

JAMES ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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Happy  
new  
Year

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#### James Island Baptist Church Staff

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# Perspectives

# Pastor Tom

## 2026...What are your plans to become more like Jesus?

The old saying is “failing to plan is planning to fail”. I surely do not want to fail when it comes to becoming more like Jesus. Ok then, what will be my plan for growing more like Jesus in 2026?

This year, I will start my 2026 Teaching Series on the topic of Spiritual Disciplines: The Habits Every Believer Needs to Grow. Spiritual disciplines are spiritual habits. They are the intentional things we do that allow the Spirit of God to shape us as we become more and more like Jesus. These include spiritual habits like prayer, Bible Study, Worship, rest, etc.

The first six weeks of the year will be given to helping us build a strong foundation or strengthening the foundation that we already have. Think of spiritual disciplines/spiritual habits as spiritual “workouts” or spiritual “training.” It is what we do to get stronger, better, more holy (in a good way not in a “holier than thou” way).

It is the transforming work of God we sometimes refer to as sanctification. In Philippians 1:6 Paul says it this way: *“being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on until the day of Christ Jesus.”* This is one way He continues His good work in us.

I am 70 years old. A physical trainer once asked me my goal for working out and lifting weights. He kindly suggested I had to deal with the reality that I would never again “bulk up”. I assured him I was not going after the Arnold Schwarzenegger look with 22” guns. I just wanted to be able to carry my own luggage on vacation, keep my balance and have a healthy heart and always be able to outrun Janie if I needed to! Exercise to keep me physically and mentally healthy. Spiritual disciplines help keep us healthy, spiritually, emotionally, even physically. At the end of 6 weeks, let’s see if we can develop a plan to help us become more like Jesus!

See you Sunday, good Lord willing,

Pastor Tom

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



### James Island Outreach

Over 200 jars of Jelly

Over 100 bottles of Pancake Syrup

### International Missions Offering

\$4,700 given to International Missions

Over \$4,900 given to Lottie Moon Offering

### Eastern TN/Western NC Hurricane Relief

Over 400 toys were delivered to Greeneville, TN.

*Thank you for your generous giving!*

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





Looking for a way to recycle your Christmas Cards?

Mark Livengood is collecting used  
Christmas Cards (fronts) for Ukraine.  
You can drop them off in the 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

- Austyn, Caroline (Koch)
- Nicolls and Katie
- Alston Pauls
- Liz Burrell
- Bubba & Stella Burnham
- Carolyn Benton
- Sneed Family
- Rett Iler
- Louise Frye
- 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

Congratulations to Dylan & Madison James  
on the birth of their son, Morris Wilson,  
born on November 28, 2025.

Carl & Marilyn James are the proud grandparents.



Congratulations to Mitchel & Gracie Nowack  
on the birth of their twin sons, Mason Lee & Miller John,  
born on December 16, 2025.  
David & Nancy Miller are the proud grandparents.

Our condolences to  
the family and friends of Brenda Lewis  
who passed away on December 19, 2025  
and

Ray Baldwin, Annette Mixon and families  
in the death of their mother, Georgia Baldwin,  
who passed away December 21, 2025.





## The Church at Riverland Terrace

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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](http://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...

<b>Projected budget through November 2025:</b>	<b>\$926,962</b>
<b>Actual received through November 2025:</b>	<b>\$968,376</b>
<b>2025 weekly budget requirement:</b>	<b>\$19,312</b>
<b>This week's budget receipts:</b>	<b>12/14/25 12/21/25</b>
	<b>\$12,503 \$41,780</b>

**Wednesday, January 7, 2026**



Soup, salad 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](http://www.JamesIslandBaptist.com)

**The Church App:** Download the church app from your app store. Search "James Island Baptist SC".

**Social Media** Facebook [@jibclife](https://www.facebook.com/jibclife) Instagram [@jamesislandbaptist](https://www.instagram.com/jamesislandbaptist)

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