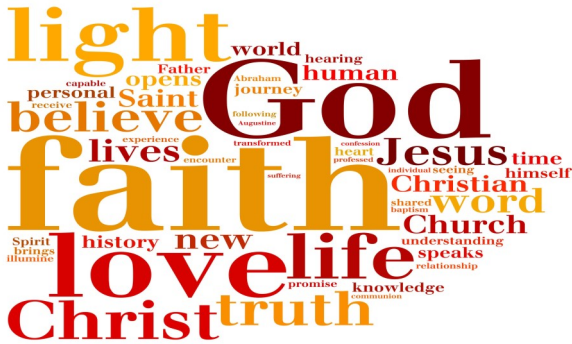


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**We Worship Every Sunday at 10:00 am**

September greetings!

For many, the most wonderful time of the year is Christmas or the month of December. But is it—really?

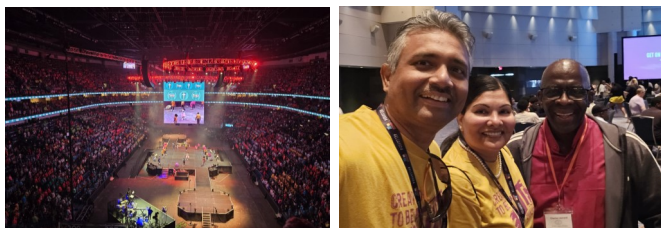
For me, the most wonderful time of the year is the month of September, and here's why.... The trees are still green, the weather is cooler (saving on the AC bills), schools are back in session resuming those routines and order that mid-summer did not have. But, in the month of September, there is still an element of surprise or unpredictability in the air... the season begins to change around us.

In worship, we are still in the season of Pentecost, and as the spirit of God "ruach" continues to blow amongst us, I pray that we are stirred up to make us more engaged in the work of God here and now—within this community and beyond.

Throughout the warmer months of July and August, we participated in many ventures to extend the kingdom of God in this part of the vineyard and we have captured some moments. It is my hope that you embrace the opportunity to serve and make a difference in this season of change. Amen



*National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA*



*Annual Church Picnic 2024*





Part of our mission as a called-out community of believers known as the church is to bring the gospel (the good news of Jesus) to the world. St. James-St. Matthew's has identified a need in our community for food, and a Food Ministry was launched.

In partnership with Stacey's Pantry (St. Jacobus, Woodside), St. Paul's, Richmond Hill, and Key Food and Stop and Shop Supermarkets, we launched this new ministry providing a monthly service —the next program is set for Thursday, **September 26th from 5PM to 6PM** and Thursday, October 24th from 5 PM—6PM.

Yes, volunteers are always welcome at 3 PM! What this means is that there is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your lives of service to God and your neighbors. Please contact the Church office either by phone, 718-845-8770, or email [stjstm@aol.com](mailto:stjstm@aol.com) and let us know if you have any resources, be it time, talents, and treasures, to grow this new ministry.



*Non-perishables—Cans of soup, veggies, pasta, rice, beans and cereals are needed to restock our shelves.*

*In 2023 we shared 588 bags of food items impacting 2,004 lives—aiming to do 800 bags and impacting 2,750 lives in 2024!*

**Stafford Hall Renovation**



*Blessing of Backpacks, Children & Teachers for the new school year 2024-25*



*Save the Date*

*Sunday, September 15, 2024*

***Rededication of Stafford Hall and Special Fellowship hosted by Thrivent representative — Betty Pence***



***Caribbeans for Christ Worship Service***  
*Saturday, October 19 at 4:00 PM*  
*Hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church*  
*592 Knickerbocker Avenue in Brooklyn*



***Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday and Fellowship — November 3***

**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am**

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