



James Island Presbyterian Church

February 3, 2012

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JIPC Annual Meeting
 &
 Congregational
 Luncheon
 Sunday, February 12

The following items shall be considered: Receive the 2011 Annual Report, the 2012 Budget, and to approve the annual terms of call for our pastor. In addition, there are two new Form of Government decisions to

Dear JIPC Family and Friends,

Recently many families in our church have undergone some very difficult trials. Several families have lost loved ones or have watched helplessly as a friend or family member has suffered some tragic loss. When things in our lives don't go the way we think that they should, we sense that we have lost something and that an injustice has been done. We can grieve the loss of a job or career, the loss of our health, the loss of a happier life, the loss of a family member or friend, and sometimes even the loss of hope in our future. And when too many tragedies befall us, we can give up all hope that life will be anything more than just one trial after another.

Even when we read the Scriptures and the promises of God, it doesn't always seem to help us. But take note that there is a vast difference between just reading the Bible and really listening for the voice of God speaking to us through the Scriptures. Day after day, even after reading God's promises, we may wake up anticipating the worst, and sometimes it can be the worst day of our lives. But if we are really honest, some days are way better than others. Why?

We may be totally unaware of it, but God is working even the worst of disasters toward something good. It doesn't mean that God created the problem, (as we may attribute to Him in our anger). But it does mean that God specializes in turning bad things around toward the good. As Paul said in Romans 8:28, listen for God speaking to you with this promise, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose."

be made by the congregation: notice of meetings and Nominating Committee procedures. Lastly, we shall receive a report from the *ad hoc* committee for personnel and staffing.

God also promised something more through the great prophet Isaiah in chapter 40:31, "Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up *with* wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary." Isaiah didn't mean just for us to wait, as in waiting for a bus. The Hebrew word translated "wait" means to expect, to look patiently for - to hope in the Lord.

The prophet is telling us to expect the Lord to act in our lives - to hope in God's plans and actions for the future because they are coming! God's good plans are going to arrive in your life and in mine - but only when we trust Him and not stride off on our own. To wait upon the Lord is to trust that God is going to save us in this life and the next. In fact, I believe that each of us has been rescued many times, but we have largely remained unaware of it.

And that is why we can remain expectant in the Lord. Everyday will not necessarily bring more bad news. We are going to be delivered - rescued. Someday, if we stay faithful to God, we are going to receive fantastic news! Everything else that has happened to us will pale in comparison. Romans 8:18 reveals, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us." And that is not just "pie in the sky" for God's Kingdom only. That is for abundant life now and lasting forever.

God's glory is revealed to us each day when we trust Him. You and I can jump out of bed in the morning, have a cup of coffee, and smile at tomorrow - all by faith in the promises of Jesus Christ our Lord given to you and me.

I hope to see you this Sunday in the Lord's House,



New Members Class runs in February

Our bimonthly New Members class will be held each Sunday in February. Those interested in learning more about our church are invited to participate in these classes, which are held in our library during the Sunday School hour. Participants interested in joining our church may do so during our 11:00am worship service on February 26. Contact the church office for more details: jipc@jamesislandpc.org; 843-795-3111

Saturday, February 4
Men's Bible Study &
Breakfast

Sunday, February 5

- 8:30am Worship
- 9:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 Sunday School
- New Members Class
- 11:00am Worship
- **Communion** Served both worship services
- Music & Worship Committee
- Mission & Outreach Committee
- Circle of Friends

Monday, February 6
Women's Bible Study
(with nursery)
1st Monday Circle

Tuesday, February 7
Personnel Committee
Buildings & Grounds
Committee

Wednesday, February 8
Youth Choirs
Elementary Choir

**Dinner February 8:
Pork Loin**

Please sign up by Monday, noon. If you cannot honor reservation, please notify the church office by Wednesday afternoon. Thank you!

Our new semester of classes & PYC has begun. Check our our spring catalog or talk with Cameron Smith for details.



WNL Dinner & Classes
(be sure to sign up by 2/6)
Adult HandBells
Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 9
Adult Bible Study

Sunday, February 12
JIPC Annual Meeting &
Congregational Luncheon

First Monday Circle
...meets Monday,
February 6, 6:30pm.
All interested women
are welcome to join
us! Contact the
church office for more
information.



This Week's Prayer Families

**JIPC Christian
Education Spring'12
Catalog**

**JIPC Ministry Guide
Winter'11-'12**

**ATTENTION JIPC
Readers:**

Our next book is *My
Theodosia*, by Anya
Seton. We'll meet on
February 16,
7:30pm.

**Water Mission
International**

**2012 WALK FOR
WATER**

*EACH WEEK, WE LIST A DIFFERENT GROUP OF OUR
CHURCH FAMILIES. WE URGE YOU TO INCLUDE THESE
FAMILIES IN YOUR REGULAR PRAYERS. IN THIS WAY, WE
HOPE TO REACH EACH OF OUR JIPC FAMILIES
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.*

John & Linda Jowers
Schuyler Keating
Andrea Kemper
Noah Kennedy
Jack & Connie Kern
Mason Kern
Mitchell Kern
Chandler & Laurie Kniffin (Jonah)

**Saturday, March
24**

**Watch for details
so you can join
our JIPC team.**

*WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH GRATITUDE ALL IN OUR JIPC
FAMILY WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY THROUGH OUR
ARMED FORCES. WE ASK YOU TO REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS THESE WHO ARE CURRENTLY ACTIVE:*

DEPLOYED FOR THE US MILITARY

Ken Bath (Afghanistan), Martin Boynton (Japan), Christopher Stone, Robert Burke (Middle East); Bryan Walker (Bahrain); and Kevin Belbusti (Iraq).

**Need Offering
Envelopes?**

Anytime you need a new supply of offering envelopes, just contact the church office. We'll be happy to hold a set for you, or mail them to you if needed.

Remember, your offering number stays the same from year to year.

We thank you for your support of our church and ministries!

PROTECTING OUR HOMELAND

Trezaine McDougal, Beau Spafford, US Army, Shaun Bland and Scott Bland, US Navy; Bryan Walker, US Navy; Mason Kern, US Coast Guard; Chad Carter, US Army.

**Harborview
Elementary
Parenting Seminar
February 24-25**

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