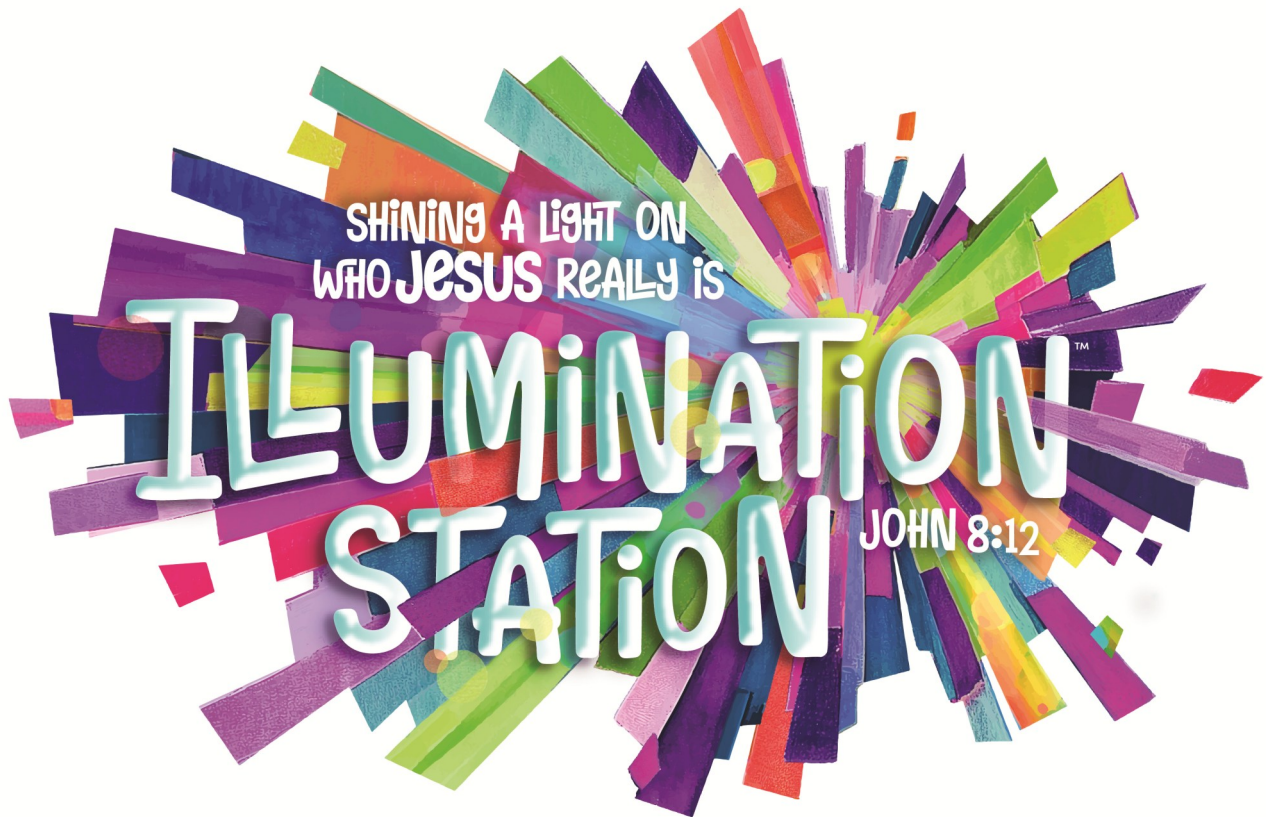


JAMES ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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



Perspectives

Pastor Tom

HE KNEW HE WAS LOST...

Janie and I often go for evening walks in our neighborhood. They are usually totally uneventful. Just two old people getting in their steps. Then it happened. "Look Janie, that is not right". A two-year-old toddler with no adult in sight. It happened to be a beautiful African American baby boy. I suggested following him at a close distance to not scare him and to see if he knew where his home was. The next two left turns assured me he was lost and he knew he was lost. A bouncy ball in one hand, a truck in the other, and a pacifier in his mouth. He would look at us, grin and run. Thank you Jesus he was two and not four. I can still outrun a 2 year old. We talked, laughed, played ball, all to get him to trust us. Not so much. Two old white people trying to take my bouncy ball. He wasn't having it. So, we made the call to 911 and reported who we were, where we were and that we had a very lost 2 year old infant. We were able to guide him to the field at Epworth Methodist Church. More running. It took a while for the cops to show up. Runaway infant being chased by old white people is not a high on the emergency list...except to the old people doing the chasing! The officer that arrived was like an angel from heaven, a beautiful black female officer angel. That little infant opened his little arms and went straight to the officer. The officer said "You two have just made one grandmother very happy." Apparently, he had gotten away from grandma, made one wrong turn and was lost. With every wrong turn the little guy got more and more lost.

Kind of a picture of life isn't it. We could be safe at home with our Heavenly Father. Then we take a wrong turn or two and find ourselves lost. Each wrong turn, each wrong decision takes us away from His shelter, His provision. Not away from His love but away from a relationship He wants us to have with Him. We have our version of a bouncy ball, our toy car and our pacifier. What more do we need? His presence. His watch care. His Shepherding. If you made a wrong turn stop, ask Him, He will lead you home and be so glad to see you back. If you won't stop, don't be surprised if He sends two old white people to help you or better yet, one beautiful angel officer!

"Dear Father, help us to enjoy what you give us, but to never think those things are what we need to be happy. Please place in our lives people who will help us find our way back home. Forgive us our wrong turns. When we have lost our way, grant us the ability to know we are lost and to quit running. Protect us from dangers we may never see coming. Amen"

Pastor Tom



Meet Pastor Josh Sorrow!

**Join us Sunday, May 31, as we welcome our new
Pastor of Administration & Discipleship/Small Groups**

We will formally introduce and commission Pastor Josh and his wife, Laura, during the worship services. All Adult Connection Groups are invited to a Meet and Greet Fellowship Hall at 10:00 to meet Pastor Josh and Laura.

Their 3 children, Scarlett, Jackson and Phineas, won't be with them this trip but hopefully the whole family will be here soon!

We are excited to have the Sorrow family join the JIBC family!



SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

Shine a Light on the Truth of Jesus at VBS 2026!

June 22-26

5:45 pm -8:00 pm
(Free Dinner 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm)

4k - 5th Grade

To register text **VBS26** to **843-762-0244**



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Let the little children come to me." - Matthew 19:14

KINGDOM KID'S CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY
EXCEPT FOR VBS WEEK
JUNE 11 - AUGUST 6

10:00-1:00

BRING SACK LUNCH

FREE

GAMES CRAFTS BIBLE STORIES MUSIC

FINISHED 1ST-5TH GRADES

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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
- Carolyn Benton
- Claudia Freeman
- Kohen Amelsberg-Cleveland
- Lisa Ross

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



Our condolences to the family and friends of Will Haselden who passed away May 21, 2026.





The Church at Riverland Terrace

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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 (August—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: 5/17/26	\$12,494

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER



What's on the Menu?

Wednesday Night Dinners
will return in September

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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