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Welcome Pastor Jame John, Ansu, Joanna and Joella! *In the beginning...*

A Church Reflective of Heaven

By Daniel Mark

Years ago, while watching a show on Christian television, I heard the host ask the guest what kind of church he was contemplating founding next to the other churches he had already established. I found his answer ambitious and intriguingly admirable. The brother answered that his next congregation would be one that resembled heaven. After briefly wondering about his answer, it dawned on me with

excitement that he must have had the fascinating Chapter 7 of Revelation on mind!

The Apostle John, author of the book of Revelation and exiled on Patmos as punishment for his testimony and witness for our Lord Jesus Christ, was in total seclusion and solitude. In one of many visions and revelations, the Lord Jesus showed him a panorama of a dramatic sequence of end-time scenarios. These events will presage the return of the Lord Jesus who will consummate history and usher in His Kingdom.

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"...Reflective of Heaven," continued...

During or after a tremendous worship scene in heaven, a glorious picture of an extremely diverse group of people impossible to number was shown to John. An elder asked John who these people were, and when John was non-plussed the angel explained that these were people culled from the earth and had been redeemed from the Great Tribulation. It was a uniquely motley group who had conquered and triumphed over the Great Tribulation, by God's grace of course.

A church that looks like heaven ought to be the ideal congregation for all believers—pastors, elders, deacons—etc., etc. Not that unbelievers are invited; far from it, but the word 'church" actually means "called out," and it's perfectly illustrated in Revelation 7! As the Body of Christ and as a local church, we must endeavor to be as inclusive as possible. Hence the relevance of this beautiful passage from Revelation.

Windsor Chapel, after an eighteen-month hiatus of being without a permanent shepherd, finally heard from the Lord in the person of a precious brother and his wonderful family. Their stock and ethnicity are sweetly welcoming and are a cause of joy and promise a la the Book of Revelation. Pastor Jame and his wife, Ansu, and their two daughters, have become members of the Chapel family. God's amazing grace is clearly at work in answering our prayers with a family having the potential of transforming Windsor Chapel into a truly leaven-like church in its composition and flavor. It must touch God's heart that a church or a congregation named after His beloved Son should attract a good sampling of the human race as God is most interested in seeing all people come to Him through the Lord Jesus Christ.

A church that aims to mirror Revelation 7 will be a powerful testimony of the Gospel and grace of God through members of as much ethnic and racial diversity as is possible. As the Great Commission of our Lord is to encompass the entire globe and people groups hearing the Gospel before the end of time (Matthew 24:14), so must every church strive to be as inclusive and welcoming of all made in the image of God. With a new Pastor of Jame's background and experience,

Windsor Chapel is potentially perched on the threshold of exciting new dimensions and depths of growth, testimony and service, by God's grace and according to His sovereign will and purpose and for His Glory! Amen! Hallelujah!



Happy Birthday!

Blessings to all who celebrate a birthday this month. May you feel the love, joy and presence of the Lord as we all celebrate your special day with prayers and warmest wishes.

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Our women's growth group will begin a six-week series on Thursday evening, September 18, 7:00-8:30, in the Chapel House. We will continue our theme of *Cloud of Witnesses* from Hebrews as we look at what we can learn from women in the Bible. No commitment or preparation is required, and all women are welcome. Please feel free to come when you can. Any questions or concerns, please contact Cindy Bills.

Adult Sunday School

We are reworking our Sunday morning services so that they are more cohesive. We are really excited to relaunch an Adult Bible Class on October 19. We will meet every Sunday morning (except the first Sunday of the month) from 9:25 AM to 9:55 AM, followed by our Worship Service. Please stay tuned for more details!



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Elders' Corner

By Tom Taylor

My dear brothers and sisters, greetings in Jesus' name. I hope this finds you looking forward to a new season, not just fall with its wonderful weather, but a new season of opportunity! Along with the excitement and thanksgiving that comes with God sending us Pastor Jame and his family, we have a new opportunity to join together and seek the Lord. Scripture teaches us seek the Lord while He may be found (Isaiah 55:6). Jesus said, "My house will be called a house of prayer" (Matthew 21:13). We see throughout the Bible God's people calling unto Him: Old Testament-New Testament. The history of the church is filled with God's people calling unto Him: that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Our opportunity this season is to join in prayer. Starting in September, we will be gathering together in the sanctuary on Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, to pray. It will be a time of thanksgiving, intercession, hearing and receiving from our maker. God wants to work in our hearts to change us, to use us and to enjoy us together. Scripture tells us He is holy and enthroned on the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3). I can't wait, hope to see you there!

Here are a few books that will help you in your pursuit of Him:

Love on Its Knees, by Dick Eastman

Chair Time, by Dan Southerand

Seeking the Secret Place: The Spiritual Formation of C.S. Lewis, by Lyle Dorsett

With Christ in the School of Prayer, by Andrew Murray

Welcome the John Family!



Annual Sunday School Picnic at The Taylor's





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Further Up and Further In

Inviting dialogue to encourage growth in and among us

By Cindy Bills

Lessons in September

September: Back to School! For children across the country and their parents. September represents a transition in life that goes well beyond the weather. And with that transition often come doubts and concerns. Parents schedule sports physicals, study school supply lists, and fill out form after form after form. Their children have other things to think about: "Am I ready for this grade?" "What if I can't find my classroom?" "I hope so and so is not in my class." But often the top concern is: "Will my teacher be nice?" "Will he/she like me?"

We at Windsor Chapel are entering a time of Under the leadership of transition as well. Pastor Jame, we are looking to grow as a body of Christ and reach those in our community who need to hear the Gospel. We need to pray and seek the Lord; we also need to come together and use our gifts as the coordinated limbs and organs of a body. With all of this, it is easy to have questions, doubts, and concerns. And just like students returning to school, we can worry about meeting expectations and having to work with difficult people. But the one thing we do not need to worry about is our Teacher....

Our Teacher is also our Creator, Lord, Savior, Redeemer, Friend, and our Good Shepherd. He loves us and delights in us! Since He has created us with the gifts we need to accomplish the good works for which He has created us, we need not worry about having what it takes to do what He calls us to do. And as His Holy Spirit does His work in us and among us, we can look forward to becoming increasingly

coordinated as we learn to work together to further the Gospel.

Manifesting Christ to our neighbors is a challenge to be sure. It requires faith, obedience, and perseverance. We will need to encourage one another and sometimes admonish and gracefully confront one another. But following the Lord and His undershepherd, Pastor Jame, is not something we have to do. It is something we get to do: As we participate in the Lord's work, we get to witness and experience the power of God in our lives and the lives of others. And the blessing doesn't stop there. As we walk through this transition in faith, we will become better able and better equipped to face all the challenges we encounter in this world. And this experience gives us an even stronger witness that can encourage continuing church growth. And the cycle continues as our participation in strengthening the body equips us for continued and expanding good works....

Welcome, September!

Please feel free to contact Cindy (609-275-8557) or cynthialbills@gmail.com to continue the dialogue....

Financial Update

(Through July 31, 2025)

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want..."

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$67,308	\$84,000
Expense	\$66,637	\$84,000

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