

MELVIN'S BBQ
★ EST. 1939 ★
CHARLESTON'S ORIGINAL

Restaurant Hours MON-SAT 10:30AM-9:00PM

Closed Sundays

Mt Pleasant - 925 Houston Northcutt Blvd

James Island - 538 FOLLY ROAD
(843) 795-6794

★ = New Menu Item

APPETIZERS

- (1) GOLDEN® ONION RING *Homemade Donut Style* . 3.50
- (5) GOLDEN® ONION RINGS . 10.00
- (8) HUSHPUPPIES *Served with Honey Butter* . 7.00
- LARGE BASKET OF FRENCH FRIES *(Steak Cut)* . 8.50
- BAG OF FRIED PORK SKINS . 6.00
- PIMENTO CHEESE WITH RITZ CRACKERS . 7.00
- BBQ NACHOS . 15.00

Nachos include: Corn Tortilla Chips, Choice of Pulled Pork or BBQ Chopped Chicken, Queso, Slaw, Sour Cream, Diced Tomato, Pickled Jalapeños & Melvin's Golden Secret® BBQ Sauce.

Substitute Chopped Brisket +5.00

- ★ CHILI CHEESE FRIES . 8.50
Served with Pickled Jalapeños, Cheddar Cheese, & Homemade Chili.
- ★ LOADED MAC N' CHEESE . 10.50
Served with Pulled Pork, Melvin's Golden Secret® Sauce, & Scallions.
- ★ SMOKED JALAPEÑO CHEDDAR SAUSAGE *(1 Link)* . 6.50

MEAT PLATES

Each plate includes: Two Sides & Cornbread

- PULLED PORK . 18.50
Based with Melvin's Golden Secret® Sauce
- PULLED CHICKEN . 19.50
Based with Melvin's Southern Red™ Sauce
- USDA PRIME BRISKET . 23.00
Sliced or Chopped (Lean, Fatty, or Mixed)
- PIT-SMOKED TURKEY BREAST . 19.50
- 1/2 CHICKEN . 20.00
Baptized in Alabama White Sauce
- 1/2 RACK OF SPARE RIBS . 25.00
- FULL RACK OF SPARE RIBS . 35.00
- ★ SMOKED JALAPEÑO CHEDDAR SAUSAGE *(2 Links)* 16.00

BBQ SANDWICHES

Add Combo: Side + Drink +\$5.50

Add Basket: Fries + Onion Ring *(NO DRINK)* +\$5.50

- BIG JOE® PULLED PORK . 11.00
Based with Melvin's Golden Secret® Sauce.
- LITTLE JOE® PULLED PORK . 10.00
Based with Melvin's Golden Secret® Sauce.
- BIG JOE® PULLED CHICKEN . 12.00
Based with Melvin's Southern Red™ Sauce.
- LITTLE JOE® PULLED CHICKEN . 11.00
Based with Melvin's Southern Red™ Sauce.
- USDA PRIME BRISKET . 15.00
Sliced or Chopped (Lean, Fatty, or Mixed)
- PIT-SMOKED TURKEY BREAST . 11.50
Served on Buttered Texas Toast with Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo, mixed with 1 of our 6 BBQ Sauces.
- TURKEY CLUB . 13.50
Turkey Breast Served on Buttered Texas Toast with Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo & 2 Slices of Bacon. Cut in half.
- BACON, LETTUCE & TOMATO . 9.00
Served on Buttered Texas Toast with 6 Full Slices of Bacon. Cut in half.
- CHOPPED BRISKET GRILLED CHEESE . 12.00
Served on Buttered Texas Toast with Chopped Brisket, & Cheddar Cheese. Cut in half.
- ★ SMOKED JALAPEÑO CHEDDAR SAUSAGE DOG 8.50
Served on a hot dog bun with Homemade Chili, Onions, & Mustard.

COMBO MEAT PLATES

Each plate includes: Two Sides & Cornbread

Meat Choices: Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, Smoked Turkey, or 1 Smoked Jalapeño Cheddar Sausage Link.

- 2 MEAT PLATE . 25.00
- 3 MEAT PLATE . 30.00

SUBSTITUTE for a Premium Meat:

Brisket +5.00 1/2 Rack Spare Ribs +10.00

PIT-MASTER PLATE *(Serves 4-6)* 95.00

Includes: Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, Pit-Smoked Turkey Breast, Smoked Wings, 1/2 Rack Spare Ribs, & Smoked Jalapeño Cheddar Sausage Links.

Comes with 3 PINT sides of your choice, 6 Slices of Texas Toast, Bread and Butter Pickles, & Pickled Onions.

FRIED CHICKEN TENDERS

Add Combo: Side + Drink +\$5.50

Add Basket: Fries + Onion Ring *(NO DRINK)* +\$5.50

- 3 TENDERS . 7.50
- 5 TENDERS . 9.00

Famous 1/3 lb. Southern
HAMBURGERS

Available Toppings: Duke's Mayo, French's Mustard, Hunt's Ketchup, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Purple/White/Grilled Onions, Pickles

Add Combo: Side + Drink +\$5.50

Add Basket: Fries + Onion Ring *(NO DRINK)* +\$5.50

Melvin's Burger Lingo:

- "All The Way": Mayo, Lettuce, Tomato, and Onions
- "Regular": Mayo, Lettuce, and Tomato

- #1 HAMBURGER . 9.00
Served "Regular" with Mustard.
- #2 CHEESEBURGER . 9.50
- #3 CAROLINA CHEESEBURGER . 10.50
Served on Texas Toast with only Coleslaw & Mustard. Cut in half.
- #4 BACON CHEESEBURGER . 11.50
Served with 2 Full Slices of Bacon.
- #5 BRISKET CHEESEBURGER . 17.50
Served on Buttered Texas Toast with Sliced Brisket & 1/3 lb Cheeseburger with only Grilled Onions & Southern Red™ Sauce. Cut in half.
- #6 PATTY MELT CHEESEBURGER . 9.50
Served on Buttered Texas Toast with only Grilled Onions & French's Mustard. Cut in half.
- #7 PIMENTO CHEESEBURGER . 10.50
Served with Homemade Pimento Cheese.
- #8 JALAPEÑO CHEESEBURGER . 10.00
Served with Pickled Jalapeño.
- #9 CHILI CHEESEBURGER . 10.50
Served with Homemade Chili.
- #10 CHILI SLAW CHEESEBURGER . 11.50
Served with Homemade Chili and Homemade Coleslaw.
- #11 DOUBLE HAMBURGER . 11.00
Served "Regular" with Mustard.
- #12 DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER . 12.00
- #13 BIG D'S TRIPLE BACON CHEESEBURGER . 20.50
1 lb. Served with 6 Full Slices of Bacon.
- #14 ★ BREAKFAST CHEESEBURGER . 13.00
Served with 1 Fried Egg & 2 Full Slices of Bacon.

Pit-Smoked **BBQ WINGS**

Smoked with All-Purpose Rub, deep fried & then hand-tossed in either our AP Rub or a sauce of your choice

Add Combo: Side + Drink +\$5.50

Add Basket: Fries + Onion Ring *(NO DRINK)* +\$5.50

- 6 WINGS . 10.95
- 12 WINGS . 19.95
- 18 WINGS . 28.95

KID'S MEALS

Includes: Entrée + Side + 1 Kids Soda, Apple Juice, or Milk.
 ** Excludes Milkshakes, Lemonades, and Bottled Drinks **

BRICE BESSINGER'S 2 PC. CHICKEN TENDERS \$9.50

JR. JOE® PORK SLIDER \$7.00
 Served with our Golden Secret®
 Sauce on a Slider Bun

JR. HAMBURGER \$8.00
 Served with Lettuce, Tomato,
 Mayo, Mustard

JR. JOE® CHICKEN SLIDER \$7.50
 Served with our Southern Red™
 Sauce on a Slider Bun

JR. CHEESEBURGER \$8.50
 Served with Lettuce, Tomato,
 Mayo, Mustard

GRILLED CHEESE \$7.00
 With Cheddar Cheese

1 SPARE RIB \$8.00

Signature SIDES

2 Golden® Onion Rings
 Homemade Mac N' Cheese

Steak-Cut French Fries
 Southern Fried Okra
 Country BBQ Hash

Carolina Hushpuppies
 Baby Butter Beans
 Fresh Collard Greens

Italian Cut Green Beans
 Southern Potato Salad
 South Carolina Coleslaw

White Rice

BBQ Baked Beans
 Sweet Potato Soufflé

Country BBQ Hash & White Rice
(only available as a 6 oz. side)

****REQUIRED 24 HOUR NOTICE FOR PAN SIZES****

**SIDE
4.50**
 Single Serving

**PINT
9.00**
 Serves 3-4

**QUART
16.00**
 Serves 4-6

**HALF PAN
55.00**
 Serves 15-20

**FULL PAN
90.00**
 Serves 30-40

SIDE PLATES

SIGNATURE SIDE PLATE 15.00
 Includes 4 Sides + Cornbread

COUNTRY BBQ HASH & RICE PLATE 12.00
 Includes 12 oz. of Hash & Rice + 2 Sides + Cornbread

★ Sauces Available ★

- Golden Secret®
- Southern Red™
- Spicy Golden Secret®
- Sweet Red
- Frank's Buffalo Wing Sauce
- Alabama White Sauce

Signature SALADS

HALF FULL

HOUSE SALAD 8.00 ... 10.00

*Includes: Spring Mix, Cherry Tomatoes, Eggs,
 Cucumbers, Purple Onions, Cheddar Cheese, & Croutons*

Add Meat:

Pulled Pork **+4.75** Pulled Chicken **+5.25**
 USDA Prime Brisket **+7.00** Smoked Turkey **+5.25**

DRINKS

FOUNTAIN DRINK SM / LG 3.25 / 3.75

Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Pepsi Zero, Mountain Dew, Starry,
 Dr. Pepper

BOTTLED SODAS 4.50

RC Cola, IBC Rootbeer, Sundrop, Cheerwine,
 Nehi Peach, Nehi Orange, Nehi Grape

BOTTLED WATER / APPLE JUICE 3.00

DAVID'S HOMEMADE FRESH LEMONADE

SMALL / LARGE / GALLON 4.25 / 5.00 / 12.00

DAILY FRESH BREWED SWEET TEA

SMALL / LARGE / GALLON 3.25 / 3.75 / 9.00

DAILY FRESH BREWED UNSWEET TEA

SMALL / LARGE / GALLON 3.25 / 3.75 / 9.00

MILKSHAKES 6.50

Chocolate, Vanilla, Banana, Strawberry, Blueberry, Cherry, and Oreo

BETTY BESSINGER'S
*Banana
 Pudding*

SINGLE SERVING

6.50

HALF PAN 35.00

FULL PAN 60.00

****REQUIRED 24 HOUR
 NOTICE FOR PAN SIZES****

Melvin's BBQ SAUCE, RUBS + MERCH

ORIGINAL GOLDEN SECRET® SAUCE (12 oz) ... 9.00

SOUTHERN RED™ SAUCE (12 oz) 10.00

ALL-PURPOSE DRY RUB (6.2 oz) 10.00

FRENCH FRY SEASONING (6.5 oz) 10.00

ORIGINAL GOLDEN SECRET® SAUCE (1/2 Gallon) 25.00

ORIGINAL GOLDEN SECRET® SAUCE (1 Gallon) . 40.00

MEATS BY THE POUND

1/2 LB 1 LB

PULLED PORK 9.50 19.00
Based with Golden Secret® Sauce

PULLED CHICKEN 10.50 21.00
Based with Southern Red™ Sauce

PIT-SMOKED TURKEY BREAST 10.50 21.00
Seasoned with our All Purpose Dry Rub

USDA PRIME BRISKET 14.00 28.00
Sliced or Chopped (Lean, Fatty, or Mixed)

1/2 CHICKEN (Baptized in Alabama White Sauce) ... 13.00

HALF RACK OF SPARE RIBS 15.00

FULL RACK OF SPARE RIBS 30.00

★ SMOKED JALAPEÑO CHEDDAR SAUSAGE (1 Link) . 6.50

Our Story

It all started in the backwoods of Orangeburg, SC, when 10 year old Melvin Bessinger was taught how to make the Golden Secret® Barbecue sauce his daddy invented in 1933. Word spread of Big Joe's barbecue pork, cooked inside a pit dug deep in the ground, and slathered with his Golden Secret® mustard-based sauce. With encouragement from his wife, Joe traded the family's cow and mule plus \$50 for a cafe in Holly Hill, SC. In 1939 the Holly Hill Cafe opened, serving mustard-based barbecue. Due to the Great Depression, the Holly Hill Cafe was only open a short time. After returning from WWII a decorated veteran, Melvin used his Army paychecks to help his father, Big Joe, open a new restaurant in Holly Hill called Joe's Restaurant.

In 1981, the scale of Melvin's Barbecue grew when Melvin's son, David Bessinger, became more involved in the business. He added items to the menu like Texas-style brisket and burnt ends. He discontinued using gas-assisted pits and brought back smoking meats over all wood. David developed new recipes for dry rubs, brisket rubs, and sauces, and ventured into the retail world by selling Melvin's Golden Secret® BBQ sauce in grocery stores and specialty shops throughout the United States. "I can't make the sauce in the old farm shed any longer; however, I do stick to the fundamental BBQ sauce traditions that were passed down to me from my granddaddy and father."

— Melvin David Bessinger

Melvin David Bessinger
 3rd Generation Owner & Operator



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