The Messenger

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How can you help?

- * Volunteer to help set up, clean up, work a booth
- * Bring bags of individually wrapped candy. You can leave the candy in front of the church office

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Perspectives

Pastor Tom

CHARLIE KIRK'S TRAGIC DEATH

The day before Janie and I went out of the county, Charlie Kirk was assassinated. He was and actually still is a strong voice for Biblical principles and conservative view points. Along with the evil in the murderer's heart, Charlie Kirk was killed for his view points.

HOW DO WE RESOND TO SUCH A HORRIFIC EVENT? I suggest we do what we should always do and look to Jesus. What would/did Jesus say in such a time? We do not decide what to do or say based on the latest TV Preacher or radio personality. It is radical, but let's do what Jesus did. John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin. Jesus called him the greatest man ever born to a woman. He was the Elijah of Jesus' day preparing the way of the Lord and calling us to repentance. He had his head cut off by Herod as though Herod was a member of modern day Hamas. Matthew 14 tells the story of Johns murder and Jesus' response. WWJD?

First he grieved and mourned. He went away by himself to seek the comfort and perspective of His Father, Abba. Blessed are those who mourn, they will be comforted. He mourned. Second, when the crowds found Him, Jesus had compassion on them and healed the sick. He continued on with the very work God sent Him to do. Perhaps a mourning heart can be helped by meeting the needs of others. At least we know that is what Jesus did. Third, He had compassion on the large crowd and performed the miracle of feeding 5,000 men with 5 loaves and a few fishes. He was not ignoring or denying John's death. He was continuing the very work John the Baptist announced Jesus was coming to do. Jesus' agenda was not set by politics, fundamentalist preachers or emotions pushed to the brink. He prayed as he taught us to pray "Thy Kingdom come and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

SO WHAT DO YOU DO IN FACE OF SUCH HORRIFIC NEWS? I usually have three responses. First, PRAY MORE. We pray, seeking God's perspective. Matthew 7:7 says "Ask and it will be given, Seek and you will find, Knock and the door will be opened". So, let's ask, seek and knock. Pray more and grumble less. Second, PRAISE MORE. Do not underestimate the power that comes from exalting and focusing on the Goodness of God vs the wickedness of man. Praise celebrates who God is, His nature, His character. It lifts our eyes to the Father and our Lord Jesus. Paul and Silas were in prison for preaching the Gospel. What did they do? Prayed and praised. What did God do? He opened the prison doors. Third, SERVE MORE. Jesus healed the sick and fed 5,000 immediately after learning of Johns death. He saw this tragic event as the occasion to do what God sent Him to do: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach Good News to the poor; He sent me to proclaim freedom to the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:16-19)

Charlie Kirk's memorial, so far, has been seen by over 20 million people. Twenty Million hearing the clear Gospel of Jesus presented. The cowardly assassin unknowingly awakened a sleeping spiritual giant. Millions are rallying to pray, praise and carry on the Gospel work God has called us to. To God be the glory and our prayers and love to Erica Kirk and her two beloved children.

Pastor Tom

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Come one, come all!

Women on Mission invite everyone (and that includes men!) to join us on Tuesday, October 14 at 10 AM to hear a first hand account of what God is doing in Eastern Europe. Cheryl Parish and Anne Pettus are excited to share with you how God used your support and prayers during their recent mission trip to Romania. Women on Mission meet upstairs in Room 202.





LOVE PRESCHOOLERS? LOVE CHILDREN? LOVE TEENAGERS?

LOVE JESUS?

Our kids need you! Come and serve in our Preschool, Children or Youth Ministries. There are opportunities on Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, Wednesday Night and Special Events.

All volunteers must complete a background check and video based training. For more information, contact the church office.

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
- Georgia Baldwin

- Austyn, Caroline (Koch) Niccolls and Katie
- Alston Pauls
- Rie Reid
- Lisa Trainor
- April Moore
- Scott Ausborne
- Vickie Perry
- Melissa Lyerly
- Liz Burrell
- Gloria Hunter
- Liebler Family
- Bubba & Stella Burnham
- Fred Roark

Mission/Ministry Prayer

- 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)

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)



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Give in person

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A Look At The Numbers	
Projected budget through August 2025:	\$675,910
Actual received through August 2025:	\$642,892
2025 weekly budget requirement:	\$19,312
This week's budget receipts: 9/21/25	\$14,982
TAB Mission Fund To-date:	\$13,574



Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Ham steak, butter beans, potato salad and dessert

\$5 adult, \$3 per child



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.





No matter what your hurt, habit, or hang up might be we have a group that is ready to embrace you, walk with you, and help you find a place of healing and wholeness. Join us every Sunday evening. Childcare and dinner are provided.

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