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved"*

*Romans 10:9*

## **H is for Heaven**

Heaven is Eternal Life.

\*Here

*"I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly"*

*John 10:10b*

\*Hereafter

*"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also"*

*John 14:3*

\*How

A person can have Heaven and Eternal life through Jesus (Forsaking All I Trust Him, *John 14:6*).

**Be A Great Commission CHRISTian!!**

# APPRECIATION & ENCOURAGEMENT

Thank you so much for joining O-Church and becoming an O-Member. We are truly excited about what GOD has instore for you in the next part of your journey with HIM. We leave you with some encouraging SCRIPTURES that you can come back to in your time of need:

## **My Help Comes From The TRIUNE GOD (FATHER, SON & HOLY GHOST)**

- When suffering affliction => Psalm 34:19 and II Corinthians 4:17
- When being treated unfairly => I Peter 2:19 – 23 and I Peter 4:12 – 15
- When facing temptation => James 1:2 – 4, 12 – 15 and I Corinthians 10:13
- When lonely depressed => Proverbs 3:5 – 6 and Hebrews 13:5 – 6
- When in need of forgiveness => I John 1:9 and Hebrews 4:15 – 16
- When weary and in need of rest => Matthew 11:25 – 30
- When feeling weak/inadequate => II Corinthians 12:9 – 10 and Philippians 4:13
- When burdened with many problems => Psalm 55:22 and I Peter 5:7
- When seeking peace => John 14:27, 16:33 and Philippians 4:6 – 7
- When facing danger => Psalm 9 and Psalm 121
- When driven by selfishness => Psalm 108:12 – 13 and I John 2:15 – 17
- When facing sorrow => II Corinthians 1:3 – 5 and Romans 8:26 – 28
- When in need of courage => Psalm 136:1 – 3 and Ephesians 6:10 – 13
- When in financial need => Psalm 34:10 and Philippians 4:19
- When seeking God's standards => Matthew 5:48 and Matthew 12:35 – 50
- When in doubt about eternity => John 3:6 – 16 and Hebrews 9:24 – 28