

## Come Join Us On Wednesday Nights

- “ **Wednesday Night Dinner** – 5:30–6:30 pm  
\$5 per adult / \$3 per child
  
- “ **AWANA < 3K–8th grade >** – 6:00–8:00 pm  
*AWANA is fun filled time of learning about God, learning about His Word, singing great songs and playing awesome games. Come, join in the fun! Please see Marie Smith if your child needs to be registered for AWANA.*
  
- “ **Wednesday Night Worship** – 7:00–8:00 pm  
*"Getting to Know The Bible." An introduction to each book of the Bible.*
  
- “ **First Place 4 Health** – 7:00–8:00 pm Begins January 20  
*A Christ-Centered total wellness program  
Cost for new members: \$100  
Cost for current/returning members: \$15*

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### Blood Drive

We will have a blood drive at the church on Sunday, January 24, from 1:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our goal is 40 units. The American Red Cross is in critical need of type O blood at this time.

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#### James Island Baptist Church Staff

Pastor: Tom Brown  
Mission Pastor/Worship Leader: Ted Baker  
Pastor of Students: Brent Gordon  
Ministry Assistant: Neale Young  
Part-time Ministry Assistant: Ellen Anderson



# Perspective

# Pastor Tom

## . HOW DO YOU KNOW IT IS THE WILL OF GOD?

We are sometimes tempted to ask the wrong question and, therefore, get the wrong answer. We are often tempted to ask, “What is God’s will for my life?” That sounds like a good question. It is certainly a step in the right direction. How could that question be asked in a more Christ honoring way? Try this one: “What is God’s will?” See the difference. What is God’s will is the higher question. What is God’s will for my life is a natural, human, maybe even self-centered question. It is starting with me as though I want to know God’s will for my life, then think about it, and make my decision based on if I like it or not. What is God’s will starts with God: His thoughts, His purpose, His will. God’s will *is* God’s will for my life. If I focus on His will I may not have to ask, “What is God’s will for my life?”

Another temptation in seeking to do God’s will is to quickly announce, “This is God’s will.” That is kind of like playing the Ace of Spades, you are throwing a card down that you think can not be trumped. It is a real temptation to say, “this is God’s will,” as a way of manipulating getting your own will. When a person says God spoke to me, revealed to me, showed me, etc, then they are making a strong statement. Very strong. I believe God does speak, reveal, and show us His will. So why hesitate when someone strongly says, “This is, or must be, God’s will?”

Henry Blackaby in his book, *Experiencing God*, puts together four biblical guidelines for confirming the will of God. First, what has God been saying to you through the Bible. Does your impression of “this is God’s will” line up with the Word of God. This, by the way, is not fool-proof. The devil has a way of twisting scripture to make it say what we want. The second is, ask “what have you been praying about?” What do you sense is God’s will as you pray. Does the Holy Spirit of God impress your heart that this is His will? Your prayer life and the scripture will start to line up. Third, you seek godly counsel. Not the counsel of friends who will just agree with you, but counsel of people who will speak truth into your life. Trust that it is OK if your friends sense God speaking in another way. You may all be hearing the same Word of God from a little different perspective. The eyes do not see the train coming but the ears tell you the train is coming. Fourth, how are circumstances lining up. It seems like God works in the same direction, accomplishing Kingdom events. How do circumstances line up with the Bible, prayer and godly counsel?

Here is a quick bottom line to finding God’s will. Quick, not easy. The biggest barrier in finding God’s will is saying “yes” and having an attitude of obedience before you actually know His will. “Yes Lord. My answer is yes, now, what is the question?” Amazing how the will of God becomes clear when we follow His ways.

See you Sunday...Pastor Tom

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## Upcoming Events

**Friday, January 22, 7 p.m.:** Several North Charleston churches are sponsoring a citywide prayer event at the Community Center on Park Circle. No preaching, just worship and prayer. Lindell Cooley will be leading the worship. You can check it out at [www.parkcircleprayer.com](http://www.parkcircleprayer.com)

**Tuesday, April 13, 6-9:30 p.m.:** Dave Ramsey’s Total Money Makeover **LIVE** at the Carolina First Arena on Calhoun Street. This is the largest event on personal finances in the U.S. And, it’s fun. In fact, it’s most fun you’ll ever have learning how to win with money. Tickets start at \$30.

For tickets or more information: [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com), scroll down to the Charleston event.

## Weekly Updates

**Deacons for the Month of January**  
*Please feel free to call these deacons  
 for ministry or prayer*

Ronnie Cooper	795-8699
Jason Lindsey	795-7184
Dave Baxley	762-2447

### Extended Session Schedule for January

<b>January 17</b>	Fred Roark's Class
<b>January 24</b>	Preschool Dept. workers
<b>January 31</b>	Children's Dept. workers

### What's in the kitchen?

Wednesday  
January 20:

Fried fish, baked beans,  
grits, hush puppies,  
coleslaw and dessert



## A Look At The Numbers...

<b>Projected budget</b>	
<b>December 2009:</b>	<b>\$597,172</b>
<b>Actual received through</b>	
<b>December 2009:</b>	<b>\$544,428</b>
<b>This week's budget requirement:</b>	<b>\$11,419</b>
<b>This week's budget receipts:</b>	
12/31/09	<b>\$15,140</b>
1/03/10	<b>\$6,033</b>

## Prayer Requests

### Home/Hospital

- Kay O'Neil
- Jerry Wright
- David Reid
- Anna McGuiness
- Patricia Smith
- Georgia Baldwin
- Peggy Atwater
- Lisa Oberg
- Marcella Malphrus (Life Care)
- Marvin Sineath
- Ron Hanna
- Beulah Alexander
- Robin Clayton
- Carole Baker
- Larry and Elinor Hamblin
- Bill and Bev Driggers
- Charles and Judy Dillon
- Sharon Owens (Sam and Joyce Owens' daughter-in-law)

### Mission Prayer

- Refuge Point Recovery – Pastor Ted
- Ryan and Kristin Parker – South Asia
- Chinese Fellowship
- All Stars Children's Worship
- Hispanic Church
- Nicole Wilcox - South Africa
- Charles and Judy Dillon – New Orleans
- John and Yi Ling Pittman – Asia
- Pastor Marius Moisin-Campulung, Romania

### Military

Josh White, Andrew Iler, Trey Kluttz, Jefferson Weathersbee, Wade Suggs, Kevin Stirgus, Drew Monroe, Marcus Montez, Taisha McLaurin, Marty Sineath, Brad Jackson, Aaron Diezman, Addison Poole, Travis Kornahrens, Mauronda Wilder, Jack Blevins, Art Perez, Timothy Marlowe, Bryan James Walker, Scott Thomas, Staff Sgt. Edwin Brown, PFC James Garner, Adam Clack

### 2010 Census Takers Needed

The 2010 Census is quickly approaching and an accurate population count of our town will mean increased federal funding for roads, hospitals, schools, and other programs. The Census Bureau will hire more than 2000 workers in our area to conduct the census. These temporary jobs will offer very competitive wages, flexible schedules and mileage reimbursement.

Call 1-866-861-2010 to apply or go online at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov)

# Ongoing Events

## Sundays

- 8:30a Blended Traditional Worship  
9:45a Bible Study  
10:00a Hispanic Church in Spanish  
11:00a Contemporary Worship  
Chinese Worship  
All Stars  
(Children's Worship)  
5:00p Middle School (5th-8th-grade)  
High School (8th-12th-grade)  
Worship in Youth  
Room (Dinner provided—\$2)  
6:00p Celebrate Recovery @  
Common Grounds Café  
6:00p Praise and Prayer in Library

## Mondays

- 1:30p Senior Aerobics  
5:45p W.I.T. Fitness

## Tuesdays

- 6:30p Men's Bible Study (Genesis  
classroom)

## Wednesdays

- 5:30p Family Fellowship Dinner  
6:00p AWANA  
7:00p First Place 4 Health  
7:00p Adult Bible Study and Worship

## Thursdays

- 1:30p Senior Aerobics  
5:45p W.I.T. Fitness



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# Bulletin Board

I want to thank Pastor Tom for his visit, the gifts and the cards he brought from the congregation. Also, thank you to the carolers who came to sing and for the many ways you thought of me.

*Prudence Moore*

Chaplain Josh White's address for the next six weeks:

### U.S. Mail:

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# Ministry

The Hannah-Ruth class will meet on Thursday, January 21 at 11 a.m. in our Sunday School class. Afterwards, we will go to lunch. Please bring sugar for the Crisis Ministry Center and an item for our baby basket project.



# Fellowship

## JOY Club

The outing that is being planned for Tuesday, April 27, is an overnight trip to visit the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. This event is open to ALL adults. The group wants to see how many would be interested in going so it can book rooms in Charlotte. Admission to the library is free, the motel rooms (four to a room), will be approximately \$25-\$30 per person. In order to do a head-count, please call Joyce Southwell at 795-3827 if you are interested in joining them.

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