

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

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



**The Lord's Day, December 18, 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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**Church Staff:**

- Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, *Senior Pastor* (mark.gaskins@jhbc.org)
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- Mrs. Jo Ann Brickhouse, *Organist*
- Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, *Pianist*

**The Worship of God**  
**The Lord's Day, December 18, 2011**  
*Fourth 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 Mark Gaskins

Greeting

Music for Meditation JoAnn Brickhouse

*I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known  
through all generations.  
I will declare that your love stands firm forever,  
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.*  
(Psalm 89:1-2, 3, NIV)

Words of Welcome Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship *A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

New Testament Lesson Romans 16:25-27 (page 1126) Mark Gaskins

"We Wait in Hope" Sanctuary Choir

PASTOR: Advent is a time to praise.

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

PASTOR: During Advent we remember God's past faithfulness.

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

PASTOR: During Advent we remember God's present goodness.

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

PASTOR: During Advent we remember God's future promises.

PEOPLE: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

The First, Second, Third, & Fourth Candles Hannah Cowfer

Refrain "We Wait in Hope" Congregation

Prayer Mark Gaskins

Praise Anthem "Down from His Glory" Sanctuary Choir

*Hearing the Word*

Hymn 244 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Congregation

Children's Sermon Yvonne Tilley

Scripture Lesson 2 Samuel 7:1-17 (page 301) Noah Cowfer

Hymn 250 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" 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 Sarah Griffin  
Worship in Song "Breath of Heaven"

Scripture and Sermon Mark Gaskins

Luke 1:26-38 (page 1012)  
"Mary: Mother of our Lord, Model for Our Life"

*Responding to the Word*

Hymn 253 "Silent Night" 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 evening, 6:30 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) - Evening Worship led by Mark Gaskins**
- **No Wednesday Mid-Week Worship this week**
- **Saturday evening, 5:00 P.M. (Sanctuary) - Christmas Eve Service of Lessons, Carols and Communion**

*And join us next Sunday morning for our combined Christmas Day  
Worship Service at 10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary!*

**WE WAIT IN HOPE**

We praise with hope for the morning Light,  
For the love of Christ to illuminate the night.

We praise with joy for the Savior's birth;  
We praise with 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 18**

|                  |                                                      |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 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) |
|                  | Children's Worship                                   |
| 11:00 AM         | Extended Session 1 - Leah Johnson                    |
| 12:00 - 12:15 PM | Church Library Open                                  |
| 6:30 PM          | Discipleship/Worship                                 |

**Monday, December 19**

**6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 20**

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| 7:30 AM  | Men's Prayer Meeting   |
| 10:30 AM | Staff Meeting          |
| 6:30 PM  | Church Council Meeting |

**Wednesday, December 21**

**No Mid-Week Worship or Activities**

**Thursday, December 22**

**7:30 PM Praise Band**

**Friday, December 23 - Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service - Lessons and Carols with Communion**

**Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

**10:30 AM Combined Worship Service**

**Monday, December 25 - Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday, December 27 - Church Office Closed**

**SPECIAL JHBC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Address for David and Heather Webb** - They are staying with David's parents while they are in the states, the address is 157 Robin Lane, Suffolk, VA 23434.

**College Student of the Week - Ashton Malloch.** She is the daughter of Frank and Beth Malloch. Her address is Gardner-Webb University, PO Box 5233, Boiling Springs, NC 28017. Her birthday is December 26, please send her 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 = \$330.00.**

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

**Christmas Cards Are In The Mailbox** located in the hallway across from the church office. There you will find a box for the money you saved from buying postage stamps. Please mark your envelope with the mission of your choice either Lottie Moon, CBF Global Missions or City on a Hill.

**Children's Ministry**

**PassportKids Informational Meeting will be January 4 following**

**Family Night Supper** - This meeting is for parents of 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders interested in going to PassportKids Camp in Wingate, NC on July 10-13, 2012.

**Nursery Committee Meeting scheduled for tomorrow night has been cancelled** - The next meeting will be in January on a date to be announced later.

**Youth Ministry**

**Passport Informational Meeting will be January 4 following Family Night Supper** - This meeting is for parents of 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders interested in going to Passport Camp in Wingate, NC on July 8-13, 2012.

**Winter Jam Concert will be Saturday January 7 in Raleigh** - If you are interested in going, a sign-up sheet is on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board outside Bullock-Matthews Room. Cost is \$10.00 at the door. We will be leaving the church at 12:00 NOON and returning around 10:30 PM.

**No Youth Activities This Wednesday Night December 21 or Next Wednesday December 28** - We will resume Youth Wednesday Night Worship on Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Ministry Team Meeting tomorrow night** - We will be meeting at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room.

**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 11, 2011 (Week 15 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>CBF GLOBAL/HUNGER</b> | \$ 100.00   |
| <b>CITY ON A HILL</b>    | \$ 100.00   |
| <b>LOTTIE MOON</b>       | \$ 190.00   |
| <b>MUSIC /CHOIR</b>      | \$ 1,000.00 |

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

**ATTENDANCE**

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Sunday School                    | 166 + 8 |
| 9 AM Celebration Worship         | 35      |
| 11 AM Worship                    | 229     |
| Saturday PM-Choir Christmas      | 326     |
| Sunday 3:30 PM - Choir Christmas | 318     |
| Sunday 7:30 PM - Choir Christmas | 319     |