

## Celebrating Christmas at James Island Baptist



December 6: *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
December 13: *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
December 16: *Christmas Caroling*  
December 20: *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
December 24: *Christmas Eve Service, 6 pm*



### 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

## CELEBRATION OF THE CRECHE

A great BIG THANK-YOU to all the volunteers who made the Church decorations and the Nativity displays such a beautiful event. It could not be accomplished without the creativity and hard work of such a talented team. All of them came after a full day's work, for three nights in a row, to display and stage the Nativity Scenes. Fabulous job! And another round of applause for the large number of volunteers who served as host/hostess each night. Again, we could not offer this ministry to the community without your service. This is only the second year we have presented this to our community and church family.

We had 135 different Nativity scenes put on display. The comments from our guest let me know we are on target with what we are doing. Now we have to figure a way to be a little more creative in getting the community to take advantage of such a wonderful display. Kitty Almond gets the prize for this year's best suggestion. She suggested we add an "Angel" display to the Nativity event. Many people collect angels and would be happy to loan them. I think that idea deserves a round of applause...great idea Kitty. Next year we will also add cards to tell who loaned each of the sets. My bad. Someone should take me to Starbucks, buy me a Grande Latte and explain how important that is. Remember, if you loaned one of your Nativity scenes, this week is the week to pick them up.

## THE FIRST GIFT OF THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

I know many high achievers have already bought all of their Christmas presents. (If you already have them wrapped you put us all to shame)! Let me make a suggestion for our church family. Whether you have bought Christmas gifts or not, would you consider letting the first gift you give be to the Christmas time, International Missions Fund known as Lottie Moon.

Each year we receive a special offering to go to support missions around the world. We



have always, in my 24 years as Pastor here, given this to the Southern Baptist International Missions offering, The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. In fact, in years gone by, when our offerings were stronger, we were able to give additional amounts above the special offering to International Missions. For those new to Southern Baptist life, Lottie Moon was a missionary to China that captured the heart of mission sacrifice. Her life work was so

inspirational that the Christmas offering to world missions was named in honor of her love for the Lord and people around the world. If you receive offering envelopes in the mail, you will have a Lottie Moon envelope inside. If not, you will find them in the pews each Sunday during December. Or, just write on your check, International Missions Offering. However you choose to give, I want to encourage you to consider letting your first generous gift be to International Missions.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Pastor Tom

## Shepherd's Cloak Ministry

The Shepherd's Cloak Ministry provides new coats for children and adults who cannot afford them. Primarily, this ministry works with the local school guidance office to know which children are in need. This volunteer hands-on ministry helps the children find a coat that fits, loves them, provides a "Christmas Card" with their picture...all in the name of Jesus. You can volunteer to help sort and size the coats here at JIBC or volunteer to go and help give the coats away. You can also make a donation to that ministry. It's not too late to "sponsor" a coat for a needy child this year. For more information, call Lynn Moyer at 214-4992 or 766-2334.

## Weekly Updates

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

Frank O. Hunt	795-5401
Danny Williamson	851-9316
Rodney Beard	571-7611
Curtis Moody	795-9176

### Extended Session Schedule for November/December

<b>December 6</b>	Youth Dept. workers
<b>December 13</b>	Charles Oliver's class
<b>December 20</b>	Jan Cooper's class
<b>December 27</b>	Janie Brown's class



**Supper Time**  
**Wednesday, December 9:**  
 Chili, baked potatoes with all  
 the toppings, salad  
 and dessert

## A Look At The Numbers...

<b>Projected budget</b>	
<b>October 2009:</b>	<b>\$493,812</b>
<b>Actual received through</b>	
<b>October 2009:</b>	<b>\$426,893</b>
<b>This week's budget</b>	
<b>requirement:</b>	<b>\$11,419</b>
<b>This week's budget</b>	
<b>receipts: 11/22/09</b>	<b>\$7,617</b>

## Prayer Requests

### Home/Hospital

- Lisa Oberg (Home)
- Marcella Malphrus (HealthSouth)
- Peggy Atwater
- Margie Jackson
- Emily Thomas
- Patty Baldree
- Marvin Sineath
- Jerry Wright
- Ron Hanna
- Beulah Alexander
- Robin Clayton
- Harper Drolet (MUSC Children's Hospital)
- Callan Swain (Home)
- Carole Baker
- Larry and Elinor Hamblin
- Kai Dutton
- 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, 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

Our Christian sympathy is extended to Juanita Garrett, and her family,  
 in the passing of her brother, Virgil Cecil Jones.  
 Mr. Jones' funeral services were held Monday in Greenville.  
 Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

## 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  
6:30p 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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## Ministry



Anyone who would like to help sponsor a Child in foster care for Christmas, please call Sharon Poole at 795-5251 or email at [spoole1188@bellsouth.net](mailto:spoole1188@bellsouth.net)

## Women on Mission

Join us Tuesday, December 8, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a coffee fellowship. Our guest (rescheduled from last month) will be Jill Patrick, the Guidance Counselor/Parent Educator, for Murray-LaSaine Elementary School.

## Fellowship



### Joy Club Christmas Info:

The bus will leave the church at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 12, to go to the *Spectacular Christmas Show* at the Charleston Music Hall.

We have one seat available for 26.50 (group rate). Please contact Wanda Browder at 556-5609; she will accept cash or a check made out to her. This is going to be a great event! We will look for you!

## Bulletin Board

**The JIBC Christmas Card Post Office is opening soon!. The money you save in postage can be given to the International Missions Offering.**

Our church family has the opportunity to purchase poinsettias for our Christmas celebration. If you'd like to purchase one or more plants, please fill out an order form (located in your classroom or in the office) and include payment for \$6.50 per plant. Poinsettias *must* be paid for at the time of order and orders must be received in the church office by Monday, December 14. Make your check payable to JIBC.

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