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One of the best parts of our Arkansas Juvenile Assessment and Treatment Center (AJATC) program is the time we dedicate to students visiting with their families. The positive and uplifting impact of meaningful interaction between youth and their loved ones is a true driving force behind many constructive outcomes. Consistent contact between youth and their families can also provide a helpful diversion from the routine of daily programming and remind our youth that they have the full support of many caring adults. But visitation is also a serious professional effort, one that requires multiple departments to seamlessly coordinate their efforts to most effectively support the continuation of healthy relationships. And, sadly, protections against the worst of the pandemic required youth and families to engage remotely. But not anymore! Finally, after over a year of not being able to embrace their families in person, students and loved ones were able to visit for a two-hour period. Before visitation was finished, AJATC Pastor, Jawanza Whitfield, prayed over all the students and families. It was a beautiful and poignant reminder of the good things to come.
