



JAMESTOWNFIRSTASSEMBLY

Quarterly News Edition

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Fall 2024

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WE WISH YOU A



HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY



THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO



Save the Date

- 9/1** **Communion Sunday/Missions Cameo-
Jamie Mullens**
- 9/2** **Labor Day-Church Office Closed**
- 9/3** **TBC Ministry Fair**
- 9/8-9** **Youth Leaders Summit**
- 9/8** **Fall Kick-Off & Jersey Sunday**
- 9/12** **Deacon Meeting**
- 9/13** **Kids Konnect BGMC Game Night**
- 9/20** **Emerge Yth Movie & Game Night**
- 10/06** **Membership Class 1- Communion
Missions Service- Tanks- Eatery**
- 10/10** **Deacon Meeting**
- 10/11** **Cookie Workshop**
- 10/13** **Membership Class 2-Missions Service**
- 10/17-19** **Youth Convention**
- 10/20** **Membership Class 3-Missions Service
Timothy & Amber Brown**

- 10/27** **Membership Class 4-Missions
Service -Africa's Hope-Luke
Storer/Mittleider Baby Girl Celebration**
- 10/31** **Harvest Party**
- 11/3** **Communion Sunday**
- 11/7** **Deacon Meeting**
- 11/10-13** **Friendsgiving/Minister's Enrichment**
- 11/15** **Emerge Yth Butterball Bowl**
- 11/26** **Decorate Church for Christmas**
- 11/28** **Happy Thanksgiving**

ON MISSION

What is mission drift? In the book *Mission Drift* by Peter Greer and Chris Horst they unpack this danger that faces the Church or any organization today of drifting away from their purpose. They pose a very valuable question, "Is your organization in danger of *"Mission Drift?"* They say, *"without careful attention, churches or organizations drift from their mission. Slowly, silently, and with little fanfare, organizations routinely drift from their purpose, and many never return to their original intent."* They give the examples of Harvard and the YMCA that no longer embrace the Christian principles on which they were founded. But they didn't drift off course overnight. Drifting often happens in small and subtle ways. Left unchecked, it eventually becomes significant.

Greer and Horst explain in their book that Mission Drift is not inevitable. Giving examples of organizations such as Compassion International and InterVarsity have exhibited intentional, long-term commitment to Christ.

This begs the question: Why have so many churches today wandered from their mission, while others have remained Mission true? Can drift be prevented? Greer and Horst said, *"No organization is exempt from the danger of drifting away from its original mission."* With that backdrop in mind, how do we stay true to the Mission? Maybe we need to start with what is our Mission, so that we don't lose track of our purpose.

At Jamestown First Assembly our Mission is to help people become fully devoted followers of Christ. We base that on the some of the last words of Jesus to us in Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Making disciples of Christ, baptizing them into His Kingdom, and teaching them to obey scripture, is what we are all about. This is our Mission! Given to us by Christ himself. So, let's keep this Mission in focus as we step into this fall season.

We have been experiencing the fulfillment of this Mission in our midst this past year with many giving their lives to Christ. So, of them have been water baptized and we hope to see more baptisms this fall, and then many new faces have joined with us in our systematic teaching of God's Word. But still, we need to be vigilant in our endeavors to not get sidetracked and stay on Mission. The Lord's presence will bless our Church as we stay true to this Mission.

Now is a practical way, let me briefly mention some things that will help us stay on Mission in a personal way. To be "On Mission" is to intentionally befriend unbelievers, in love, for the purpose of the Gospel of Jesus.

What it does *NOT* mean to be on mission:

- To be "On Mission" does *NOT* mean you view those who don't follow Jesus as "dirty rotten sinners" that need to be cleaned up or "projects" to be completed.
- To be "On Mission" does *NOT* mean you must see conversions, though you likely will eventually. We don't save people, Jesus does, we just love them.
- To be "On Mission" does *NOT* mean you need 10 extra hours a week set aside for "missionary" work. It's more normal than that.
- To be "On Mission" does *NOT* mean you must only talk about Jesus in very serious tones when you're around unbelieving friends. Be real with people.
- To be "On mission" does *NOT* mean Jesus really loves you if you have a lot of unbelieving friends.

So, what it *DOES* mean to be on mission personally:

To be “On Mission” *DOES* mean that you love Jesus, although imperfectly, and believe he is the only hope for every soul in the world (including your own) because according to Acts 4:12 (NIV) *“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”*

To be “On Mission” *DOES* mean that you love people, like Jesus, and are moved to compassion as Luke 14:23 (NIV) says, *“Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.”* And again Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) *“Go and make disciples of Jesus of all nations.”*

To be “On Mission” *DOES* mean you believe that inviting people to Jesus is inviting them to life-that-is-truly-life (not religion) because Jesus said in John 14:6 (NIV) *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

To be “On Mission” *DOES* mean you view yourself according to 2 Corinthians 5:18 (NIV) *“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”* We are as an *ambassador of reconciliation* and according to John 17:18 (NIV) Jesus said, *“As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”* We are the sent ones in whatever places you find yourself day-to-day, moment-by-moment. It’s living everyday life with gospel intentionality, starting with those God has placed around you.

To be “On Mission” *DOES* mean you prayerfully consider how to best connect with those around you for the purposes of the gospel, becoming as 1 Corinthians 9:22 (NIV) says, *“I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.”*

To be “On Mission” *DOES* mean you know that even while *you*, according to Romans 5:8 (NIV) *“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* Thus making you a redeemed sinner pointing other sinners to the Redeemer.

In other words, by putting our faith in Christ, we have received a new identity of “missionary”, sent into our city armed with the message of hope, deliverance and the mercy of Jesus Christ. To be “On Mission” is to practically live out that identity in simple, loving, everyday ways, befriending unbelievers for the sake of the gospel, the good of the city and the glory of God. Let’s continue, trusting Him, as Jesus’ people sent “On Mission”—developing fully devoted followers of Christ!

Let’s stay focused “On Mission” and not drift!

Sincerely,

Jeff Wiedenmeyer

Lead Pastor Jamestown First Assembly





GROWGROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday 6:30PM
Leader: Pastor Jeff

701-252-4092
Jamestown First Assembly

WOMEN'S EVENING BREAK

Wednesday 6:30PM
Leader: Pastor Tamra

701-252-4092
Jamestown First
Assembly

SOUTHWEST JAMESTOWN

Wednesday 6:30PM
**Leader: Joe & LeAnn
Beckstrand**

701-269-9662
1116 Western Park Village,
Jamestown

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS

Mondays 7:00 PM
**Leader: Pastor Shawn
& Cami**

701-269-8648
301 6th Ave SW
Jamestown

**More to come....
Watch the
e-bulletin for
details**

Sundays @ 9am

JAMESTOWN FIRST ASSEMBLY'S CHURCH

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

⇒ Sunday, October 6th
Sunday, October 13th
Sunday, October 20th
Sunday, October 27th



JFA Mentoring

Getting established in your faith



**JFA Mentoring:
Exploring the ABC's to
be a Fully Devoted
Follower of Christ**

Sundays at 9am
in October

**Sign up and take the
next step in**

Discipleship



MISSIONS CONVENTION 2024



**Andrew & Jacqueline Tank -
Sunday, October 6th**



**Isaac & Whitney Seulie
Bismarck All Nations Church
Home Missions
Sunday, October 13th**



**Timothy & Amber Brown
Sunday, October 20th**



**Luke & Bethanie Storer-
Africa's Hope
Sunday, October 24th**

Opportunity to “give generously” to Missions during our Missions month. Our goal for cash offerings is \$15,000 to help support projects. Our goal for “Faith Promise” giving is \$3,500 per month. Be in prayer about what the Lord would have you do.



Kidz Konnect Fall News Letter

We had an amazing summer with Kids on the Move, Kids camp, Water Wars, Color Mania, and the Buffalo Day Parade! We saw God do amazing things through our kids this Summer and we are looking forward to see what God will do in the Fall!



What is Coming Up!

September

- Sept. 13th: BGMC Game Night @6:30pm at Jamestown First Assembly
- Sept. 29th: Kidz Konnect Christmas Musical Tryouts @12:30pm Following Morning Service

October

- Oct. 13th, 20th, 27th: Kids Konnect Christmas Musical Practice @ 12:30pm
- Oct. 31st: Kidz Konnect Harvest Party @ Jamestown First Assembly

November

- Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th: Kids Konnect Christmas Musical Practice @ 12:30pm
- Nov. 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th: Kids Konnect Christmas Musical Practice @ 10am
- Nov. 22nd: Little Sparks and Kidz Konnect Thanksgiving Party @6:30pm

For more information about these events, contact Pastor Zach or the main church office @ 701-252-4092





2024 Fall Newsletter

EMERGE YOUTH



EVENTS

SEPT 20 // 7-10PM

MOVIE AND GAME NIGHT

Join us for a fun evening at the Slater Center! This is a night for your students to come and hang out, play games, and watch a movie with me and Cami!



OCTOBER 17-19

YOUTH CONVENTION

Cost: \$225
Breakdown: Ticket (55) ; Meals (100) ; Hotel (70)
This is the best event of the year! Don't let your student miss out on this three day trip where they will get to grow in Christ with hundreds of other students from across the state!



NOVEMBER 15 // 7PM - 8:30PM

BUTTERBALL BOWL

Don't miss out on our annual Butterball bowl at Bison Lanes here in Jamestown! We compete for prizes and the coveted Butterball Turkeys to our Best Bowler (Highest Total Score) and The Turkey Striker! (First one to bowl a Turkey / Most strikes)

COLLEGE - YOUNG ADULTS GROW GROUP

C-YA

FALL EVENTS 2024

**MONDAY
NIGHTS! 7PM**

MOVIE NIGHT: SEPT. 16TH

JOIN PASTOR SHAWN AND CAMI AT 7PM FOR A FUN MOVIE NIGHT WITH SNACKS AND DRINKS AT THEIR HOUSE!

KING PINZ: OCT. 7TH

LET'S TAKE THIS GROUP ON THE ROAD AT 6PM AND HAVE A BLAST AT KING PINZ! WE WILL ENJOY BOWLING, FOOD, AND THE ARCADE TOGETHER THAT EVENING!!

FRIENDSGIVING: NOV. 10TH

GATHER TOGETHER BEFORE FALL BREAK FOR A THANKSGIVING MEAL HOSTED BY PASTOR SHAWN AND CAMI! THIS IS A YEARLY HIGHLIGHT SO BRING SOME DRINKS AND A FRIEND OR TWO! FOOD WILL BE SERVED AT 3PM!

The Hernandez Family

MINISTRY TO NICARAGUA

Please Pray...

- 1. Please pray for wisdom and safety for our family and staff as we continue to work and minister in Nicaragua.**
- 2. Please pray for the children and young people in the Child Hope schools that transformation would continue to take place in their lives and families.**
- 3. Please pray for financial miracles for our schools.**
- 4. Please pray for Alyssa as she starts her 3rd year of College and Ashley as she begins 10th grade.**
- 5. Please pray for Nicaragua!**



OUR HEARTS ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
CONTINUED LOVE, PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL
SUPPORT. IT MEANS MORE THAN YOU KNOW.



JFA
WM
Ministries

Cookie Workshop

Friday, November 8th, 6:30pm

Ladies, sign up and bring a
friend!

a little
pumpkin
is on her way

Please join us for A baby girl celebration for
Kelsey & Andrew Mittleider

**Sunday, October
27th | after morning
service**

3282 Prairie Rose Dr., Jmstn

RSVP: 701-269-2856 to Host:
LeAnn Beckstrand



Birthdays

& Anniversaries...

SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER

Birthdays...

09/01	Catie Haas	11/02	Milo Mittleider
09/02	Josie Carlson	11/02	Joe Weltzin
09/05	April Johnson	11/10	Gina Jones
09/20	Lindsay Hoff	11/17	Zachery Johnson
09/21	Cami Hirst	11/19	Darcy Harr
09/22	Christy Meza	11/30	Leona Deutscher
10/03	Lance Savage		
10/04	Judy Vilhauer		
10/07	Leroy Kirschenmann		
10/09	Shawn Hirst		
10/12	John Schaller		
10/3	Dennis Hofmann		
10/13	Gemma Schaller		
10/17	Shirleen Pettet		
10/30	Janna Robinson		

Anniversaries...

09/01	Louis & Bonnie Delair
09/11	Gatlyn & Noelle Buskness
09/12	Joe & LeAnn Beckstrand
10/23	Dennis & Evelyn Hofmann
11/28	Ray & Carol Elhard

September 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pastor Jeff – Communion Jamie Mullens- Cameo	2 Church Office Closed! Labor Day	3 Student Ministry Fair TBC	4 Emerge Yth Back to School Building Blocks 6:30pm	5	6	7
8 Pastor Jeff 10:30am Fall Kickoff—Jersey Sunday Youth Leaders Summit	9	10	11 7 am Deacon Prayer Emerge Yth Kids on Trak 6:30 pm	12 6pm Deacon Mtg.	13 Kids Konnect BGMC Game Night-6:30pm	14
15 Pastor Jeff 10:30am pm Pastor Jeff	16 CYA Movie with snacks-7pm	17	18 7 am Deacon Pray- er 6:30 pm Ladies GG 6:30 pm Men's GG 6:30 pm Kids On Trak 6:30 pm Emerge Yth Grow Groups	19	20 Emerge Yth Movie & Game Night at the Slater Center (7-10 pm)	21
22 Pastor Jeff 10:30am	23 Carmichael Chris- tina School Form library basement 6:30 pm CYA 7pm	24	25 7 am Deacon Pray- er 6:30 pm Ladies Evening Break 6:30 pm Men's GG 6:30 pm Kids on Trak 6:30 pm Emerge Yth Grow Groups	26	27	28
29 Pastor Jeff 10:30am Water Baptism Musical Tryouts, 12:30 pm	30 CYA 7pm					

~ Sunday ~

Worship Practice
9:00 am

10:00 a.m. Prayer

10:15am Greeting & Coffee

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Kidz Konnect & Nursery

Mondays~

CYA Grow Group

Tuesday ~

7 p.m.

Grow Groups meeting at various locations

For more info contact 252-4092

Wednesday~

7 am Deacon Prayer at the church

6:30 p.m.

Ladies Evening Break GG

Men's Bible GG

Kids On Trak

5pm –6:30 pm service/Emerge Yth at Slater Center

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6 9am Membership Class Missions Convention- Jacqueline Tank 10:30am Yth Eatery 12:30pm Musical Practice	7 CYA- King Pinz Bowling-6pm	8	9 7 am Deacon Prayer 630 pm Ladies GG 6:30 pm Men's GG 6:30 pm Kids On Trak 6:30 pm Emerge Yth Grow Groups	10 6pm Deacon Mtg	11	12
13 9am Membership Class 10:30am-Missions Covention-Seviles BGMC 12:30pm Musical Practice	14 CYA-7pm	15	16 7 am Deacon Prayer 6:30 pm Ladies GG 6:30 pm Men's GG 6:30 pm Kids On Trak 6:30 pm Emerge Yth Grow Groups	17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Youth Convention 17-19 Fargo, \$225</div>	18	19
20 9am Membership Class- Amber Brown- Missions Convention 10:30am 12:30pm Musical Practice	21 CYA-7pm	22	23 7 am Deacon Prayer 6:30 pm Ladies GG 6:30 pm Men's GG 6:30 pm Kidz On Trak 6:30 pm Emerge Yth Grow Groups	24	25	26
27 9am Membership Class 10:30am Mis- sions Conv. Africa's Hope-Luke Storer 12:30pm Musical Practice Baby Mittleider cele- bration @ Beck- strand's home	28 CYA-7pm	29	30 7 am Deacon Prayer 6:30 pm Ladies GG 6:30 pm Men's GG 6:30 pm Kidz On Trak 6:30 pm Emerge Yth Grow Groups	31 Harvest Party		

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10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Kidz Konnect & Nursery

Mondays ~ CYA Grow Group
7 p.m.

Grow Groups meeting at various locations
For more info contact 252-4092

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7 am Deacon Prayer at the church

6:30 p.m.
Ladies GG
Men's BGG
Kids On Trak
5pm -6:30 pm service/Emerge Yth at Slater
Center

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24 9am Worship Practice Pastor Jeff 10:30am 12:30 pm Kids Musical Practice	25	26 Decorate church for Christmas	27 No Wednesday night classes	28 Thanksgiving Day Church office closed	29	30 10am Kids Musical Practice

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10:15am Greeting & Coffee

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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7 p.m.

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6 Church Members Who Build Up the Church

by Chopo Mwanza

Something to Think About.....

Every local church is comprised of a diverse group of church members who have been radically transformed by the power of God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. These diverse people have no reason to live and work together, let alone care for each other—and yet, they choose to live in love and unity together, to the praise and glory of the Lord’s name. Healthy local churches make a powerful and attractive testimony to a watching world. This means that every member has to be devoted to building others up.

1. Those Who Attend.

Attending is the most basic way members build each other up. It’s the most obvious way to show commitment to the body. There’s something encouraging about knowing a brother or sister is simply going to be present at a church service, and you are going to worship God together. The writer of Hebrews tells the believers to “stir one another up to love and good deeds” and to “encourage one another.” How are they to do this? By “not forsaking the assembling of the believers” (Heb. 10:23–25). You cannot build others up if you’re not meeting with them regularly and faithfully. It’s therefore no wonder that those who are regularly absent from the gathering often stagnate in their faith or become members who primarily grumble and complain. Dear church members, church meetings are not about you or your convenience. Build others up by faithful attendance.

2. Those Who Encourage.

Consider Paul’s words about Tychicus in Colossians 4: “I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts” (Col. 4:8). Why does he send his friend? To encourage the Colossians. We should follow Paul’s model. The encouraging member commends, recommends, praises, thanks, comforts, urges, supports, and compliments other members. We often think of encouraging as merely giving praise, like a spectator in the terraces. However, biblical encouragement is more than that; it’s a fellow teammate urging you to get to work. Furthermore, encouragement is not mere flattery. It’s not just being nice or telling people what they want to hear. Rather, true encouragement is honest and sincere. It commends those who serve well, and it also urges those who are struggling in their walk with the Lord. Such kind of member is a great blessing to the body. Strive to be one.

3. Those Who Confront Without Indulging Gossip.

Churches are full of sinful people, which means church members sin against each other. This poses a challenge to the unity of the church, and it requires members to confront one another in love and gentleness. The confronting member is the opposite of a gossip and slanderer. They obey the charge of Scripture to confront and restore people who are living in sin (Matt. 18:15–18, Gal. 6:1–2). What motivates the confronting member is not just that someone’s sin has offended them but that the Lord is offended by sin—particularly sin that is unresolved and left to fester and grow (1 Cor. 5). The confronting member confronts out of love for God and love for other believers.

4. Those Who Pray.

I’ve always been struck by Samuel’s statement to David: “Far be it from me that I may sin against you by not praying for you” (1 Sam. 12:23). We have a responsibility to pray for each other. The best church members are devoted to prayer. They’ve learned to depend on God so they highly value praying to him. Typically, praying members learn to talk less to people and more to God about people. They’re a church’s unsung heroes. If prayer drives the church, then the praying member is essential to the health and growth of the church.

5. Those Who Serve.

Attendance is necessary, but members should do more than just attend. They should serve. They should “do the work of ministry” (Eph. 4:12). They use their gifts to serve God and other members, building up the church in the process. Great encouragement comes from knowing you’re not the only one on the team. Great comfort comes from knowing you have teammates fighting with you and encouraging you as you go. People who are able to but don’t serve in the church tend to discourage the rest of the body.

6. Those Who Show Patience.

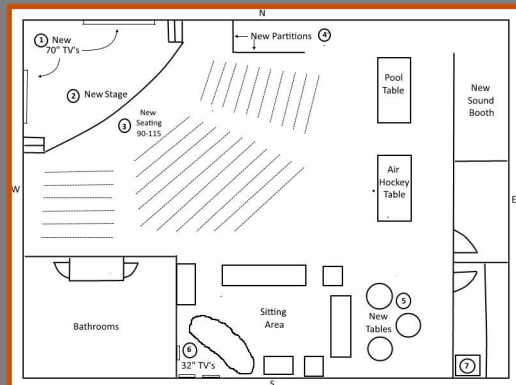
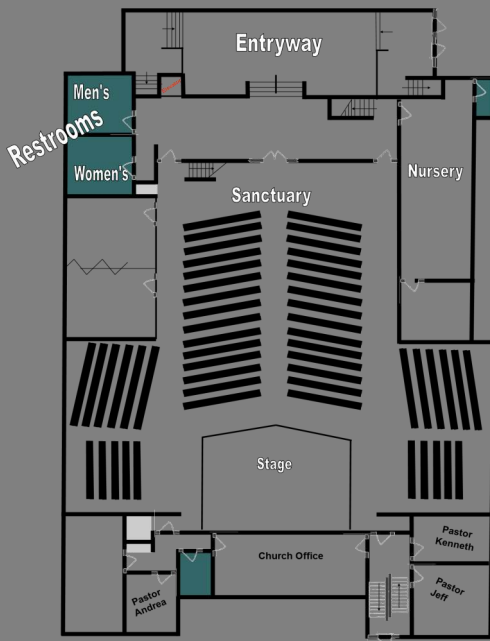
Patience is a vitally important both for the individual believer and the congregation as a whole. After all, the Christian life isn’t a sprint but a marathon. Our walk with the Lord is a process, and we won’t noticeably grow over night. All this means we have to learn to endure with each other’s weaknesses and shortcomings. We have to learn to forgive without holding grudges and disciple one another with all patience. A patient member graciously puts up with other people’s failures. They realize that no church is perfect—and as a result, they are joyfully patient. A church with patient members is a church where members confront one another, encourage one another, confess sin to one another, and forgive each other.



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MAIN LEVEL



LOWER LEVEL

