

Welcome to
Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
Established 1869

Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world



The Lord's Day, December 25, 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 (1st floor of the educational wing)
Children, Youth, and Adults
(1st, 2nd, 3rd floors of the educational wing)
11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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Church Staff:

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Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, *Pianist*

The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, December 25, 2011
Christmas Day
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**10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)**  
Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM

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

*Gathering to Worship*

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| Ministry Opportunities                                                                                                                                                                     | Richard Wood          |
| Greeting                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| Music for Meditation                                                                                                                                                                       | Kimberly Davidson     |
| <i>"And she gave birth to her firstborn son<br/>and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger,<br/>because there was no place for them in the inn."<br/>(Luke 2:7, ESV)</i> |                       |
| Words of Welcome                                                                                                                                                                           | Mark Gaskins          |
| Call to Worship                                                                                                                                                                            | Psalm 98:1, 4-9 (NIV) |

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| PASTOR: | Sing to the LORD a new song,<br>for he has done marvelous things;                                                                                                                                  |
| PEOPLE: | <b>his right hand and his holy arm<br/>have worked salvation for him.</b>                                                                                                                          |
| PASTOR: | Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,<br>burst into jubilant song with music;                                                                                                                  |
| PEOPLE: | <b>make music to the LORD with the harp,<br/>with the harp and the sound of singing,<br/>with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn –<br/>shout for joy before the LORD, the King</b>           |
| PASTOR: | Let the sea resound, and everything in it,<br>the world, and all who live in it.<br>Let the rivers clap their hands,<br>let the mountains sing together for joy;<br>let them sing before the LORD. |
| PEOPLE: | <b>for he comes to judge the earth.<br/>He will judge the world in righteousness<br/>and the peoples with equity.</b>                                                                              |

Congregational Songs (see Insert for words)

"Here I Am to Worship"  
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
"We'll Praise His Name Forever"

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| Invocation | Kenny Dail |
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*Hearing the Word*

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| Hymn 281                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | "What Child Is This?"                                      | Congregation    |
| Children's Sermon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                            | Richard Wood    |
| Scripture Lessons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Isaiah 52:7-10 (page 730)<br>Hebrews 1:1-12 (page 1184)    | Debbie Dail     |
| Hymn 259                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | "Angels from the Realms of Glory"                          | Congregation    |
| Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings<br><i>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,<br/>that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,<br/>so that you through his poverty might become rich.<br/>(2 Corinthians 8:9, NIV)</i> |                                                            |                 |
| Offertory Prayer<br>Anthem                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | "Glory"                                                    | Sanctuary Choir |
| Scripture and Sermon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | John 1:1-18 (page 1049)<br>"The True Meaning of Christmas" | Mark Gaskins    |

*Responding to the Word*

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| Hymn 292             | "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" | Congregation |
| The Church at Prayer |                               |              |

*Sending Forth*

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| Christmas Celebration Medley | "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"<br>"Go Tell It on the Mountain"<br>"Angels We Have Heard on High"<br>"Joy to the World" | Congregation |
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| Charge and Benediction | Mark Gaskins |
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Scattering on Mission



*Please pick up your poinsettias after the 10:30 AM worship service  
this morning.*

*No evening services and activities this week!*

**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 25 - Christmas Day**

10:30 AM **Combined Worship Service**  
(Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM)  
**No Nursery Today**  
**No Evening Worship or Activities**

**Monday, December 26 - Church Office Closed**

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

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting

**Wednesday, December 28**

**No Mid-Week Worship or Activities**

**Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day**

8:45 AM Early Worship and Communion (Chapel)  
9:00 - 9:45 AM Church Library Open  
9:45 - 10:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
(Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM)  
Extended Session 1 -  
Extended Session 2 -  
Church Library Open  
12:00 - 12:15 PM  
**No Evening Activities**

**SPECIAL JHBC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**There is no nursery today so our families can worship together this special Christmas morning.**

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

**Calendar Events** - If you know of a church event that is not on the monthly calendar, please notify Richard Sistrunk, Sr., Church Administrator, so he can set the security system.

**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.

**City on a Hill Mission Donations (including JHBC and other contributors) for the month of December = \$1,471.00.**

**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.

**Cris Elliott Update** - We received word that Cris has recently moved to Florida to live with her daughter. Her address is 1905 Baldwin Drive, Orlando, FL 32802. You can reach her by phone in the evening at 407-259-8445 (her daughter's cell phone).

**College Student of the Week - Katie Vance.** She is the daughter of Roger and Linda Vance. Her address is 349 Darlington Avenue, Apartment 206, Wilmington, NC 28403. Katie attends UNC-Wilmington. Please send her a card this week.

**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.

**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 PM and returning around 10:30 PM.

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

**Faith in 3D Final Preparation Meeting will be Sunday, January 8** - We will meet at 9:45 AM in the Chapel to fill out forms and go over last minute details.

**Family Ministry**

**Family Ministry Team Meeting on Thursday, January 5** - We will be meeting at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. Brian Upshaw from the Baptist State Convention of NC will be here meeting with the team.

**Family Ski Day will be Saturday, January 28** - Our group will be heading to Sugar Mountain Resort in the NC mountains for the day. Skiing, tubing and ice skating are all available. Rates and a sign-up sheet are on the Family Ministry bulletin board outside the Bullock-Matthews Room. This outing is open to anyone who might like to attend. *Children must have a parent participate in the activity with them.* Deadline to sign up is Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: December 18, 2011 (Week 16 of 52)**

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| <b>General Fund</b>                 |              |                          |               |
| Weekly Budgeted Needs               | \$ 10,972.01 | YTD Budget Goal          | \$ 175,552.16 |
| T/O Received                        | \$ 63,816.25 | YTD T/O Received         | \$ 199,359.60 |
| Over Budget This Week               | \$52,844.24  | YTD Difference           | \$ 23,807.44  |
| Budget: \$570,544.47                |              |                          |               |
| (\$570,544.47/52 weeks=\$10,972.01) |              | <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>      | \$ 99,101.69  |
|                                     |              | (Last Week)              |               |
| <b>BAPTIST CHILDRENS</b>            | \$ 25.00     |                          |               |
| <b>CBF GLOBAL</b>                   | \$ 130.00    | <b>ATTENDANCE</b>        |               |
| <b>CITY ON A HILL</b>               | \$ 1,091.00  | Sunday School            | 162 + 4       |
| <b>LOCAL MISSIONS</b>               | \$ 20.00     | 9 AM Celebration Worship | 26            |
| <b>LOTTIE MOON</b>                  | \$ 279.44    | 11 AM Worship            | 212           |
|                                     |              | PM Discipleship/Worship  | 18            |
| <b>BUILDING FUND</b>                | \$33,740.00  |                          |               |
| Current Balance is                  | \$83,933.73  |                          |               |