



St. James' CORE BELIEFS

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1. We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He became man, was crucified and died. On the third day He was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven.
2. We accept the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as being fundamental to our understanding of our Triune God and one another.
3. We accept that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the inspired word of God and we seek to engage them in our daily lives.
4. We believe that the Church must continually explore methods of conveying the Gospel in a culturally relevant and sensitive manner, while adhering to the eternal truth of the Gospel.

St. James' CORE VALUES

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1. We embrace a willingness to try old things in new ways in order to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. We appreciate that faith is a journey, that people are in different places in that journey, and that we must understand, respect, and love each other in the midst of these differences.
3. We welcome differences of opinion and varied perspectives on issues and expect that such differences will be addressed with respect, love, honesty, directness, and acceptance of each person.
4. We believe we are called to be peacemakers, practicing love and forgiveness in every relationship and activity.
5. We are committed to personal integrity as we strive for excellence in all that we do.
6. We are passionate about the wellbeing, education, safety, and nurture of children and youth. We welcome the participation of children, youth and families of all types, in all areas of our common life.
7. We seek to engage people in small groups of ministry, learning, caring, growing, fellowship, and service.
8. We believe that every ministry, activity, and action taken by the Church and its members must answer the question, "Does this help us to ignite passion for Jesus Christ to change lives, and to welcome all to seek, to share, to serve, and to celebrate God's love and forgiveness?"