

VISION

Night

DECEMBER

16TH @ 7PM



AND THE LORD ANSWERED ME: "WRITE THE VISION; MAKE IT PLAIN ON TABLETS,
SO HE MAY RUN WHO READS IT. (HABAKKUK 2:2)

ONE VOICE

Dear Lord, we thank you that you not only hear our prayers, but you also respond to them. For 130 years you have been more than faithful by hearing and answering the prayers of the members of Star of Bethlehem.



MANY VOICES

Lord, we thank you for tonight is the night we will hear your response to our prayer. Tonight, we listen anticipation and pray as you share your vision for this branch of Zion.



ONE VOICE

The Word of God instructs us to write the vision and make it visible for those who are God's servants to read and run with it. Therefore, let us watch, read, discern and get to work.



MANY VOICES

God, thank you for a vision for our today and tomorrows. We believe that this is the appointed time for this vision from God that will direct the path of this congregation into a new season.



ONE VOICE

The vision comes from God and not man.
Therefore, it doesn't lie. Even if it seems
delayed, we are not to lose faith or heart.
But we are to do our part and then wait for
God to bring it to manifestation.



MANY VOICES

God, we praise you in advance for the victory. We praise you for this season of transformation as we seek to make meaningful impact through our spiritual imagination. Our prayer is that in 2021 that you give us the resources to make a difference, the ingenuity to engage and develop relationships digitally, and the spiritual maturity to use the word of God to reason with the world!



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WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM

Dream B.I.G. (Believe in God)
Ephesians 3:20

Year of Investment
Matthew 25:14-30

2018

2020

2017

2019

Year of Building
Matthew 7:24-27

The Year of Preparation & Praise
Ephesians 6:18; Genesis 26:12; 1st Peter 2:9



STAR OF BETHLEHEM
BAPTIST CHURCH OF OSSINING

THE YEAR OF
PREPARATION

Praise

PRAYER | PLANTING SEEDS | PRAISE

CELEBRATING
130
YEARS

PRAYER:

Ephesians 6:18 *"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. with this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."*

- **Prayer Walks (1st Saturdays May - September) - T**
- **Intercessory Prayer (Wednesdays, Sundays, 1st Saturdays) - IP**
- **Intentional Prayer & Fasting - IP**
 - Pastor
 - Star (members & ministries)
 - The Vision
 - Souls to be saved
 - Healing & Deliverance

Planting Seeds:

Genesis 26:12 *"Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him."*

- **Creating a new Co-Ed Master Class for Sunday School (Fall) - T**
- **Debt Free Classes for members & Community at-Large - N**
- **Teen Temple/Youth Church (Easter) - T**
- **Refocus our Missionaries - N**
- **Leadership Training - C**
 - Winter Retreat (Jan 31-Feb.1)
 - Leadership Summits

Planting Seeds cont:

- **Creating two 501 (c)3 entities - IP**
 - 1 for the church
 - 1 for Scholarship Ministry
- **Creating an Outreach Ministry - C**
 - Be the Church & seasonal outreach opportunities.
- **Sermon, Bible Study & Sizzling Summer Series Topics: - IP**
 - Intercessory Prayer, Armor of God, Being a Worshiper, Being a Transformer, Dealing with Storms, Becoming a Welcoming Church, Christ Centered Parenting, Working in a hostile Environment

Praise:

1st Peter 2:9 *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light"*

■ 130th Church Anniversary - C

- Pre-Anniversary Services - C
- I love My Church Campaign - C

■ Spiritual Elevations - C

- Ordination of Deacon Michael & Deaconess Cynthia Barnes - C
- Licensure of M.I.T. Beverly Crafton - IP

■ Streaming the entire Worship Services Online - C

Additional 2020 Highlights :

■ **Planting Seeds: Outreach**

- Over 20,000 bags of groceries given away
- Over \$1,300 Grocery Store Gift Cards given to families in need

■ **Planting Seeds: Health**

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Open Door – 128 tested
 - Health Therapeutics – 222 tested
- Mental Health Workshops
 - Therapy Tuesdays
 - Anxiety Workshop (Women & Nurses Health)

Additional 2020 Highlights :

- **Planting Seeds: Physical Building**
 - Re-Entry for In-person worship - IP
 - Building upgrades
 - Ventilation System - C
 - Sanitizer Stations - C
 - Downstairs Ladies Room Renovated – IP
- **Praise: Virtual High Holy days & Events**
 - 7 Last Words
 - Park & Praise Services - June, August, September
 - Annual Days (Youth, Graduates, Pastor, Men, Hospitality, CE)
 - Summer & Fall Revivals



VISION 2020-2022
THE SEASON OF
TRANSFORMATION



GOAL: Putting our imprint all over Ossining and the surrounding towns and villages, where we are known for...

**Life changing
Teaching &
Worship**

Great Hospitality

**Multi
Generational
Congregation**

**Socially
Conscious**

**Marketplace
Ministry**

**A Place to Go
When You Need
Your Needs Met**



WE MUST GO THROUGH A TRANSFORMATION PROCESS.



**LIKE A COCOON PROCESS FOR CATERPILLAR
BEFORE IT CAN BECOME A BUTTERFLY**

AT THE END OF THE NEXT 3 YEARS, WE WILL...

- Monthly conversions/baptisms
- Children & Teens actively engaged in ministry & learning the word.
- Increased number of young adults particularly married couples active/being mentored to take on leadership roles.
- In the process of partnering/building either low-income or senior housing
- Entering a Capital Campaign to pay off the mortgage on the church building.
- **Members of all ages are pursuing their dreams:**
 - Going back to school
 - Graduating from college and/or trade schools.
 - Opening business
 - Getting married
 - Becoming Debt free & financially free
 - Purchasing homes
 - Living healthier lifestyles
 - And much more!



THE YEAR OF IMPACT & IMAGINATION



IMPACT (MATTHEW 5:13-16)

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



IMAGINATION (ISAIAH 43:18-19)

¹⁸ Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.



HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH THE VISION?

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METHODOLOGY & MESSAGING

REIMAGINE OUR SYSTEMS



- Engage people
- Meet needs of members & community
- Develop authentic relationships
- Teach to grow / Train to serve
- Create spaces and moments to rejoice

Jesus Christ & Him Crucified
Need to Repent & be Saved

Discipleship is an ongoing process

God calls us to be generous

God gave us a gift to serve

Christians care for the least & left out



REFUSE TO ALTER THE MESSAGE



RESOURCES (2ND CORINTHIANS 9:10-11)

- **Star Cares Outreach Initiative**
 - Give 5% of monthly tithe & offering to org
 - Committee to determine which orgs & offer regular updates
- **Continued Outreach**
 - Homeless shelter
 - Food give-a-way
 - Covid testing
- **Senior/Low Income Housing**
 - Create an exploratory committee
- **501(c)3**



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RELATIONSHIPS (HEBREWS 10:24-25)

- **Intentional Digital engagement**
 - Create a welcoming virtual worship environment
 - Hospitality Ministry
 - Spiritual Tribes Online Groups
 - After Sermon Discussions
 - Tribal Conversations with Pastor
 - Online Intercessors (available to pray after worship)
- **Member Needs Survey** (How can we better minister to you?)



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RELATIONSHIPS (HEBREWS 10:24-25)

- **Community Partnerships**
 - Health Therapeutics 101
 - Open Door & Neighbors Link
 - Virginia Union University Evans Smith Program
- **Developing Healthier relationships**
 - Virtual Workout Sessions
 - Virtual Cooking content
 - Virtual Couples Activities
 - Virtual Health Discussions (grief share, mental, physical)

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REASON (ACTS 17:1-4)

- **Increasing Biblical knowledge**
 - 1 Year in the Bible Reading plan
 - Sizzling summer series
 - New curriculum for Sunday school
- **Applying Biblical knowledge to life**
 - How To's Bible Study & Sermon Series
 - Biblical life institute
 - Technology training, parenting, debt retirement, power of attorney





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THANK YOU