



Grace and Peace to you all through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I am excited to begin this journey with you the members of First Church. I wanted to write you all to offer my new family of parishioners to give you a more personable insight to who I am as your pastor. I would like for you all to feel free to call me 'Pastor Jay.' I was born, raised, and educated in Magic City, Birmingham, Alabama. My beautiful wife's name is April and we have been married for 18 years on July 4<sup>th</sup>. She is a licensed master cosmetologist that owns her own salon, she also works for Children's Hospital, and she enjoys the beach in her down time. We have four children: Justin, LeKira, James, and William; along with seven wonderful grandchildren.

I have been seeking God through prayer as how I should get to know you all. I also received some wise counsel from a good friend and senior pastor. He said to me recently, "you have to get them in your heart first." I have been thinking about how to get, you, the members of First Church in my heart. So, for the duration of the year, I would like to make myself available to you in several ways:

1. There will be a meet and greet held after church the second Sunday in July.
2. I can be reached via my email [jdspencer@gmail.com](mailto:jdspencer@gmail.com) or via phone at 334-300-6323.
3. As of now, Wednesday (between 10am through 2pm) will be my office hours and I will make myself available through a scheduled appointment.
4. I am available for scheduled zoom meetings on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
5. Emphatically stated, I will be available and present for all emergencies.

In conclusion, we look forward to worshipping with you as we serve God together as pastor and people.

With faith and love,

Reverend James Daniel Spencer II  
Pastor, First Congregational Christian Church\