



Imagine Fellowship

Loving People, Changing Lives, Transforming Community



## IMAGINE NEWS

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### Imagine a church where African American youth are being saved and empowered — Church 24-7

During the past six months Imagine Fellowship has been blessed to experience the presence of young African American teens attending the church. The church has been blessed with their energy, creativity and their desire to learn more about Jesus. From the recent census the African American population is the fastest growing in the Holland, and Ottawa County area.

With this growth brings the presence of young African American youth that have very few places in the community where they can go to be affirmed, empowered, and to identify with their culture both physically and spiritually. Imagine Fellowship provides a warm welcoming environment where these youth can have a place to belong and believe.

At Imagine we believe in order to transform and empower families in the urban city the church must discover ways to reach and disciple the post-modern youth culture. Without a

church like Imagine Fellowship we will continue to lose our children to crime, gang violence, poverty and poor education. During the



Ashley and Jasmine baptized Resurrection (Easter) Sunday.

past six months we have witnessed young people giving their life to Christ, their parents attending church, and youth being baptized.

During this past Easter service I had the pleasure of baptizing two young women. One of the women was baptized along with her child.

The father of the baby was also present for the baptism. I share with young mothers the importance of this event in their child's life and that it is even more critical that the father be present for the Baptism. This provides the church with an opportunity to connect with both parents. I am excited for what God is doing here at Imagine Fellowship. This past year has been a blessing as we have witnessed God moving amongst our youth. This summer we plan on taking a group of youth to the Black and Reformed CRC youth conference in Muskegon at Angel Community Church and we have a college tour at Eastern Michigan scheduled for this summer. Pray for Imagine Fellowship that we will be a church that is proactive in empowering our youth and families by being the church not just on Sunday morning, but 24-7.

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#### Prayer request

**"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing"**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

- Pray for the continual health and healing of our community.
- Pray for the development of young leaders.
- Pray for our church leaders
- Prayer for Mother Green and family
- Pray for graduating seniors.
- Pray for families who are hurting because of the death of a loved one.
- Pray for the Hip Hop ministry
- Pray for collaboration of churches in the urban city.
- Pray that families in captivity find freedom
- Pray for our schools
- Pray for our local businesses

#### Upcoming Events

Friday June 3, Catfish fundraiser 12-4pm. "Don't Be Left Out"

Saturday June 11 Garden Planting and Garage Sale 8am-12 pm Community Invited

Church Anniversary Celebration Sunday June 26th 3:30 -5pm

#### Church wish list

- 50 donors willing to contribute \$10 a month for one year.
- The church is in need of a handicap ramp.
- 2 vehicles needed for two single mothers to get to and from work
- Copy Machine
- 2 computers for the EKHO youth room.

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Join us Saturday June 4th 6:30pm-8pm for gospel hip hop

The Center For African American Art and History is hosting a "Soul Food" Luncheon. Friday June 17th 12 noon. Come check out our progress and hear about future plans for the center. To RSVP call 616-836-8559 -Located 21 West 16th Street across from Family Dollar.