

Welcome to
Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
Established 1869

Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world



The Lord's Day, December 13, 2009

We are grateful that you have chosen to worship God with us today. We invite you to join us on this incredible journey of following Christ as His disciples, striving to fulfill our mission of embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world through our worship, our witness, and our way of life.

Join us each Sunday morning for these opportunities . . .

8:45 A.M. - Food and Fellowship (Chapel)

9:00 A.M. - Celebration Worship (Chapel)

9:45 A.M. - Sunday School:

Preschoolers (1st floor of educational wing)

Children (in the "Upper Room")

Small group Bible study for Youth and Adults

(1st, 2nd, 3rd floors of the educational wing)

11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, *Pianist*

The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, December 13, 2009

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)  
Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Gathering to Worship  
Ministry Opportunities Mike Clements  
Greeting

Music for Meditation Jo Ann Brickhouse

*"The LORD your God is with you; he is mighty to save."  
(Zephaniah 3:17a, NIV)*

Words of Welcome Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship "We Wait in Hope"  
*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Choral Introduction

LEADER: Advent is a time to prepare.  
CONGREGATION: **Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.**

LEADER: During Advent we prepare our eyes to see the light of Christ.

CONGREGATION: **Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.**

LEADER: During Advent we prepare our hearts to receive the Word of Christ.

CONGREGATION: **Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.**

LEADER: During Advent we prepare to share the joy of Christ.

CONGREGATION: **Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.**

LEADER: During Advent we prepare to embrace the promise of Christ.

CONGREGATION: **Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.**

The First, Second, and Third Candles  
Refrain (see insert - third verse only)  
Prayer Travis Martin

Hymn 249 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Congregation

Children's Sermon Mike Clements

Epistle Lesson Philippians 4:4-7 Karen Wood

Worship in Song "O Holy Night" Heather Webb

Gospel Lesson Luke 3:7-18 Dan Wood

Hymn 259 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Congregation

Thanksgiving with Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Prayer  
Anthem Handbell Choir

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"  
"We Three Kings"  
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Scripture and Sermon Mark Gaskins

Isaiah 12:1-6  
"Salvation's Song"

Hymn 281 "What Child Is This?" Congregation

The Church at Prayer Mark Gaskins

Benediction Mark Gaskins

Scattering on Mission



*Join us for this week's evening services and activities . . .*

- **Sunday Evening, 7:30 P.M. (Sanctuary) - Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical** (doors open at 6:45 P.M.)
- **Wednesday, 6:15 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) - Mark Gaskins teaching on Baptist History and Heritage**



**Our Mission**

By the grace of God and the power of His Holy Spirit, we will embody the presence of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ to Sanford and the world through our worship, our witness, and our way of life as His disciples.

**Our Values**

- ✦ God-focused intergenerational worship
- ✦ Bible-centered life-impacting Bible study and Discipleship
- ✦ Hands-on relationship-driven missions
- ✦ An accepting and encouraging sense of family where everyone's voice counts

**Becoming a Follower of Christ**

Being a Christian involves a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Every one of us is a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness. Only Christ can save us and set us right with God through His own life, death on the cross, and resurrection from the dead. Those who put their faith in Him and commit their lives to Him as their Lord experience His forgiveness and are set right with God. Those who have not put their faith in Him are separated from God by their sin, a separation that continues in eternity in hell if they die without Christ.

Trusting Jesus involves recognizing your need of Him, asking Him to forgive you, and committing yourself to Him as your Lord. The Christian life is about following Jesus, getting to know Him, and becoming like Him. Once you trust Christ, being baptized expresses your commitment publicly. Becoming a part of a local congregation helps you to know and serve Christ as a part of His people, the family of God.

We would be delighted to talk with you about making a commitment to Jesus Christ. Please see one of our pastors after the service or contact the church office (919-776-1541).

**Becoming a Member of Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church**

Becoming a member of a local congregation of believers is an important step in the Christian life. Through membership in a local church, we experience fellowship with other Christians, study God's word and learn together in worship and in small groups, and participate in our risen Lord's mission in the world.

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church gladly receives members who are followers of Christ and who believe that God is leading them to become a part of our church. New believers are received into the church through baptism. Members of other Baptist churches are received by transfer of membership. Persons coming from other Christian denominations are received by statement of their faith along with believer's baptism (if they have not already experienced believer's baptism.)

If you would like to become a member of Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church, you may come forward during the hymn of commitment following the sermon and present yourself as a candidate for membership. If you would like to discuss your decision prior to making it public or have further questions about membership in JHBC, please talk with one of our pastors after the service or contact the church office (919-776-1541).

**CHURCH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent**

|                   |                                                                 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:45 AM           | Celebration Worship (Chapel)                                    |
| 9:00 – 9:45 AM    | Church Library Open                                             |
| 9:45 - 10:45 AM   | Sunday School (Children meet in Upper Room)                     |
| 11:00 AM          | Worship Service (Sanctuary)<br>(Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5FM) |
| 12: 00 – 12:15 PM | Church Library Open                                             |
| 7:30 PM           | Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical (Sanctuary)                   |

**Monday, December 14**

12:00 Noon Agape Luncheon (Old Fellowship Hall)  
**NO Marjorie Spence / Brown Bag**

**Tuesday, December 15**

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting  
7:30 PM Joyful Noise

**Wednesday, December 16**

|                |                                                                   |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10:30 AM       | Staff Meeting (Conference Room)                                   |
| 5:00 – 6:00 PM | <b>NO Mid-Week Manna in December</b><br><b>NO Kid's Challenge</b> |
| 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Acteens                                                           |
| 6:15 – 8:00 PM | Church Library Open                                               |
| 6:15 - 7:15 PM | Mid-Week Worship (Bullock-Matthews Room)                          |
| 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Youth Worship                                                     |
| 7:15 – 8:45 PM | <b>NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</b>                               |

**Thursday, December 17**

12:30 – 2:00 PM WINGS

**Saturday, December 19**

8:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: December 6, 2009 (Week 49 of 52)**

**GENERAL FUND**

|                       |                    |                  |                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Weekly Budgeted Needs | \$10,941.61        | YTD Budget Goal  | \$ 536,138.89        |
| T/O Received          | <u>\$20,509.47</u> | YTD T/O Received | <u>\$ 487,951.24</u> |
| Over Budget This Week | \$ 9,567.86        | YTD Difference   | (\$ 48,187.65)       |

(2009 Budget: \$568,963.47)  
(\$568,963.47/52 weeks= \$10,941.61)

**MISSIONS** \$ 1,805.00

**MCDOWELL MEMORIAL** \$ 150.00

**OTHER** \$ 200.00

**BUILDING FUND** \$ 1,418.00

Current Remaining Loan  
Balance is \$225,229.09

**TOTAL GIVING** \$ 24,082.47  
(Last Week)

**ATTENDANCE**

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Sunday School           | 183 +18 Visitors |
| 9:00 AM                 | 35               |
| 11:00 AM                | 215              |
| 7 PM Children's Musical | 205              |

**Mark Your Calendars – So You Won't Miss These Events!**

Tonight, December 13 – 7:30 PM - - Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical

Wednesday, December 16 – No Kid's Challenge

Sunday, December 20 – 11:00 AM - - Combined Worship Service

Wednesday, December 23 – No Mid-Week Worship or Activities

Thursday, December 24 – 5:00 PM - - Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 27 – No Evening Worship Service

Wednesday, December 30 – No Mid-Week Worship or Activities

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WMU Council Meeting** previously scheduled for **tonight at 5:00 PM has been canceled**. This meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 5:00 PM.

**Tonight** join us at **7:30 PM** for the Sanctuary Choir's Christmas Musical entitled **"The Heart of Christmas."** Doors open at 6:45 PM.

**Elizabeth Oates, College Student of the Week** – Elizabeth is the daughter of David and Mary Hawley Oates. Please send her a letter or card this week to let her know that she is not forgotten and that you are praying for her. Elizabeth's address is Heilman 230, Meredith College, 3800 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27607.

**Building & Grounds** meeting previously scheduled for **Wednesday, December 16 has been cancelled** and is rescheduled for Tuesday, December 29 at 6:30 PM.

**JHBC New Pictorial Directory** – Sign up today while there is still a good selection of appointments (photo schedule listed below), either at church or online at [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com). If you sign up online, you will receive a confirmation e-mail soon afterwards. Each household that comes for photography and portrait viewing will receive a complimentary directory and a 8x10 custom color portrait. Additional portrait options will be available for purchase. Please participate – it won't be complete without you!

Friday, January 15 – 3:00 PM – 9:30 PM  
 Saturday, January 16 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
 Thursday, January 21 – 3:00 PM – 9:30 PM  
 Friday, January 22 – 3:00 PM – 9:30 PM  
 Saturday, January 23 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Capt. Mark McDowell Memorial Fund** – This fund has been set up in memory of Capt. Mark McDowell designated for the sole purpose of installing lights on the windows in McDowell Hall. These lights would allow the beautiful windows to be seen at night when the church is dark. This fund will be open for donations until January 31, 2010. If you would like to make a donation, please do so by making your check payable to the church with a memo of Capt. Mark McDowell Memorial Fund.

**2010 JHBC Directory** is in the final stages of completion. If you would like to have your email included in this 2010 directory, please call the church office with this information as soon as possible. This directory is different than the pictorial directory.