



I AM... PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE | KEVIN GIORDANO

Happy New Year! I can't believe how fast time seems to fly by. As we prepare and journey through a New Year together, let us not forget our joy and responsibilities as followers of Christ. Many of us are familiar with the "I am" statements Jesus says about himself. At various places and times, Jesus says, "I am the Bread of Life; I am the Truth; I am the Way, I am the Good Shepherd; I am the True Vine. I am the Living Water." But are you familiar with the "I am" statements, that should be true of us, as followers of Christ?

Paul writes in Romans 1:14-17, "I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'"

Did you notice the 3 "I am" statements?

-I am under obligation. This doesn't mean that we are trying to pay God back for all the good things He has done for us. However, it does mean, that God's grace is so valuable to me that I want everyone to have it.

-I am eager to preach the gospel. With all my heart, soul, and strength, I am passionate about making Jesus known to the people in my life. Wow! After 30+ years of Paul being saved, he is just as passionate about the gospel now as he was then.

-I am not ashamed of the gospel. This means we are not losing confidence in the power of the gospel. The only thing that can save and transform people is the gospel.

By God's grace this year, let us press into the joy and responsibility of these 3 "I am" statements. We are trusting in the sufficiency and power of the gospel for our lives and the lives of others!

- Kevin Giordano, Lead Pastor

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Mike & Sandra Campbell and family in the passing of her step father,
Freddie Mappus, Dec. 17th



#CBCCHRISTMAS2023

"God so loved the world, He gave His only Son to save us...This is Christmas" Special thanks to Pastor Shaun, the CB Worship choir, CB kids, CB students, Tech team, and behind the scenes volunteers for sharing the message of Christmas through praise & worship on December 10th. Would you like to be a part of this multi-generational ministry? Email: shaun@charlestonbaptist.org.



BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

CORE SPORTS UPDATE



The January Mission & Prayer focus is the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and the Baby Bottle Drive. LPC is a ministry partner. They provide pregnancy testing & services, sexual health services, counseling, classes, and resources to parents in need. How can you get involved?

1. **PRAY** – pray for LPC as they: minister to families, dispense services & counseling, and provide resources to families in need.

2. **GIVE** – you can pick up a baby bottle in any of the displays around campus. Take it home and fill it with cash, check, or loose change. Bring it back by January 28th. If you choose to give online, please designate your offering: LPC or Baby Bottle Drive.

The CORE kids basketball & cheerleading season is cranking up. Practices begin the first week in January and games begin Saturday, Jan. 20th.

CORE sports is seeking volunteers to:

- share video testimony (taped in advance)
- work concessions
- help with game clock/score keeping

This is a tremendous outreach opportunity to minister to people in our community. If you can volunteer in any capacity, please contact Pastor Lee (lee@charlestonbaptist.org).

CB KIDS & CB STUDENTS UPDATE

Our CB kids and CB students ministries had some fun things happening in the month of December. The CB kids Navigators ministry enjoyed a Crazy Christmas themed night on Dec. 6th while continuing their Answers in Genesis curriculum. On Sunday mornings, they had a series, titled City of Angels learning that Jesus is: God's plan, He calms our fears, He makes everything new and He is God's love for everyone. The CB students ministry enjoyed a fun Christmas Pajama party on Dec. 13th complete with praise & worship, a devotion, hot cocoa, and cookies.



UPCOMING

JANUARY

01	New Year holiday Jan. 01 church office closed	13	Men's Breakfast Jan. 13 @ 7 am
02	Two are Better support group Jan. 02 @ 6:30 pm	14	Sunday Morning Worship Jan. 14 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
03	Forever Young luncheon Jan. 03 @ 11 am	15	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday Jan. 15 church office closed
	Wednesday evening activities Jan. 03 @ 6:15 pm		Ladies Precept Bible study begins Jan. 15 @ 10 am
04	CORE kids basketball/cheerleading Jan. 04 Practices begin	17	Wednesday evening activities Jan. 17 @ 6:15 pm
05	Passion Conference - College LifeGroup Jan. 05-07	20	CORE kids basketball/cheerleading Jan. 20 game day
	Assisted Living Ministry - Brookdale Jan. 05 @ 3 pm	21	Sunday Morning Worship - Lord's Supper Jan. 21 @ 9:15 am & 11 pm
07	Sunday Morning Worship Jan. 07 @ 9:15 am & 11 am	24	Wednesday evening activities Jan. 24 @ 6:15 pm
	Lowcountry Preg Center Baby Bottle Drive Jan. 07	26	CORE Projects Jan. 26 @ 11 am
	New Members luncheon Jan. 07 @ 12 pm	27	CORE kids basketball/cheerleading Jan. 27 game day
10	Wednesday evening activities Jan. 10 @ 6:15 pm	28	Sunday Morning Worship Jan. 28 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
12	Student Leadership retreat Jan. 12-14		Deacon Ordination LPC Baby Bottles Due Jan. 28 @ 9:15 am & 11 am

FACTS & FIGURES



Attendance

December Average Online Worship Views: 115

December Average On-campus Worship Attendance: 466



Giving

Weekly Budget Goal\$24,477.26

Weekly Budget Receipts:

Dec. 03.....\$23,203.95

Dec. 10.....\$25,894.02

Dec. 17.....\$27,762.73

Dec. 24.....\$34,668.80

Dec. 31.....\$22,835.06

Challenge to Grow Weekly Goal.....\$ 3,500.00

Challenge to Grow Weekly Budget Receipts:

Dec. 03.....\$ 755.00

Dec. 10.....\$ 1,340.00

Dec. 17.....\$ 95.00

Dec. 24.....\$ 440.00

Dec. 31.....\$ 195.00