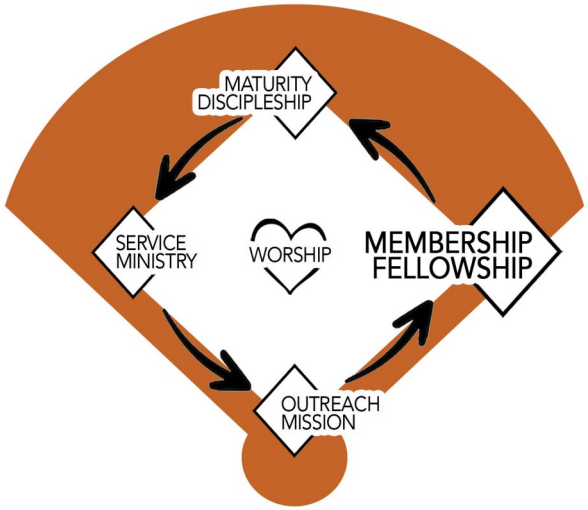
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CLASS 101: Discovering Membership at JIBC

Sunday, October 18, 4—6 pm

Childcare and dinner provided with reservation
To sign up: Text CLASS101 to 843-762-0244 or call the church office at 843-762-0244

At this seminar we explain who the JIBC family is, what it means to be a member and how to become a member of the family.

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Perspectives Pastor Logan

What Our Teenagers Are Carrying

It can be easy to look at a teenager and assume everything is okay. They may be laughing with friends, playing sports, making good grades, or scrolling through their phone. Yet underneath the surface, many teenagers are struggling, or at least know someone struggling.

According to the CDC, in 2025, one out of every three high school students reported persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness. Even more sobering, about one out of every seven seriously considered suicide.

Those numbers are more than statistics. They represent students sitting in classrooms, playing on teams, eating at our dinner tables, and sitting in our churches.

This is one reason we are currently walking through a series at JI Youth called "I'm Not Okay." Together, we are asking what the Bible has to say about loneliness, anxiety, depression, and suicide. We want our students to know that struggling does not make them weak, and asking for help does not mean they have failed spiritually.

Augustine once wrote, "You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

Our world gives teenagers countless places to search for their identity and worth: relationships, popularity, appearance, athletics, grades, success, and social media. But none of those things are strong enough to carry the weight of our identity.

The word of God points us somewhere completely different. We have a God who made us, purposed us, saved us, and now sanctifies us. No other option compares to the identity we have in our Savior and Lord. This foundation, even if it does not eliminate our problems, lets us view them through a gospel lens. You matter, and the cross proves it!

When our worth and meaning are rooted in our relationship with God, we can begin to see ourselves the way He sees us. And perhaps just as importantly, we can see our brothers and sisters differently too.

We can listen. We can encourage. We can pray. We can ask for help. And we can remind one another that we were never meant to walk through the hard things alone.

Take a moment and pray that this next generation will not lose sight of where they can find hope, but rather illuminate the hope they can find wherever they are, in the name of Jesus.

To God be the glory,

Pastor Logan



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.





How can you help?

Volunteer to help set up, clean up, work a booth.
Sign up sheets are located in front of the church office.

Bring bags of individually wrapped candy.
You can leave the candy 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
- Rett Iler
- Claudia Freeman
- Kohen Amelsberg
- Greta McKelvey
- Edith Doyle
- Sharon McLemore
- Grady Maynor
- Charles & April Moore
- Judy Darnell
- Ken Farris
- Felecia Hebert
- Naomi Bradey

Mission/Ministry Prayer

- 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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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30

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 - 12:00p JIBC Day School

Wednesday (September—May)
5:15p 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

A Look At The Numbers...

Projected budget through August 2026:	**$686,360**
Actual received through August 2026: ***Actual Tithes & Offerings*** ***Insurance Proceeds***	**$1,389,430** ***$721,941*** ***$667,489***
2026 weekly budget requirement:	**$19,610**
This week's budget receipts: 9/20/26	**$22,745**



Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Dinner is served from 5:15—6:15 pm

Spaghetti casserole, salad
garlic bread and dessert

Adults & Teens $5 each, Children $3 each
Takeouts available after 6 pm for $8 each

** Menu subject to change*

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".

Social Media Facebook @jibclife Instagram jamesislandbaptist

The Messenger: In addition to receiving a hard copy, you can view it on the website or the church app. If you'd like to receive an emailed copy, please contact neale@jamesislandbaptist.com.