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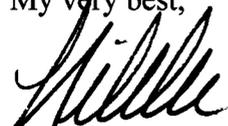
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The Reverend Dr. Bernard Joseph Gadsden, Sr.  
First Baptist Church of James Island  
1110 Camp Road  
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

Dear Dr. Gadsden,

Michael and I would like to extend our appreciation for your thirty years of dedicated service as Pastor of First Baptist Church of James Island. A respected leader, you have made a tremendous impact on countless lives throughout your congregation and the community, and the positive difference you have made will be a source of strength for generations to come. It is a pleasure to join your family and friends in recognizing your contributions to our great state. South Carolina is better because of you, and we wish you the best as you begin your next chapter. God bless.

My very best,

  
Nikki R. Haley

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*We appreciate  
your service.*