



## *Sharing the Good News and Love of Jesus Christ Together*

## *Positioning the Church for Revival in the Kalamazoo Region for His Glory*

*(Luke 4:18-19, Phil 2:1-4, Psalm 133, Neh 4, John 17:20-23)*

### **We believe God is calling JLK to...**



#### **Cultivate Unity among Christ-following churches and ministries...**

- Pastor/Leader gatherings
- Community Worship & Prayer events
- Catalyst Week -- when the Church comes together in a focused, strategic and visible way
- Racial Healing / Reconciliation events
- Building a network of Christ-following ministries; providing ways for the 'Body' to deepen relationships, love one another well, and partner in ministry (Phil 2:3-4)



#### **Reveal God's Kingdom through acts of love and compassion done together in the name of Jesus Christ...**

- Prayer & Grill Nights and other similar 'on the street' outreach events
- Partnering with other outreach ministries, including street ministry teams

#### **Engage the Church in community outreach...**



- Providing street ministry & lifestyle evangelism training equipping; activating the Church to effectively love others and witness in any setting
- Serving as a 'bridge', connecting churches and individuals with similar passions and callings for impacting the community

#### **Connect seeking individuals to resources & discipleship...**



- Developing JLK/365 – Spirit-led, Kingdom-focused follow-up
- Partnering with churches & non-profit ministries to connect those reached through JLK to the best ministry resources for their needs



# The History of Jesus Loves Kzoo

*Jesus Loves Kzoo (JLK)* started out in 2008 as a small Vanguard Street Ministry outreach event to the north side of Kalamazoo with student volunteers from two local churches. Since that time, Jesus Loves Kzoo has grown to become not only an event but a ‘movement’ that has ignited and unified the Body of Christ to do the Great Commission together, sharing the love of Jesus throughout the Kalamazoo Region.

In 2016, JLK obtained 501c3 status under the name “Jesus Loves” so that the movement’s core elements might be easily multiplied in other cities and regions. Today, *Jesus Loves* continues to press forward, equipping and empowering churches to join forces in leading people to Christ by sharing the Gospel in both word and deed.

## Faith Statement

We believe in one God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, infinitely perfect and eternal existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The perfection with which God created everything was subjected to a curse through the disobedience of humankind and, as a result, a separation between God and creation was formed. With this separation came sin, sickness, disease, and death all of which were foreign to the perfection with which God created everything.

Jesus Christ is the solution to this problem. Being fully God and fully human, he was born, died on the cross, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and lives forever as the mediator between God and humankind. Through faith in Jesus alone, the Holy Spirit can now indwell all who believe and provide the salvation Jesus paid for.

We believe that the Bible is the Holy Spirit inspired Word of God and the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of humankind. It has divine authority for all Christian life and faith.

We believe in the personal imminent return of Jesus Christ and that, until that return happens, his body (the community of believers) is to work diligently to spread the good news and work to see God’s kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

