

JAMES ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

The Messenger

VOLUME 52, ISSUE 46

NOVEMBER 25, 2025



All Hail King Jesus

X

SCHEDULE

- Advent begins November 30
Sundays at 9am & 11am
- Christmas Eve Service
Candlelight Communion & Carols
4 pm & 6 pm

JamesIslandBaptist.com
the church at Riverland Terrace

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 Logan

Awanita 2025: God Moved in a Powerful Way

What an incredible weekend our JI Youth had at Awanita Valley! This year's fall retreat was nothing short of amazing. God's presence was evident from the moment we arrived until the moment we loaded the bus to head home.

We took a total of 48 students, which is the largest group we have ever brought to Awanita. With every passing year, God continues to expand the reach of our ministry, and this retreat was a beautiful reminder of how He multiplies opportunities for transformation when His people show up with open hearts.



The highlight of the weekend was something truly historic for our youth ministry. Four students gave their lives to Christ. This is the first year we have seen salvations at Awanita, and we pray it is only the beginning of what God will continue to do in the lives of our teenagers. When we step back and look at the full picture of this year, we are overwhelmed with gratitude. We have celebrated eight salvations at summer camp, two salvations during youth group, and now four at Awanita. God is moving in powerful ways that only He can orchestrate.

Of course, in true JI Youth fashion, the weekend also came with a fair amount of laughter. One highlight was the creative adventure of our sixth-grade boys. Somehow, they found a piece of fishing line, a completely random fishing hook, and then took leftover food from the cafeteria to use as bait. Without any fishing pole at all, they managed to catch three actual fish from the lake.

We also want to celebrate and thank our incredible volunteers who served faithfully all weekend. Their sacrifice, patience, joy, and willingness to invest in students made every moment possible. A special celebration goes to our first ever JI Youth alumni volunteer. Sara, who graduated from our youth group, joined us for her very first retreat as a leader and absolutely crushed it. We love leader Sara and are so grateful for the way she served our students with such heart and maturity. From leading small groups, to praying with students, to hiking mountains and keeping up with middle school boy energy, our volunteers were the backbone of this retreat.

Awanita reminded us once again that God works powerfully when students step away from distractions, slow down, and make room for Him. We are incredibly grateful for everything He has done, and we cannot wait to see what He continues to do in the months ahead.

Join us this Sunday to watch the recap video!

With Gratitude,

Logan Duvall



Children's Christmas Play

Wednesday, December 3

Doors Open: 5:30 PM

Show Begins: 6:00 PM

Join us for a beautiful and meaningful evening celebrating the true reason for the season! This year's play tells the story of an Old Star sharing with a New Star all about the First

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & LUNCH

Friday, December 12

9:30 AM



Join us for a heartwarming time of Christmas caroling at The Addison in West Ashley as we bring cheer to the residents and lead in a sing-along of Christmas carols and seasonal favorites. After visiting with the residents, we'll pick up our friend, Joyce Southwell, to take to lunch with us.

Sign up on the bulletin board or call/text Cheryl Parish at 843-270-1453.



This Advent Season you have the opportunity to bless several of our favorite mission/outreach ministries with your gifts.

James Island Outreach

Jelly Pancake Syrup

International Missions Offering

Eastern TN/Western NC Hurricane Relief

New or gently used toys (unwrapped) for ages 0-14

Deadline for toys is December 8

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
- Liz Burrell
- Bubba & Stella Burnham
- Carolyn Benton
- Sneed Family
- Rett Iler
- Louise Frye

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



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him



2023 Wappoo Drive
Charleston, SC 29412
Phone: 843-762-0244

E-mail: jibc@knology.net
www.jamesislandbaptist.com
Facebook: @jibclife
Instagram: @familyjibc

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)
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

THE MESSENGER (USPS 340-600) is published weekly except between Christmas and New Year's by James Island Baptist Church, 2023 Wappoo Drive, Charleston, SC 29412-2099. Periodicals postage paid in Charleston, SC. **POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to: **THE MESSENGER, 2023 Wappoo Drive, Charleston, SC 29412-2099**

A Look At The Numbers...

Projected budget through October 2025:	\$830,403
Actual received through October 2025:	\$846,961
2025 weekly budget requirement:	\$19,312
This week's budget receipts: 11/16/25	\$17,725



Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Fried fish, grits, red rice,
hush puppies, coleslaw 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

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.