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Perspectives

Pastor Tom

"You gotta let the big dogs eat!"

"You gotta let the big dogs eat!" This is a phrase used by a professional football player for motivation. It means you are going to perform at a high level and give it your best. That is the way I feel when Pastor Kyle and Pastor Logan preach for us at JIBC. When I am gone on vacation or am away from the pulpit teaching ministry for some reason, I usually say "It is time to let the big dogs eat.". Both Logan and Kyle are very good pastor/teachers...what many refer to as "preachers". I am usually the one in the pulpit bringing the message. There are times, though, when I feel like "letting the big dogs eat"...letting them do what they love to do and both of them do at a high level. We are blessed to have two such gifted men on staff. When I am away, I do not hesitate to ask either of them to fill in for me. I know they both will do an excellent job, giving it their very best, with rock solid theology presented in an interesting way. The other side of that saying is "Let the old dog sit one out!" It is probably a good idea for me to take a break... and give you a break!

"ALL HAIL KING JESUS" has been the theme for this 2025 Advent Season. I have found it interesting to remember the baby Jesus was the "born king of the Jews". Prophesied over 400 times in the Old Testament; born in a manger as the serpent crusher Lion King; showing all a different kind of King and then remembering Jesus is coming back. This time, not a babe born in Bethlehem but as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. All Hail King Jesus! This Sunday we will look at the promised second advent of Jesus. The King is coming...again.

Christmas Eve we will have a more traditional Carols, Communion and Candle Light worship experience. I so hope you can make it to the 4:00 or the 6:00 service. It looks like this will be a beautiful Christmas Eve Celebration.

See you Sunday, Good Lord willing,

Pastor Tom



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This Advent Season you have the opportunity to bless some of our favorite mission/outreach ministries



James Island Outreach

Jelly Pancake Syrup

International Missions Offering

Eastern TN/Western NC Hurricane Relief

Over 400 toys were delivered to Greeneville, TN last week. Thank you for your generous giving!

Merry Christmas Mailbox

Bring your Christmas cards for church family to place in the Merry Christmas Mailbox located in the main hallway each Sunday during the month of December. You can give to International Missions by donating the cost of the stamps you would have used to mail your cards. Mark your check International Missions in the memo line or label your envelope with International Missions. Merry Christmas!





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

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 Frve
- Caroline Mixon Littlefield and Annie Lynn

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





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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 November 2025:	\$926,962
Actual received through November 2025:	\$968,376
2025 weekly budget requirement:	\$19,312
This week's budget receipts: 12/7/25	\$19,600



Wednesday, December 24, 2025

NO WEDNESDAY DINNER
WE WILL RESUME JANUARY 7

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".

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