

The Messenger

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AWANA
Wednesday Nights
beginning September 2
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

AWANA is a fun and interactive children's program with a focus on learning God's word and missions. AWANA is for children, 3 years old to 5th grade.

In AWANA children learn and memorize scripture, cooperate with other children through games and activities, participate in mission projects, and worship together during the opening session.

AWANA meets Wednesday nights, from September through May,
6:00 pm—7:30 pm.

Text AWANA to 843-762-0244 to
register your child for the new year

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Perspectives

Pastor Tom

HARD QUESTIONS—REAL ANSWERS

In 2003, William Lane Craig wrote a book entitled “Hard Questions, Real Answers”. I am using the title of his book to talk about four hard questions that I often hear people ask. This Sunday we will start with “How can I know the will of God?” In Ephesians 5:17 the Apostle Paul encourages us to “understand what the Lord’s will is.” Knowing God’s will is a spiritual discipline we want to develop. The Word of God will give us direction.

Perhaps you have asked, privately or publicly, “How long should I keep praying?”. Is there a time limit to how long you keep going before the Lord with the same request? In Ephesians 6:18 Paul says we are to “stay alert and be persistent in your prayers.” Jesus Himself showed us that “we should always pray and not give up.” But how long do we keep praying and what do we do while we are waiting?

The third hard question is one that should interest many of us. This one asks the question “How can I stop worrying?” I sometimes will try to relabel my worrying as “just being very concerned”. Yeah, it is still worrying. I do agree with the old wag who said “Worrying must be good luck... nothing I ever worry about actually happens!” The Bible, as in so many things, has a great answer for those of us who might tend to “just be very, very concerned”...otherwise known as worry.

Here is one I believe every believer has asked at one time or the other. “Why do I do what I don’t want to do?” Been there done that and have a drawer full of t-shirts to testify. Perhaps one of the most interesting and intriguing chapters in the Bible is Romans 7. Paul gives us the Word of God that helps us understand the spiritual war going on inside our lives.

Maybe you will find something to relate to in the brief series. At least you should be able to find some truths and principles to help those who would look to you to give real answers to tough questions.

See you Sunday, D.V.

Pastor Tom



Baptized into the Family of God August 19, 2026

Kayla Bush
Cole Cannons
Melissa Creech
Lilah Jordan

Beck Hiott
Dave Morris
Evie Moylan
Justin Moylan

Caroline Rhodes
Emma Rhodes
Georgette Robinson

Easton Rosser
Veronika Soldatenko
Sam Wilkerson

Please join us for a Ladies Tea
 Saturday, August 29 at Noon
 Testimonies, music and luncheon
 Please RSVP by texting TEA to 843-762-0244



No matter what your hurt, habit, or hang up might be we have a group that is ready to help you find freedom, acceptance, and accountability. Join us every Sunday evening.

5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Worship 7:00 PM Groups

Celebrate Recovery is for **EVERYONE**

Shopping Addiction
 Church Hurt
 Abandonment
 Abuse
 Alcohol
 Anger
 Anxiety
 Betrayal
 Codependency
 Depression



Trauma
 Social Media
 Divorce
 Drugs
 Dysfunction
 Eating Disorders
 Finances
 Gambling
 Grief/Loss
 Low Self Esteem



Trust Issues
 Over Spending
 People Pleasing
 Perfectionism
 Pornography
 Pride
 PTSD
 Shame
 Stress
 Workaholic



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
- Anna Gaskins
- Austyn, Caroline (Koch)
- Niccolls and Katie
- Alston Pauls
- Bubba & Stella Burnham
- Rett Iler
- Carolyn Benton
- Claudia Freeman
- Kohen Amelsberg
- Lisa Ross
- Greta McKelvey
- Edith Doyle
- Sharon McLemore
- Lynda Rhodes
- Grady Maynor
- Charles & April Moore
- Ferris Williams
- Judy Darnell

Mission/Ministry Prayer

- Romania Mission Trip: Aug 11-27
- Jordan Mission Trip: Sept 3-12
- Slavic 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

BE joyful
ALWAYS

Pray CONTINUALLY

GIVE Thanks
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES



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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 July 2026:	\$588,309
Actual received through July 2026: <i>Actual Tithes & Offerings</i> <i>Insurance Proceeds</i>	\$915,294 <i>\$598,188</i> <i>\$317,106</i>
2026 weekly budget requirement:	\$19,610
This week's budget receipts: 8/16/26	\$11,201

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER



Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Fried pork chops, brown rice,
green beans, salad, roll and dessert

\$5 adult, \$3 per child

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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