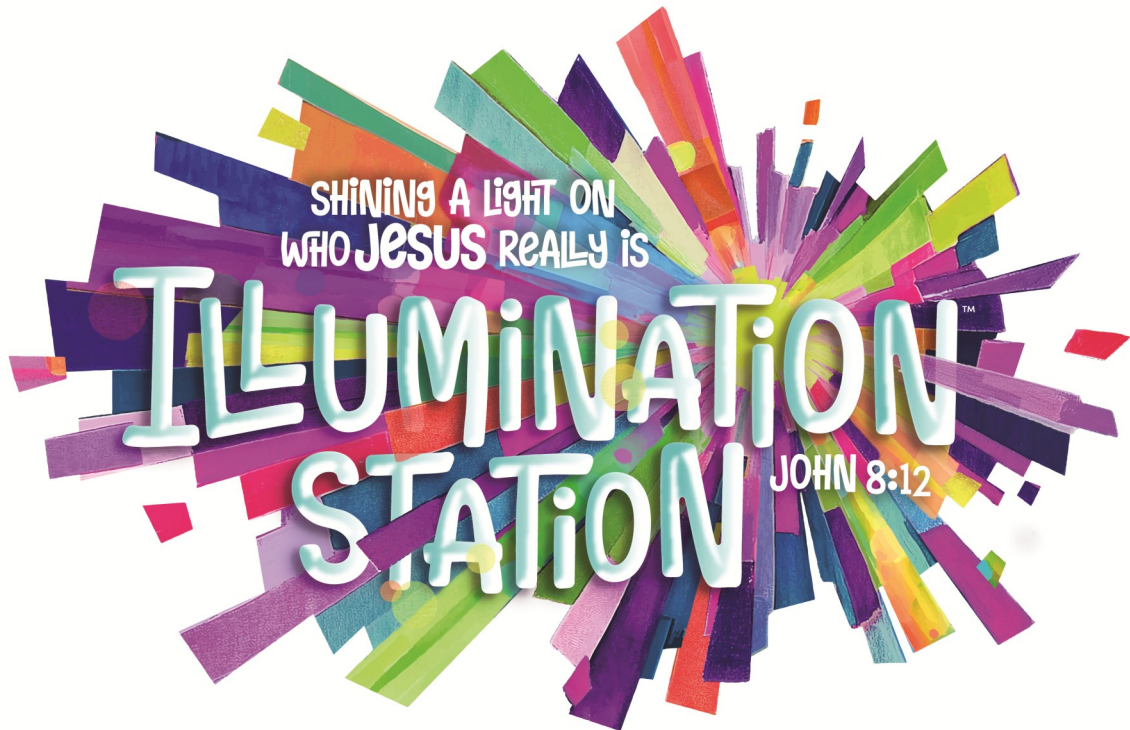


JAMES ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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Vacation Bible School

June 22—26

5:45—8:00 PM

**We need you! If you would like to volunteer in VBS,
please contact the church office.**

**All volunteers must complete a background check
and child abuse prevention video training.**

James Island Baptist Church Staff

Pastor: Tom Brown

Worship Pastor: David Martin

Student Ministry Pastor: Logan Duvall

Ministry Assistant: Neale Young

Weekday Preschool Director: Laura Holmes



The Church at Riverland Terrace
JAMES ISLAND BAPTIST

Perspectives

Pastor Tom

IT IS TOO SOON TO GIVE UP

When do you throw in the towel and give up? There may be a time that is right. Too often I think some people throw in the towel and walk away too soon. This past Saturday, May 2 was the 152nd Run for the Roses, the famed Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. What a great lesson to learn. The horse, Golden Tempo, was a long shot with odds 23-1. The race starts and the impressive field runs like the wind, packed together jockeying for that sweet position of getting out early to be number one. It was an impressive field indeed. At the half mile mark not many people had their eye on the horse that was in last place, 19th out of 19! That horse was Golden Tempo. Last...dead last...with 18 proven winners out in front of him. Not last for a second but last for the first half mile of the race. Then the alpha male horse said enough is enough and he turned on the afterburners and closed the distance. From dead last to winning by a neck, winning by less than one second! Golden Tempo, his jockey, Jose Ortiz and his trainer, Cherie DeVaux did not throw in the towel because they were last. They did not quit or give up on their horse. Golden Tempo climbed from last to first. Cherie DeVaux became the first female trainer in Kentucky Derby History to win the most prestigious of all horse races. The reason? They did not quit or give up.

Don't give up too soon. God may still be working a miracle, He may still be waiting for the moment to bring you from last to first, from the prison cell to freedom, from the whale's belly to your assignment, from the cross, the grave to the resurrection. Don't give up too soon. Your Owner sees you, He knows where you are in the race of life. He knows the odds.

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize!" (1 Corinthians 9:24) No matter how far back in this race of life you have fallen, you can, by God's grace and mercy, make it back to the front! It is too soon to give up.

Love you all,

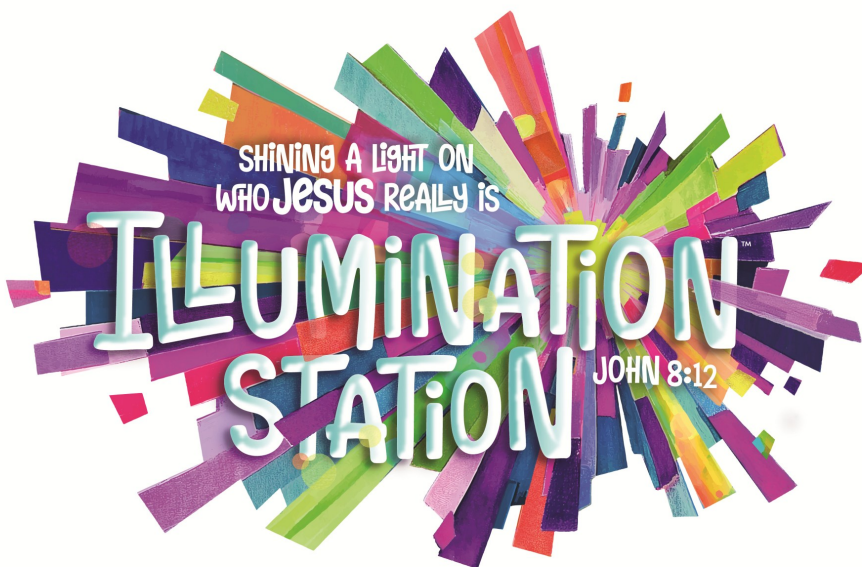
Pastor Tom

SAVE THE DATE!

**Vacation Bible
School**
June 22—26
5:45 pm—8:00 pm

**For children
who have
completed
4K—5th Grade**

**To register:
text VBS26 to
843-762-0244 and
follow the link!**





Women on Mission
Tuesday, May 12 at 10 am
Room E202

The demands of time and other stressors can often lead to burnout, even for our missionaries. Join us as we delve into the topic of mental health and its importance for all of us. Learn from Pastor Tom the importance of our destigmatizing the seeking of mental health services. The area of our missionary spotlight this month is England. What better way to enjoy fellowship together than with a cup of hot tea. Plan to join us. All are welcome.

Women on Mission would like to express their thanks for the church family's generosity. 101 hygiene kits will be used in Luz Y Verdad's mission to migrant workers



James Island Outreach needs our help!
 Can you help us stock their shelves with
 jelly and pancake syrup? You can leave your
 donation in front of the church office.



Prayer Requests

Family and Friends

- Myrtle Maull
- Jada Benton
- David Hall
- Mel Bell
- Debbie McLawhorn
- Eric Heitman
- Carollee Simmons
- Nancy Bryson Schwartz
- Anna Gaskins
- Austyn, Caroline (Koch) Niccolls and Katie
- Alston Pauls

- Liz Burrell
- Bubba & Stella Burnham
- Rett & Linda Iler
- Louise Frye
- Caroline Mixon Littlefield and Annie Lynn
- Carolyn Benton
- April Moore
- Nancy Singletary
- Claudia Freeman
- Charlie Parish
- Kohen Amelsberg-Cleveland

Mission/Ministry Prayer

- Zion Church
- Ukraine
- Weekday Preschool
- Recovery Ministry
- James Island Outreach
- Opportunity House
- Luz Y Verdad
- Charles and Judy Dillon: Carpenter's House Global
- John and Yi Ling Pittman: Asia
- Pastor Marius & Cristina Moisin: Romania





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Ongoing Events

Sundays

- 9:00a Worship Service
- 10:00a Sunday Connection Groups for all ages
- 11:00a Worship Service Luz Y Verdad (Hispanic Church)
Zion Church (Slavic Church)
Preschool & Children's Worship
- 5:30p Celebrate Recovery
- 6:00p Youth Group

Monday—Friday (September—May)

- 9:00a - JIBC Day School
- 12:00p

Wednesday (September—May)

- 5:00p Family Fellowship Dinner
- 6:00p AWANA (3k—5th grade)



How to Give to JIBC

Give in person

Give online at jamesislandbaptist.com or
Text the word GIVE to
843-762-0244

Mail your contribution to
James Island Baptist Church

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A Look At The Numbers...

Projected budget through March 2026:	\$254,934
Actual received through March 2026:	\$262,622
2026 weekly budget requirement:	\$19,610
This week's budget receipts: 4/26/26	\$17,331

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER



What's on the Menu?

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 Kitchen Renovation Menu

Hotdogs & Chips

There are so many great things happening at JIBC and we don't want you to miss out! You can stay connected several ways:



The Church Website: www.JamesIslandBaptist.com

The Church App: Download the church app from your app store. Search "James Island Baptist SC".

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