## 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

#### THE FALL FESTIVAL 2025!

It is hard to believe that we have been doing the Fall Festival for 40 years. The only year we missed, I think, was a Covid year. When we started, it was so small we held it in the Fellowship Hall. We had booths, games, food and a reptile room! Yep, a reptile room.

Over the years the Fall Festival has grown to encompass the entire side of our Plymouth Avenue parking areas. Although the Festival has grown, our purpose has remained the same. We want to go head-to-head with the traditional Halloween events and offer a safe, family friendly, fun event. Kids still get so much candy we should be sponsored by all local dentists! It is a free event...even the food. To get a free food voucher, all they have to do is register.

I especially love the Fall Festival when it gets dark and the lights are on. Now it looks like a party. The best band on James Island is playing all our favorite songs, people are laughing and



enjoying themselves, are we are rubbing shoulders with people we might not get to meet otherwise. This is a BIG event and it shows a lot of love to our community. Did you know we added a "Prayer Booth"? Stop by and write down a prayer or ask for prayer right then and there. How about this...we offer a "Free Hug" booth. Just about everyone needs a good hug from a grandma or granddad figure! I am not sure if he will make it, but we also had Beauregard, the "pet me for some therapy" dog! He was a big hit and I am sure he was sore the next day from so many hugs. Mark Livengood has been great about having a booth, whether using science or drama, to share the Gospel.

Just a reminder about costumes. We absolutely love the creativity and the "good taste" shown by those who show up in costume. No bloody characters or sexy French Maids. Think "G" rated for families with preschoolers. There has even been a rumor that the "Punk Monk" may make a return this year. He was on special assignment the last few years.

Pray for the event. (Dear Jesus, may everyone who attends feel your love and be drawn to you. Bless us with safety as well as fun. Amen) Bring some candy. We will need a few thousand pieces to give away. Then, consider volunteering for one of the booths. Some are amazingly simple while others require more interaction with our guest. Your choice. (Big hint: Get 3 friends to sign up with you. Then 2 work the first half of the event, the other two work the next half. Winner winner) We have safety teams, registration tables, cooks, servers, booth hosts, etc. A place for everyone.

Here we go, Fall Festival number 40...OK, 39 because of Covid!

Love to all,

Pastor Tom



## **2026 Budget Requests**

Budget requests are due in the church office by Sunday, October 19.

Contact Neale Young at 843-762-0244 if you have any questions

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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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A Look At The Numbers	
Projected budget through September 2025:	\$753,156
Actual received through September 2025:	\$747,605
2025 weekly budget requirement:	\$19,312
This week's budget receipts: 9/28/25	\$41,054
TAB Mission Fund To-date:	\$13,634



## Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Hamburger steak, rice & gravy, black eyed peas, 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