

# FROM JASMINE & GABRIEL YOUNG

# You're Invited....



FAITH MISSION STRIVES TO BE THE HEART, HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS IN THE CITY OF YONKERS, ITS SURROUNDING AREAS, AND "TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH" (MATTHEW 28:19-20). WE ARE COMMITTED TO BEING "FISHERS OF MEN" (MARK 1:17) AND INVITE YOU INTO THE JOY OF FOLLOWING JESUS WITH US.

THIS YEAR, WE HAVE A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DESIGNED TO DIVE YOU DEEP INTO YOUR JOURNEY WITH ALL THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO GET STARTED, OR REACQUAINTED, WITH THIS CHRISTIAN WALK. YOU'LL RECEIVE YOUR BIBLE, STUDY GUIDES, CUSTOMIZED LESSONS, A PRAYER PARTNER, CHURCH-BRANDED GIFTS, AND GUIDED FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE SHARING JESUS WITH OTHERS. IN ADDITION, YOU'LL RECEIVE YOUR BYLAWS, COUNSELING ON GIVING, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO DESIGN OUR FUTURE THROUGH OUR MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE FOCUS GROUPS.

JESUS DIDN'T COME TO BRING US RELIGION, BUT TO FREE US FROM IT.

AFTER ALL, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND. COME AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS

(MARK 1:15).





# CORE, CULTURE, & CODE

#### CORE - Who We Are

At our core, Faith Mission Christian Church believes in the development of a church that is rich in theology, fellowship, discipleship, and proliferating God's presence in the world around us. The mission of the church is to teach and share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our vision is to become a mature Christian community of faith through the Holy Word and the love of Jesus, that men, women, and children will surrender their hearts and lives to the Lord and be saved, all to the glory of God.

### **CULTURE - What to Expect Here**

Faith Mission Christian Church preserves a culture of its original founding based on inclusion and outreach, accepting the marginalized, and echoing God's story in their lives while maintaining a richness in worship that ministers to the presence of God. As a family church, Faith Mission's values include service, compassion, growth, transformation, and multiplication.

#### **CODE – How We Do Business**

Faith Mission Christian Church always does business fairly, respectfully, and lawfully. Its ministries, programs, and events promote an invitational opportunity for members and the community to learn and grow together in Christ.

#### **Our Promises**

- 1. We will begin all things with prayer.
- 2. We will lift the community.
- 3. We will balance discipline and development.
- 4. We will love like Jesus loved.
- 5. We will go wherever God sends us.

## Our Philosophy of Ministry

Faith Mission Christian Church seeks to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before our God (Micah 6:8). As a church body, several points can surmise our thoughts about the role of the ministry:

- We worship the Father in spirit and in truth
- We are of one mind in Christ
- We leave room for the move of the Holy Spirit
- We identify and develop gifts
- We abide by the church covenant
- We uphold the church bylaws

- We prioritize our discipleship and devotion
- We maintain consistent cheerful giving
- We remain selfless in service
- We remain focused on the mission
- We boast in the Lord
- We never compromise the gospel

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# **OUR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP**

Jasmine Young is a co-vocational minister who has maintained a career in Finance while also studying culture in diaspora communities as a contemporary missiologist. She completed her Master of Divinity (M.Div.) in Bible Theology & Missions at Alliance Theological Seminary (New York) where she received the Beth Kamphausen Award for scholarship, excellence in character, and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jasmine currently serves the Metro District of the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA) as its Kingdom Justice & Mercy Coordinator, where she refines the district's position on biblical justice and encourages justice engagement in its local churches. In addition, Jasmine volunteers with Envision NYC, a missional arm of the C&MA, where she coordinates local, interdenominational engagement in cross-cultural missions. She lives in the credo of good tidings of great joy.



**Gabriel Young** has answered his call to vocational ministry having already served as a Deacon at Faith Mission since his appointment in 2016. He is a co-vocational leader in ministry and the marketplace and is completing his graduate studies in Biblical & Theological Foundations at Asbury Theological Seminary (Wilmore, KY).

Gabriel continues to serve Faith Mission alongside Jasmine and volunteers to support domestic missions in New York City through their connections to the Christian & Missionary Alliance. He recognizes his call to serve as a commitment to God; he serves as he is called, wherever he is sent.

Jasmine and Gabriel have served within Faith Mission Christian Church in some capacity since meeting in 2010, and marrying there in 2012. They now raise three wonderful children in the light of the Lord.

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# THE CHURCH'S MINISTRIES

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," Jesus said to the fishers, Peter and Andrew. Faith Mission's members understand our personal mission. We learn together to walk with Jesus, and we each have something to contribute to God's mission here on Earth. We've joined the Mission to get our hands in the work of Jesus so that others can know this JOY we've found.

**Evangelism and Outreach** are core to the identity of Faith Mission Christian Church. Prayerful participation and support are every member's responsibility. Freely we have received, so we freely give (Matthew 10:8). Our Evangelism Team has been trained to engage those outside the church and invite them into relationship with Jesus, and one another. Our church Outreach activities are both corporate and individually led, as members are led by the Spirit of God, to demonstrate God's mercy and justice as His *kingdom comes* to earth (Luke 11:2).

For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" - Romans 10:13–15 (NLT)

The church's **Women's Ministry** activities are facilitated by Deacon Vivienne James. The ministry's mission is to lead all women into a vibrant relationship with God. The Women's Ministry wants to empower and encourage women to live their lives so that God is at the center of it, and to encourage women to come together in love to serve and actively seek to partner with their community.

- This is Christ's church.
- These are His women.
- We are seeking to elevate His Word.
- He will not let his disciples fail.

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. - Hebrews 10:24–25 (NLT)



# THE MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE

**Membership** at Faith Mission Christian Church is a voluntary act of the believing person who seeks a church home to continue in their discipleship and autonomously selects Faith Mission as their church home. Membership here pairs your interest with the very best of what Faith Mission can offer as you deepen your discipleship in Christ.

### WHAT IS THE MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE?

Faith Mission has designed an orientation for new members which will get you off to a strong start in your journey alongside us. In addition to orientation classes, meetups with members and the pastor, and other benefits, you'll also have the opportunity to design the future of Faith Mission by giving your feedback on what has made your experience unique, and contribute your own gifts to aid the Mission.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- You can disciple with us from a distance and STILL be a member! We have busy lives. But God seems to make room when we set our intentions on Him.
- Membership in the church isn't the same as joining a club. "*Church isn't a place we go not really; it's who we are.*"\* Our membership is a commitment to one another rather than the institution, and the rules of engagement are laid out to us in Scripture.
- The Church (all of us) truly belongs to Jesus. To learn the specifics of what we believe, view our Statement of Faith at www.faithmission.church/statement-of-faith

#### MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS

- Receive your New Members Kit, including your Bible, study guides, devotional materials, church-branded gifts, access to a prayer partner, and pastoral counseling
- Begin New Members' classes
- Schedule your baptism and partake in Communion
- Begin one's regular attendance and giving
- Enjoy the privileges of membership\*\* including, voting rights as a member of the Eligible General Body, participation in the morning worship liturgy, ability to formally serve at FMCC in voluntary or ministry capacities, participation in church ordinances, access to services for life events. Most important, enjoy following Jesus!

<sup>\*</sup> quote by Peter DeHaan

## **READY FOR MEMBERSHIP?**

# "I Accept the Invitation"

#### **HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER**

## Publicly express your desire for membership by...

- · coming forward at the end of any worship service, or
- contacting the Pastor with your intentions, and they will subsequently publicly announce your membership during and upcoming service. The believer will publicly
  - i. affirm one's faith in Christ (new or experienced in Christ),
  - ii. provide the name of the most recent church membership\*, if any
  - iii. express one's desire to be baptized,
  - iv. accept and agree to submit to the bylaws of FMCC, its policies, and the church's pastoral leadership.

Then, celebrate! I look forward to seeing you at Faith Mission one day soon







# Disciple with us today:

- Sunday Service
- Monday night Small Group recap
- Wednesday night Bible Study
- Daily prayer calls
- Online & Group Messaging
- Breakfast & The Bible gatherings
- Community Outreach & Evangelism

<sup>•</sup> Members are also expected to ensure any prior church has been made aware of their decision to remove membership

<sup>\*\*</sup> See the Membership Policy and consult the Church Bylaws for full details