



# Newcomers' Ministry O-Member Orientation

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**THANK YOU, AGAIN,  
FOR BLESSING  
ST. JAMES  
WITH YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP!!!**



# O–Member Orientation

- Part I “Salvation and the Assurance of Salvation”
- Part II “Foundation of Spiritual Growth”
- Part III “Introduction to Discipleship”
- Part IV “Stewardship”
- **Part V “New Horizon”**



# Lesson Outline

- I. Objectives
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# Lesson Objectives



To introduce the Church Covenant



To introduce the Church Mission and Church Vision



To introduce the Four Core Values of St. James



To touch on the History of St. James



To introduce the Four Biblical Expectations of St. James Members



# Church Covenant

Do you know what a  
covenant is?

As defined by Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary:

- Promise
- Agreement
- Deed
- Contract
- Pact
- Pledge
- Vow

*(Webster, 1975, p. 262)*



# By joining St. James, you take on this 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.*



# Covenant – Part II

*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 it's 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.*



# Covenant – Part III

*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.*



# Covenant – Part IV

*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.*



# Covenant – End

*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.*

*Go back and read your Church Covenant as you continue to journey with the LORD and grow as a Kingdom Citizen. You are a vital part of the St. James Family.*



# Mission & Vision

◎ **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.

◎ **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.



# Core Values

## I. Salvation

- We want to see all people saved and part of GOD's Kingdom

## II. Education

- After getting saved, education of GOD's WORD is key to our Spiritual Growth
- We also push and celebrate scholastic achievements (GED, Diplomas, Certifications, Degrees and Continual Education)

## III. Dedication

- Our lives and our St. James Membership must be dedicated to the TRIUNE GOD

## IV. Participation

- We believe it is no accident that every Member is part of St. James for GOD to use their gifts and talents for HIS service.



# Touch on St. James History

## ❖ Then:

- St. James was organized in 1927
- 4 Pastors led for 45 years leading up to arrival of Pastor E. M. Franklin
- Pastor Franklin led St. James from 1953 – 1992
- All of the Pastors led St. James through growth and moves until the church arrived to her area
- In 1993, Pastor B. W. McClendon became the 6<sup>th</sup> Pastor of St. James

## ❖ Now:

- We moved into our current Worship Center in 2006 as part of March Gladness
- Currently, the membership continues to blossom and grow as Dr. McClendon preaches and teaches GOD'S WORD
- This Kingdom Focused Fellowship continues to Worship, Witness, Build and Send
- Dr. McClendon, the Pastoral Staff, Elders, Deacons, Missionaries, Department Heads, Ministry Managers and the Membership continue to praise, worship and make disciples while waiting for CHRIST'S return



# Member Expectations

- I. **Attend Church, Regularly**
  - Consistency
- II. **Tithe In Accordance With The Bible**
  - Compassion
- III. **Witness – Share Your Faith**
  - Charge
- IV. **Be Part Of A Small Group**
  - Comradery



# Expectation One: Church Attendance

## *Keys to attending church regularly:*

- “Regularly” means that we are consistent in our time of corporate worship and Bible Study (online and/or in-person)
- Grab a Bible, use your Bible App or use your Search Engine of choice to look up the following SCRIPTURES:
  - ✓ **PSALM 133:1** => Pleasantness of unified worship
  - ✓ **JOHN 4:24** => Worship GOD in spirit and in truth
  - ✓ **ACTS 2:41 - 43** => GOD’S WORD saves us and brings us together as a congregation of GOD’S People
  - ✓ **HEBREWS 10:24 - 25** => Coming together is bigger than an individual...We cannot stop coming together to learn together, encourage one another and serve the community.
- You are encouraged to attend church, consistently
- Visitors are welcome and Members are expected

***We want to see you grow in the LORD!!!***



# Expectation Two: Biblical Tithe

*Be compassionate and give back to the LORD a portion of what GOD has give you. How & Why?*

- Bring your Tithe (1 / 10<sup>th</sup>) to GOD (MALACHI 3:8 - 12)
  - ✓ Verse 8 => GOD get's robbed by Man
  - ✓ Verse 9 => Robbers are cursed
  - ✓ Verse 10 => It takes Money to do Ministry...GOD asks us to test HIM in our giving. We cannot beat HIS giving, no matter how hard we try...HE promises to bless us, in abundance, because of our relationship with HIM, which impacts our giving.
  - ✓ Verse 11 => GOD promises to protect us and to protect our resources
  - ✓ Verse 12 => The world will know that we belong to GOD because of our relationship with HIM will be visible
- More in your Bible, Bible App or Search Engine:
  - ✓ **GENESIS 1:1** => GOD owns everything (PSALM 24:1)
  - ✓ **GENESIS 14:18 - 20** => Tithing before the established law
  - ✓ **PROVERBS 3:9** => Give the First Fruits
  - ✓ **MATTHEW 23:23** => Don't be a Hypocrite
  - ✓ **II CORINTHIANS 9:6 - 8** => Cheerful Giver



# Expectation Three: Witness

***We must bring others to CHRIST:***

- Are you a Great Commission CHRISTian?  
(MATTHEW 28:18 – 20)
- Are you a Kingdom Witness?  
(ACTS 1:8)
- We are to K2
  - ✓ To **Know** CHRIST
  - ✓ To Make CHRIST **Known**
- Evangelism is a lifestyle of sharing our life in CHRIST with those we encounter...It is our charge!!!
- GOD wants all to be saved
  - ✓ JOHN 3:16
  - ✓ II PETER 3:9

***Seeing others saved is our desire...There is more than enough room in Heaven for all who believe!!!***



# Expectation Four: Small Groups

*All Members are encouraged to be part of a Small Group. A Small Group can make the difference between just joining a church and being a Kingdom Servant.*

## Explanation of Small Groups:

1. ACTS 2:44 - 47
  - ✓ Serving in commonality and uniformity
  - ✓ Coming together to take care of needs
  - ✓ House-To-House Kingdom Servants
2. Synonyms for Small Groups at St. James
  - ✓ Ministries
  - ✓ Communities
  - ✓ Auxiliaries
  - ✓ Comrades on the Spiritual Battlefield
3. **Small Groups** allow you to get connected to the overall Kingdom Fellow (Body of Believers) at St. James
4. **Small Groups** are family-like and friendly instruments of grace and mercy designed to serve the community
5. **Small Groups** are established to build meaningful and trusting relationships to help us on our CHRISTian journeys.



# Facilitator/O-Quiz

## Lesson Facilitator:

- *Please shoot a line to your Lesson Facilitator with questions or comments:*

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For Lesson Credit, please send an e-mail to your Lesson Facilitator answering these questions:

1. What is a covenant?
2. Give an example of one thing you learned from reading through the Church Covenant?
3. What SCRIPTURE is the Church Mission based on?
4. What are the 4 Core Values?
5. What year was St. James organized?
6. What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Member Expectation?
7. What does it mean to be part of a Small Group?



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