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To our Faith Family:

As Pastor of White Street Baptist Church it is my distinct honor to welcome you to our Annual Vision Cast Worship Experience. I am again overjoyed and delighted that you are able to join us as we set out to "Write the Vision and make it plain...". (Habakkuk 2:2)

At the beginning of the year we gather as a Faith Family to review, recharge, redirect, and refocus. During our gathering we review what God has done in the life of our church. We not only look back in review, but we are also recharged as we look forward to where God is taking us. Seeing God's plan and hearing His instructions, we sometimes redirect areas of our ministry that may not be performing at their peak. We also utilize this time to refocus our attention on new opportunities to broaden the scope of our ministry.

In 2019, I pray that we are able to focus our minds on the idea of "*Serving and Sowing*". Paul lovingly urges us in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 to give generously as we serve our neighbor. He also informs us that God loves when we give cheerfully, and that we will be blessed as a result of our giving. Each individual in our Faith Family should participate in the grace of serving and sowing into the lives of others. I believe that as we endeavor to be a church with "*A Passion for Christ and Compassion for People*," it is incumbent upon us that we serve and sow that we may truly bring Great Glory to our God by Exalting His Name together as one Body in Christ. Thank you for being apart of our family. Be Blessed!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jamal

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Church Principles

Here at White Street, we endeavor to be a church with a passion for Christ and compassion for people. We believe that this can be achieved by pursuing the following Four Principles:

Principle One - Passionate Worship

We believe that a *Passionate Follower of Christ* is one that engages in passionate worship. In the words of the psalmist "*As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.*" (Psalm 42:1, NKJV)

Principle Two - Passionate Study

We believe that a *Passionate Follower of Christ* is one that passionately pursues the knowledge of God. The prophet Hosea says "*Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD.*" (Hosea 6:3, ESV) Christ says "*And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*" (John 17:3, ESV)

Principle Three - Loving Fellowship

We believe that a *Compassionate Follower of Christ* is one that engages in loving fellowship with other believers. "*Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.*" (1 John 4:20, NIV)

Principle Four - Compassionate Service

We believe that a *Compassionate Follower of Christ* is one that engages in compassionate service. John writes "*If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion - how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.*" (1 John 3:17-18, NLT)

In following these principles we believe that our lives will closely resemble the life of our Savior and bring great glory to God!

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What to Expect...

As you make your decision to visit a church the question that typically comes to mind is "What should I Expect?" Well allow us to answer that question for you upfront. Here at White Street you can expect a warm, inviting, friendly, relaxed, and at times funny maybe even comical environment. Simply put we are a group of imperfect believers being perfected by our Savior and we are here to worship, learn, fellowship, and serve.

You will find a diverse group of people of different backgrounds, ages, race, and areas. Your attire isn't our concern, so wear a suit and tie, jeans or dress, skirt or polo shirt. Our desire is that you experience the Love of Christ and come to Faith in Him as your Lord and Savior. Therefore each member is encouraged to express, engage, and experience. Let's explain...

1. **Express** - We encourage each of our members to intentionally *Express* the Love of Christ to each and every individual that we encounter. Whether it be a smile, wave, hug, handshake, or when appropriate a holy kiss; we pray that everyone would take advantage of every opportunity to express the Love of Christ.

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders, make the most of every opportunity" - Colossians 4:5

2. **Engage** - We encourage each of our members to intentionally *Engage* God and one another in energetic and enthusiastic worship. God desires our all in worship; we are to love Him and seek His presence daily. Sundays and Wednesdays are our opportunities to join our brothers and sisters in their daily life of worship. So as we come together in worship let us remember to be fully engaged with God and man.

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts," - Acts 2:46

3. **Experience** - We believe that if each person would *Express the Love of Christ and Engage God and our fellowman in Worship* then we all would *Experience* the presence of God in the house of God through the people of God. When this happens we will also operate in the power of God.

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place...And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." - Acts 1:8; 2:1, 4a

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The Next Step...

As we stated earlier, we are happy that you chose to worship with us. We now invite you to take the Next Step! Now that you have become familiar with White Street we invite you to consider these three simple things:

1. **Intentionally Engage in Worship** - On Sunday morning we have two opportunities to worship God with our brothers and sisters. We simply ask that you make it a priority to participate in one of our Sunday Morning Worship Events.
2. **Intentionally Engage in Learning** - On Wednesday we have two opportunities to study & learn the Word of God. Our Noon Bible Study and Worship Wednesday are our mid-week worship and learning events. The Noon Bible Study is a small group of believers that come together to learn of God's word usually during their lunch break. Worship Wednesday however is a power-packed hour of worship and teaching where you are free to be as relaxed as you desire to be and simply focus on worship and learning. We encourage you to come and experience this fun relaxed atmosphere where Pastor Jamal, along with other speakers, focus in detail on practical everyday methods of applying the Word of God in your life.
3. **Commit to Membership** - Once you are intentionally engage in worship and learning, it is our prayer that you will continue in your walk and become a member of our Faith Family. Becoming a member means that you are making a commitment to partner with us in walking out our faith and sharing the message of Jesus Christ throughout this church, this community, and the entire world.

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Membership Journey

Becoming a member of a church is an important step in your walk with Christ. Church membership is twofold in that it is spiritual and physical. A prerequisite of becoming a member of The Church is salvation. Once you have believed in your heart and *Confessed* with your mouth that God raised Jesus from the dead, the bible says, that you shall be saved. Having a saving faith in Christ, you should confess the same before the world and be *Baptized*. After baptism you should connect with a body of believers (church membership) in order to live, love, and learn together. Church membership is then symbolic of your becoming a member of the *Spiritual* Body of Christ and your commitment to become a member of the *Physical* Body of Christ. It is the first step of your walk however it won't be your last. It is our desire to walk with you along this journey, and be right there with you step by step.

Consider the following four steps that are essential in your walk with Christ...

1. **Membership** - Becoming a member of the local church is symbolic of your *Faith in Christ* and your commitment to become a member of the earthly *Body of Christ*.
2. **Discipleship** - Once you are a member of a local church the next step is to become a follower of Christ. Once we have faith we must be intentional in our pursuit of the knowledge of Christ and all that he commanded.
3. **Relationship** - As we learn of Christ we must also live for Christ. We are not to be hearers of the word only, but doers as well. As believers we must live a life that honors Christ and serves our fellow believers.
4. **Leadership** - Living for Christ leads us to Loving our neighbors. So much so that God develops a heart in us that is compassionate to the needs of people. The primary need of all men is a loving relationship with Christ. Knowing this, it must be our mission to *Share* the Love of Christ with men and to *Lead* them to Him.

As a member of our Faith Family we desire that each person progress along this journey that we all have undertaken. We pray that each member move from membership, to discipleship, from discipleship to relationship, and from relationship into leadership.

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2018 Financial Report

January - December 2018

	Total		Total
Income		Expenses	
Bank Credits	631.54	Administrative	2,004.31
Book/CD Sales	10.00	Automobile/Van Expense	1,404.97
Donations	350.00	Bank Debits	1,183.57
Event Fees	1,100.00	Caring Ministry	8,235.09
General Fund	23,553.03	Conferences	3,419.69
Interest Income	3,509.35	Equipment Expense	8,888.82
Lease Income	2,175.59	Event Fees (Payout)	285.00
Ministry Income	192.00	Facilities & Grounds	23,109.90
Online Giving	37,895.14	Insurance Expense	18,067.95
Sunday School	2,016.50	Interest Paid NBC	49,266.61
Tithes	393,719.55	Interest Paid PNC Bank	327.28
Total Income	\$ 465,152.70	Interest Paid Purchase Card	110.82
		Interest Paid Renasant Bank	1,070.49
		Media Expense	11,260.17
		Ministry Expense	10,408.97
		Miscellaneous Expense	894.38
		Online Giving Expense	555.49
		Payroll Expenses	95,081.00
		Purchase Card	3,994.75
		Salaries & Wages	87,698.54
		Utilities	33,278.81
		Worship & Events	12,615.33
		Total Expenses	\$ 373,161.94

Principal Paid NBC:	\$ 46,733.39
Principal Paid Renasant Bank:	\$ 3,098.61
Proceeds from Sale of Asset:	\$ 546,042.00

Grand Total Income:	\$ 1,011,194.70
Grand Total Expense:	\$ 422,993.94
Surplus/Deficit:	\$ 588,200.76

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White Street 2018 Budget Analysis

Expenses	2018 Budget	2018 Actual
Administrative	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,004.31
Caring Ministry	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 8,235.09
Conferences/Mission	\$ 14,425.00	\$ 3,419.69
Equipment	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 8,888.82
Facilities	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 23,109.90
Insurance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,128.87
Media	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,260.17
Mortgage/Debt		
Mortgage	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
Church Van w/ Ins.	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 7,479.07
Ministry	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 10,408.97
Payroll		
Pastor w/ Ins.	\$ 96,530.20	\$ 96,478.39
Church Staff	\$ 113,616.00	\$ 87,698.54
Payroll Taxes	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,636.69
Purchase Card	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,994.75
Utilities	\$ 32,075.00	\$ 33,278.81
Worship Services	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 12,615.33
		\$ 419,637.40

Unbudgeted Expenses:

Bank Debits	\$ 1,183.57
Event Fees (Payout)	\$ 285.00
Interest Paid PNC Bank	\$ 327.28
Interest Paid Purchase Card	\$ 110.82
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 894.38
Online Giving Expense	\$ 555.49
Total Unbudgeted Expenses:	\$ 3,356.54

2018 Actual:	\$ 422,993.94
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White Street 2019 Budget

Expenses	2019 Budget
Mortgage/Debt	
Mortgage	\$ 96,000.00
Church Van	\$ 10,005.84
Total:	\$ 106,005.84
Payroll	
Pastor w/ Ins.	\$ 101,175.63
Admin. Staff	\$ 25,000.00
Janitorial	\$ 16,016.00
Musicians	\$ 67,600.00
Sound Tech	\$ 5,000.00
Total:	\$ 214,791.63
Administrative	
Accounting	\$ 1,100.00
Supplies	\$ 1,200.00
Total:	\$ 2,300.00
Caring Ministry	
Gifts & Donations	\$ 1,200.00
Total:	\$ 1,200.00
Conferences/Mission	
Conferences	\$ 9,425.00
Mission	\$ 5,000.00
Total:	\$ 14,425.00
Facilities	
Lawn Care	\$ 3,100.00
Pest Control	\$ 1,600.00
Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
Total:	\$ 5,700.00
Insurance	
Property Ins.	\$ 11,000.00
Van Ins.	\$ 2,000.00
Total:	\$ 13,000.00

Expenses	2019 Budget
Media	
Online Packages	\$ 10,000.00
Total:	\$ 10,000.00
Ministry	
Elders	\$ 3,600.00
Empower	\$ 4,000.00
Kidz Korner	\$ 750.00
Nursery	\$ 250.00
Sunday School	\$ 1,500.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 2,500.00
Total:	\$ 12,600.00
Payroll Taxes	
Tax Expense	\$ 6,500.00
Total:	\$ 6,500.00
Purchase Card	
Budget	\$ 5,000.00
Total:	\$ 5,000.00
Utilities	
Cable	\$ 7,500.00
Gas	\$ 350.00
Phone	\$ 3,000.00
Power	\$ 16,000.00
Water	\$ 1,500.00
Total:	\$ 28,350.00
Worship Services	
Annual Days	\$ 4,000.00
Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
Speakers	\$ 2,000.00
Revivals	\$ 6,500.00
Total:	\$ 13,500.00
Total Budget:	\$ 433,372.47

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Vision Card 2019

Name:

Are you a member of White Street Baptist Church

Yes, I am a member of White Street

No, I am not a member of White Street

Please rate your Level of Satisfaction with the following:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Overall Vision Sunday Experience					
Your understanding of the Vision					
The ability of the Vision to motivate people to serve and be active at White Street?					

I acknowledge and accept the Slate of Officers as presented:

I accept the Slate of Officers

I do not accept the Slate of Officers

I acknowledge and accept all reports including the Financial Report, Church Budget, and Ministry Reports as presented on Vision Sunday.

I accept all reports

I do not accept the reports

Feedback: