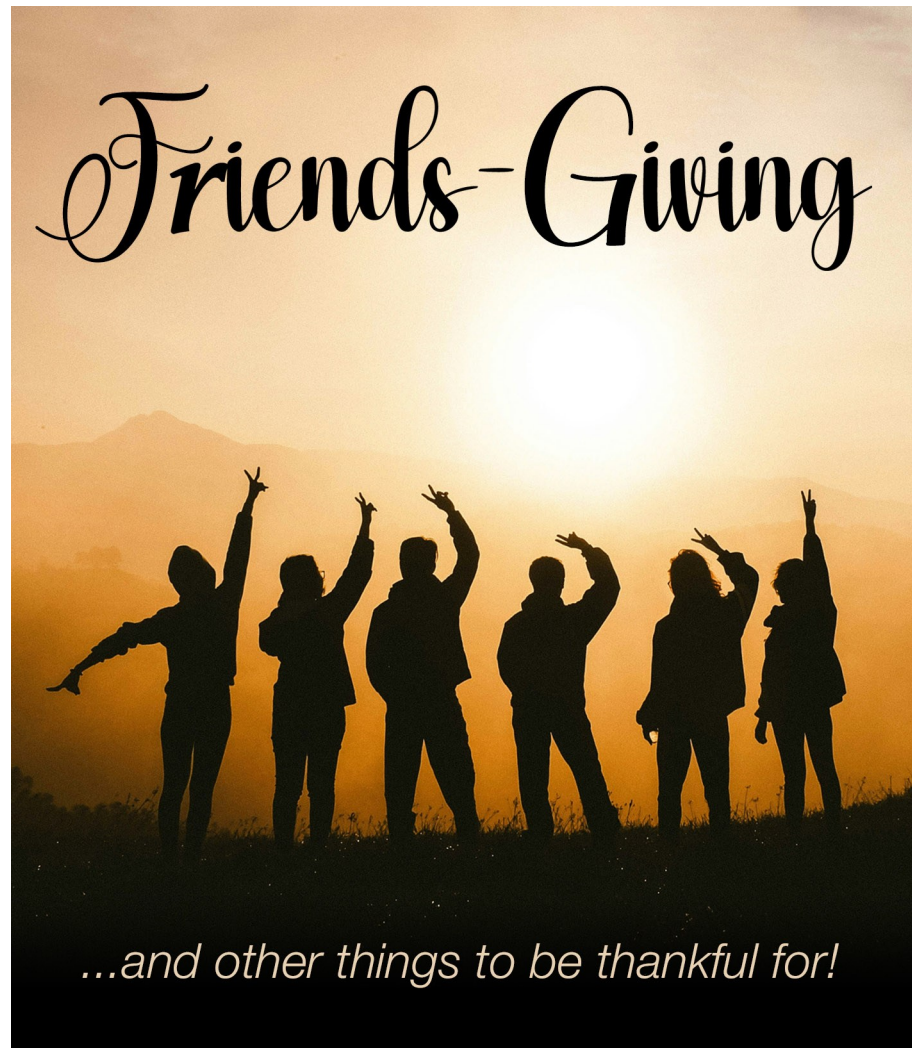


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Pastor Tom's current sermon series. If you missed the first week, you can find it on the church website

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Perspectives

Pastor Tom

Advent Christmas Giving

One of my favorite parts about Thanksgiving and Christmas is getting ready for the Advent Season. The word advent means coming. Christmas is the celebration of the coming, the advent, of God's Son into the world. It is so easy for me to be distracted by political news, family events and secular messaging. To help me stay focused I have some spiritual practices that I try to incorporate into my holidays. Starting December 1, I will re-read the Christmas stories and all related passages. There are times when I use an Advent Devotional. It usually includes a scripture reference, a short thought and a prayer for the season.

As a church family, one thing we do involves remembering why we give gifts. Following the example of the Wisemen/Magi/the Three Kings, we bring our gifts to celebrate our Lord's birth. We still give family gifts and have wonderful days of family gathering with gift exchanges. Christmas is not the only time we give gifts but it is one time when we are most likely to share love and gifts!

Here is one tradition I love as much as any. Our church family for years has incorporated mission giving and mission support into the Advent Season. The gifts can vary from year to year. The intent is always the same: love someone in Jesus' name and bless them however you can. This year, we are doing three gifts for Advent. The first one is by far the biggest challenge. We have been asked to provide Christmas for 300 children in Western North Carolina. These can be gently used toys or new toys. They can be for ages starting at birth and going through age 14. There can also be gifts for Senior Adults. Please join us in trying to provide 300+ toys for these children. I think we will have twice that number. By the way, you do not have to wrap them. They will have a special way to deliver the gifts to the families. No wrapping required. We will have at least three Christmas trees around the church campus: the worship center, the atrium and the fellowship hall. You can drop them off any time. We will be taking the gifts to Greenville, Tennessee, the collection place. They will get them to their Ministry-Mission warehouse from there. So, the last date to receive toys at JIBC is Monday, December 8.

The other two Advent mission projects include our Jelly and pancake syrup for James Island Outreach. How sweet it is! Keep an eye out for the BOGO deals. Let us know where you find great deals and we will spread the word.

The last of the mission projects includes an offering for International Missions. This fund will be directed to mission efforts around the world. Among them will be the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Well, it is early, but the days are flying fast. Make plans now for how you will celebrate Advent.

Blessings,

Pastor Tom

CELEBRATING



*Please join us to celebrate the wedding anniversary of
Janie and Tom Brown*

*Saturday, November 22, 4—7 PM Drop-in
James Island Baptist Church Fellowship Hall*

Your presence is the only gift needed.

Please, no gifts. Thank you!



Rejoice Because God is King Over Us

Join Women on Mission this month as we learn to rejoice in the fact that God is our King. Our mission focus is Maine, where David Carey serves as a hospice chaplain. Maine is known for its blueberries. Come enjoy coffee and a blueberry muffin with us on Tuesday, November 11 at 10 a.m. upstairs in Room 202.

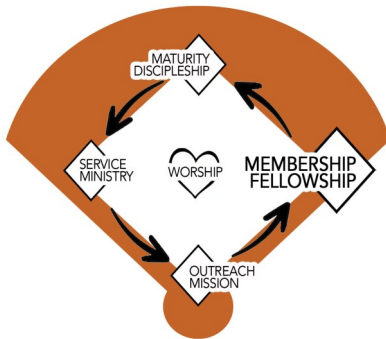
WOMEN ON MISSION CHRISTMAS PRISONER PACKETS

Please remember to bring your items to the church by Sunday, November 16. A list of needed items in collection bags will be available outside the church office, and needs to be followed precisely as any deviations from the list will not be able to be given. Your help is greatly appreciated.



CLASS 101: Discovering Membership at JIBC

Sunday, November 9 4—8 pm



Come and find out who the James Island Baptist family is, what it means to be a member of this family and how to become a member of the family.

Text CLASS101 to 843-762-0244 to register or call the church office at 843-762-0244.

Prayer Requests

Family and Friends

- Myrtle Maull
- Gene Schurlnknight
- 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) Nicolls and Katie
- Alston Pauls
- Rie Reid
- Liz Burrell
- Gloria Hunter
- Bubba & Stella Burnham
- Carolyn Benton

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

BE joyful
ALWAYS

Pray CONTINUALLY

GIVE thanks
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES



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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 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 September 2025:	\$753,156
Actual received through September 2025:	\$747,605
2025 weekly budget requirement:	\$19,312
This week's budget receipts: 10/26/25	\$13,916



Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Pork roast, rice, butter beans,
fried okra, 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