

Welcome to  
**Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church**  
Established 1869

*Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world*



**The Lord's Day, December 11, 2011**

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 Jesus 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 . . .*

**8:30 A.M. - Food and Fellowship (Chapel)**

**8:45 A.M. - Celebration Worship (Chapel)**

**9:45 A.M. - Sunday School (Small group Bible study):**

**Preschoolers (1<sup>st</sup> floor of the educational wing)**

**Children, Youth, and Adults**

**(1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the educational wing)**

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

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**The Worship of God**  
**The Lord's Day, December 11, 2011**  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

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

*Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.*

*Gathering to Worship*

Ministry Opportunities Richard Wood

Greeting

Music for Meditation Kimberly Davidson

*When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.*

*Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy . . . .*

*The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.*

(Psalm 126:1-2a, 3, ESV)

Words of Welcome Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship *A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

New Testament Lesson John 1:6-8, 19-23 (page 1049) Mark Gaskins

*"We Wait in Hope"* Sanctuary Choir

PASTOR: Advent is a time to prepare.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The First, Second and Third Candle Cameron & Owen Bond

Refrain *"We Wait in Hope"* Congregation

Prayer Mark Gaskins

*Hearing the Word*

Hymn 249 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Congregation

Children's Sermon Richard Wood

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 61:1-11 (page 739) David & Belinda Bond

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

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,  
so that you through his poverty might become rich.*

(2 Corinthians 8:9, NIV)

Offertory Prayer

Anthem

*"Rejoice This Day!"*

Handbell Choir

*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

*"We Three Kings"*

Scripture and Sermon Mark Gaskins

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (page 1171)

*"Kept Blameless at Christ's Coming"*

*Responding to the Word*

Hymn 281 "What Child is This?" Congregation

The Church at Prayer

*Sending Forth*

Charge and Benediction Mark Gaskins

Scattering on Mission



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

- **Sunday at 3:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. (Sanctuary) - Sanctuary Choir Musical**
- **Wednesday Mid-Week Worship, 6:15 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) - Bible study led by Mark Gaskins**

**WE WAIT IN HOPE**

We prepare in hope for the morning Light,  
For the love of Christ to illuminate the night.

We prepare with joy for the Savior's birth;  
We prepare in hope for peace on earth.

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION** - As an added measure of safety and security all external doors of the church except the doors to the Sanctuary will be locked during worship services. There will be a person designated to monitor the area from the Sanctuary to McDowell Hall for people needing access to other parts of the church.

**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 11**

|                  |                                                      |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:45 AM          | Early Worship (Chapel)                               |
| 9:00 - 9:45 AM   | Church Library Open                                  |
| 9:45 - 10:45 AM  | Sunday School                                        |
| 11:00 AM         | Worship Service<br>(Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM) |
| 11:00 AM         | Extended Session 1 - Rachel Brown                    |
|                  | Extended Session 2 -                                 |
| 12:00 - 12:15 PM | Church Library Open                                  |
| 3:30 PM          | Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical                    |
| 7:30 PM          | Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical                    |

**Monday, December 12**

6:30 PM Building and Grounds Meeting

**Tuesday, December 13**

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| 7:30 AM  | Men's Prayer Meeting                   |
| 10:30 AM | Staff Meeting                          |
| 1:30 PM  | Virginia Oliver at Lespie Smith's home |
| 7:00 PM  | WISH Group                             |

**No Family Ministry Team Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 14**

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| 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Church Library Open                      |
| 6:15 - 7:15 PM | Mid-Week Worship (Bullock-Matthews Room) |

**No Children Activities**  
Youth - Christmas Caroling

**Thursday, December 15**

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| 12:30 - 2:00 PM | WINGS Bible Study |
| 7:30 PM         | Praise Band       |

**Friday, December 16**

5:00 - 8:45 PM Pre-School Parents Night Out

**SPECIAL JHBC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JHBC Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical** titled *Down from His Glory - The Love Story of Christmas* will be presented on the following dates:

This afternoon, Sunday, December 11 at 3:30 PM (*doors open at 2:45 pm*)  
Tonight, Sunday, December 11 at 7:30 PM (*doors open at 6:45 pm*)

We will be accepting canned goods donations at the door for local charities. Please come and enjoy our Christmas Musical and help our local community at the same time.

**College Student of the Week - Kevin Lamm.** He is the son of Kenny and Sandy Lamm. His address is Furman University, PMB 29007, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, SC 29613-6298. Please send him a card this week.

**Geneva Edwards Update** - Geneva is now staying with her son and daughter-in-law for a while. Her address is 1577 Foster Road, Greenville, NC 27858. Her phone number is 252-752-6069.

**City on a Hill Mission Donations (including JHBC and other contributors) for the month of December = \$255.00.**

**Children's Ministry**

**Preschool Parents Night Out - Friday December 16** - Need to do some Christmas shopping for your child that's age 5 or younger? Our Nursery Committee is providing child care from 5:00-8:45 PM that night so you can get that done. Contact Belinda Bond for details.

**Youth Ministry**

**Youth Christmas Caroling This Wednesday Night** - We will meet at 6:00 PM and go caroling throughout our community.

**Family Ministry**

**There will be no Family Ministry Team Meeting This Tuesday Night** - The meeting will be rescheduled to a later date.

**CUOC Needs Food Items during this Christmas Season.**

**The North Carolina Treasure Chest Ministry Event** will be at the Lee County Community Arts Center on Steele Street on **Saturday, December 17 from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**. For more information contact Karen Wood at 919-718-6812.

**The Salvation Army in Lee County** has over 700 children in need of a joyous Christmas this year. Sunday School classes, church groups and individuals are encouraged to adopt a Christmas angel and make a difference in the life of a local child. Contact the Salvation Army at 718-1717 to learn more about this opportunity to share the joy of Christmas.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

**December 24, Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 PM - Lessons and Carols with Communion**

**December 25, Christmas Day, we will not have Sunday School, however, we will have a combined morning service beginning at 10:30 AM. The poinsettias may be picked up after the 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, December 25.**

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: December 4, 2011 (Week 14 of 52)**

**General Fund**

|                                      |              |                     |                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Weekly Budgeted Needs                | \$ 10,972.01 | YTD Budget Goal     | \$ 153,608.14  |
| T/O Received                         | \$ 15,240.75 | YTD T/O Received    | \$ 125,528.85  |
| Over Budget This Week                | \$ 4,268.74  | YTD Difference      | \$ (28,079.29) |
| Budget: \$570,544.47                 |              |                     |                |
| (\$570,544.47/52 weeks= \$10,972.01) |              | <b>TOTAL GIVING</b> | \$ 17,410.75   |
|                                      |              | (Last Week)         |                |

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| <b><u>CBF GLOBAL/HUNGER</u></b> | \$ 100.00   |
| <b><u>CITY ON A HILL</u></b>    | \$ 100.00   |
| <b><u>LOTTIE MOON</u></b>       | \$ 190.00   |
| <b><u>MUSIC /CHOIR</u></b>      | \$ 1,000.00 |

**BUILDING FUND** \$ 780.00  
Current Balance is \$83,933.73

**ATTENDANCE**

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Sunday School                   | 170 + 8 |
| 9 AM Celebration Worship        | 28      |
| 11 AM Worship                   | 241     |
| PM-Children's Choir - Christmas | 189     |

**PLEASE NOTE - All contributions for 2011 must be turned into the church office by 9:00 AM on Friday, December 30, 2011.**