

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

James Island Baptist Church Staff

Pastor: Tom Brown
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Worship Pastor: David Martin
Student Ministry Pastor: Logan Duvall
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Weekday Preschool Director: Laura Holmes



Perspectives

Pastor Tom

Nickles and Noses

In times gone by, Pastors would start conversations with other pastors by asking “How are your nickels and noses?” It was a way of asking how is your church doing, how is your church health? The nickels, of course, referred to the offerings. How is the financial health of the church? The noses referred to people. They were asking how is your attendance, how many do you have in Sunday School or Connection Groups? How are your nickels and noses? Most of the time they would not be that straight forward. They might word it a little more delicately. Reality is that attendance and offerings are indicators of health but not the only indicators.

Over the past 6 years JIBC has been blessed with over 90 baptisms. What a blessing to “average” 15 baptisms a year for the past 6 years. Our last baptism had 7 adults, 3 teens and 4 children. That is a good indicator of health.

Our offerings have grown from \$707,474 in 2021 to \$1,041,615 in 2025. That means we gave more to missions than ever before. JIBC underwrites the Hispanic Church, Luz Y Verdad and the Slavic Church, Zion. Spiritual health is seen in the increase of our weekly tithes and offerings but also in the many missions we support. We are blessed to be a blessing.

Our attendance has been around 200 in worship services every week. This past Sunday we had 267 in worship. That includes 29 we had in Children’s Worship. I must admit it is very encouraging to see the attendance numbers go up. But more encouraging is the number we see going out...out into the community as volunteers at places like James Island Outreach, VBS, Awanas, etc. Spiritual Health is better seen in how many we send than how many we seat! But let’s keep working on both of them.

There are a lot of other ways to measure church health. Some might be a little harder to track. How many hugs are given out each week? How much laughter do we hear in the building? How many meals are shared? How many eat at JIBC on Wednesday nights and how many meals are sent out to the sick, the homebound and the local fire stations? How many people were invited to JIBC this past year? These would all be indicators of church health. What would you list as an indicator of church health? I would be interested in knowing.

See you Sunday, good Lord willing!

Pastor Tom



Save the date for a baby shower to welcome Pastor Logan and Lily’s sweet little girl, Ruth

Saturday, October 24 in the Fellowship Hall
More details will be coming soon



Understanding the Mission

Grow in understanding God's mission, pray for missions opportunities, and learn about one chaplain's outreach in the corporate world at our next Women on Mission meeting. Tuesday, September 8 at 10:00 am upstairs at the church in Room 202. All women are welcome.

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



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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)
6:00p Adult Discipleship Options



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: 8/23/26	\$45,594

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER



Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Spaghetti casserole, salad,
garlic bread 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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