

## 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

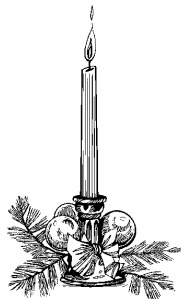
## God is good, all the time!

Janie and I have been married for 34 years as of this past November 29. I was just a young boy when she married me...almost stole me from the cradle. Really, I look back at our life and realize what a wonderful blessing from God she has been. Today, as I write this article, is my first day back to work after our "Anniversary Vacation." Each year, close to our anniversary date, we take a week off to celebrate. God has been good. This year celebrates 34 years with Janie and 24 years with JIBC. God is good, all the time and....

## Merry Christmas or Seasons Greetings?

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent. For the past three weeks we have been focusing our worship and messages on the advent, the coming, of God's Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Many of us are disappointed at the seemingly unending attempts to remove "Merry Christmas" from the public arena and to replace it with "Season's Greetings." It really is difficult to take Christ out of Christmas. You can't say "Happy Holidays" since holiday is an abbreviation for Holy-day. Even "Seasons Greeting" begs the question, what season requires such a greeting? Oh, yes, the Christmas Season. This week Janie and I were on vacation. We made it a point to say "Merry Christmas" to those we met at the toll booths, the check out lines, the wait staff at restaurants, etc. We almost always received a big smile and thank-you. I think people want to hear "Merry Christmas." It is a word of hope, a reminder of why we have the "seasons greeting." It is also a nice way to balance out the absence of Merry Christmas in so many places. After all, it is the responsibility of believers, like the Shepherds of the first Christmas, to go tell it on the mountains, over the seas and everywhere.

## Christmas Eve



For 24 years, one of the largest attended services of JIBC has been our Christmas Eve Candlelight, Communion and Carols service. This year the Christmas Eve service will be on Thursday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. Make plans to attend and to invite family and friends. Remember, those who do not go to church are most likely to attend on special days like Christmas, Easter, baptisms of friends, etc. Help someone have a "Merry Christmas and a Happy Holy-day." Invite them to join you for the Christmas Eve service and remember the reason for the season.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday, Merry "Christ-mass!"

Pastor Tom

## Just a Reminder!

There will be no services on Wednesday night, December 23 AND December 30.  
We will continue the Wednesday Night meals, AWANA and Mid-Week Worship  
on Wednesday, January 6.

Also, the Church office will be closed December 29-January 1.

## 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 December / January

<b>December 20</b>	Jan Cooper's class
<b>December 27</b>	Janie Brown's class
<b>January 3</b>	Tom Brown's Class
<b>January 10</b>	Marge Bowen's Class
<b>January 17</b>	Fred Roark's Class

### Supper Time

Wednesday Night Dinners  
 will begin being served again  
 after the New Year.  
 Merry Christmas from the  
 Kitchen Crew!



## A Look At The Numbers...

<b>Projected budget</b>	
<b>November 2009:</b>	<b>\$551,232</b>
<b>Actual received through</b>	
<b>November 2009:</b>	<b>\$465,483</b>
<b>This week's budget</b>	
<b>requirement:</b>	<b>\$11,419</b>
<b>This week's budget</b>	
<b>receipts: 12/6/09</b>	<b>\$10,322</b>

## Prayer Requests

### Home/Hospital

- Evan Livengood
- Walter Blackwood
- Lisa Oberg (Home)
- Caleb Almond
- Jeffrey Swinton
- Marcella Malphrus (Life Care)
- Peggy Atwater
- Marvin Sineath
- Ron Hanna
- Beulah Alexander
- Robin Clayton
- Harper Drolet
- Carole Baker
- Larry and Elinor Hamblin
- Bill and Bev Driggers
- Charles and Judy Dillon
- Sharon Owens (Sam and Joyce Owens' daughter-in-law)

### Special Prayer

- The Wojciechowski Family

### 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, 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

## 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

### 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.



Love to teach little ones?

There's a spot waiting just for you!

The Sunday School Department needs a co-leader in the 2 to 3-year-old class at the beginning of the New Year. Please call the church office at 762-0244 if you're interested.

The Sunday Night Prayer Group will not meet the next two weeks. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and plan to meet with us again on Sunday, January 3.

## Bulletin Board

### Check Voucher Deadline

Sunday, December 20, is the last day to turn in vouchers for checks to be written in 2009. Vouchers turned in after that date will be paid in January but will still come out of the 2009 budget.



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

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