

JAMES ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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## Spiritual Disciplines

The Habits Every Believer Needs To Grow

New  
Sermon  
Series  
Beginning  
1/4/26

### James Island Baptist Church Staff

Pastor: Tom Brown

Associate Pastor: Kyle Hooss

Worship Pastor: David Martin

Student Ministry Pastor: Logan Duvall

Ministry Assistant: Neale Young

Weekday Preschool Director: Laura Holmes

# Perspectives

# Pastor Tom

## FINDING THINGS STORED AWAY

It is the time of the year when Janie and I will start “de-decorating” our home. I have loved the Christmas decorations, all the Nativity scenes, and especially the Christmas Tree with all of the lights. But for us, it is time to put them away. So, this Friday and Saturday we will start packing the decorations and start putting them away.

Now, there is a hidden bonus in this “storing things away chore”. Every now and then, we come across something that has been “missing” only to find it was not missing. It was only resting safely where we last put it! When you find something that has been missing, it is like getting a gift.

I hope these next five weeks will find us excitedly finding some spiritual gifts, some spiritual disciplines, that have been stored away for a while. Let’s discover them together as we unpack some of these gifts. It could very well be that for you, these gifts, these spiritual disciplines have never gone missing. I really do believe many of our church family and friends practice these spiritual habits on a regular basis. For others, it may require dusting off a little and finding a place in our lives for these missing treasures. Some may have forgotten what the Bible says about some of these disciplines and habits. For the next five weeks, let’s celebrate them together. These gifts of spiritual disciplines help us strengthen our inner man and outer lives. Perhaps they can help reshape us back into a deeper maturity to live the life of abundance Jesus’ spoke of in John 10:10! There are inward disciplines like prayer and Bible reading and mediation. There are also outward disciplines like rest, sabbath, solitude and service. The end result we are aiming for is to bring us closer to God and to one another.

A popular TV add as the questions: “What is in your wallet?” I modify the question to ask : “What is in your stored away box?” Let’s take some things out and see. Let’s start with Prayer. As we finish up the PRAY CHARLESTON 24/7/365, let’s see how we can continue praying for Charleston. Someone said “to pray is to change”. OK, then let’s make 2026 about prayer...and about change!

See you Sunday, good Lord willing,

Pastor Tom

## Baptized into the Family of God December 24, 2025

Kloe Donner  
Arrington Wingfield  
Palmer Wingfield





Looking for a way to recycle your Christmas Cards?

Mark Livengood is collecting used  
Christmas Cards (fronts) for Ukraine.  
You can drop them off in the office.

### Jesus is Breaking Chains!

"A Church That Serves" is the tag-line of Graffiti 2 Baptist Church where our missionary pastor Andrew Mann, his staff and volunteers serve in the poorest congressional district in America with the highest number of people living below the poverty level. As one of 16 Send Relief ministry centers in the US, Graffiti 2 offers the highest quality programs and services so they can share the gospel.

Join Women on Mission when we meet on Tuesday, January 13 at 10 AM in Room E202 to discover together how God is breaking every chain and how our stories can encourage believers and lead others to faith in our Savior, Jesus.



### Prayer Requests

#### Family and Friends

- Myrtle Maull
- Gene Schurlknight
- Willa Mae Mincey
- Larry Alexander
- Jada Benton
- David Hall
- Mel Bell
- Debbie McLawhorn
- Eric Heitman
- Bill & Carollee Simmons
- Nancy Bryson Schwartz
- Jim Sherard
- Anna Gaskins

- Austyn, Caroline (Koch)
- Nicolls and Katie
- Alston Pauls
- Liz Burrell
- Bubba & Stella Burnham
- Carolyn Benton
- Sneed Family
- Rett Iler
- Louise Frye
- Caroline Mixon Littlefield and Annie Lynn
- Terry Wanko
- Kate King
- April Moore

#### 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 Al Simmons  
in the death of his father, Alvin Simmons,  
who passed away on December 18, 2025.*





## 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)  
Preschool & Children's Worship
- 5:30p Celebrate Recovery
- 6:00p Youth Group

### Monday—Friday (September—May)

- 9:00a - Riverland Terrace 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](http://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...

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|------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Projected budget through November 2025:</b> | <b>\$926,962</b> |
| <b>Actual received through November 2025:</b>  | <b>\$968,376</b> |
| <b>2025 weekly budget requirement:</b>         | <b>\$19,312</b>  |
| <b>This week's budget receipts:</b> 12/28/25   | <b>\$40,664</b>  |

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**



Spaghetti with meatballs, 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](http://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](#)

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