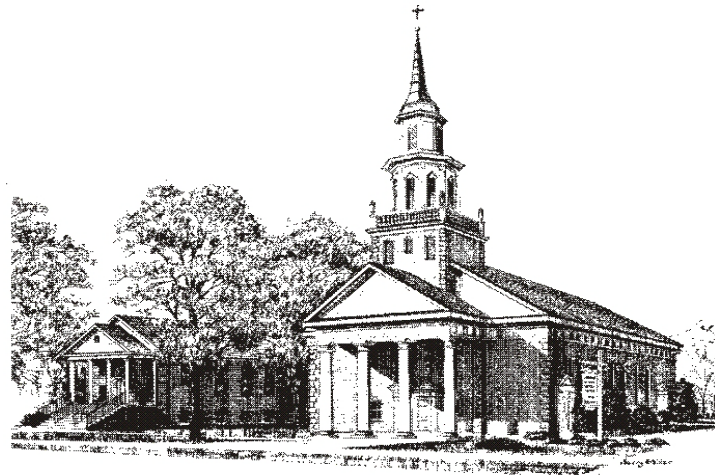


Welcome to
Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
Established 1869

Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world



The Lord's Day, March 4, 2012

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:

- Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, *Senior Pastor* (mark.gaskins@jhbc.org)
- Rev. Gilbert W. McDowell, *Pastor Emeritus*
- Rev. Ronnie Byrd, *Associate Pastor for Music & Education*
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- Rev. Richard Wood, *Associate Pastor for Family Ministry*
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- Mr. Richard Sistrunk, Sr., *Church Administrator*
(richard.sistrunk@jhbc.org)
- Mrs. Marva Lee Roush, *Administrative Assistant* (info@jhbc.org)
- Mrs. Jo Ann Brickhouse, *Organist*
- Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, *Pianist*

The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, March 4, 2012
Second Sunday in Lent

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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*

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| Ministry Opportunities                                                                                                                                                            |                               | Richard Wood    |
| Greeting                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |                 |
| Music for Meditation                                                                                                                                                              |                               | Barry Cashion   |
| <i>When Abram was ninety-nine years old,<br/>the LORD appeared to him and said,<br/>"I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless."<br/>(Genesis 17:1, NIV®)</i> |                               |                 |
| Words of Welcome                                                                                                                                                                  |                               | Mark Gaskins    |
| Call to Worship                                                                                                                                                                   | Psalm 22:22-28 (page 543-544) | Mark Gaskins    |
| Choral Response                                                                                                                                                                   | "The Love of God"             | Sanctuary Choir |
| Invocation                                                                                                                                                                        |                               | Bob Tilley      |

*Hearing the Word*

|                                                                                                                                     |                                  |                 |
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| Hymn Medley 86-88                                                                                                                   |                                  | Congregation    |
| <i>"Jesus, Name Above All Names"<br/>"Fairest Lord Jesus" and "More Precious than Silver"</i>                                       |                                  |                 |
| Children's Sermon                                                                                                                   |                                  | Richard Wood    |
| <small>Children may exit for Children's Worship (Chapel)</small>                                                                    |                                  |                 |
| Scripture Lesson                                                                                                                    | Mark 8:31-38 (page 999-1000)     | Yvonne Tilley   |
| Hymn 429                                                                                                                            | "They'll Know We Are Christians" | Congregation    |
| Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings                                                                                          |                                  |                 |
| <i>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,<br/>for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.<br/>(Hebrews 13:16, NRSV)</i> |                                  |                 |
| Offertory Prayer                                                                                                                    |                                  |                 |
| Anthem                                                                                                                              | "Every Road"                     | Sanctuary Choir |
| Scripture and Sermon                                                                                                                |                                  | Mark Gaskins    |
| <small>James 2:1-13 (page 1196-1197)</small>                                                                                        |                                  |                 |
| <i>"The Forbidden Flaw of Favoritism"</i>                                                                                           |                                  |                 |

*Responding to the Word*

Litany of Confession \*

PASTOR: Lord, we remember the depth of your love for us, and we repent of our half-hearted discipleship.

PEOPLE: **We have been called to deny ourselves: forgive us for putting self-interest before the interests of your kingdom; forgive us that Christ's Lordship in our hearts has been challenged by our ambition, our appetites, our desires, and our needs; forgive us for the times when self-interest hindered our care for others.**

PASTOR: Lord, we have been called to carry a cross:

PEOPLE: **forgive us for complaining when it has weighed heavily upon us; forgive us that, having received so much, we have sacrificed so little; forgive us for the limits we have set to Christian love; forgive us that we have settled for mediocrity, resisting the fire and passion of Christ's love upon the cross.**

ALL: AMEN.

Hymn 508                      "Love Lifted Me"                      Congregation

The Church at Prayer

*Sending Forth*

Charge and Benediction                      Mark Gaskins

Scattering on Mission

\*Adapted from *Gathering for Worship: Patterns and Prayers for the Community of Disciples* (The Baptist Union of Great Britain, 2005), 371.



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

- **Sunday evening, Business Meeting 6:30 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room)**
- **Wednesday evening Mid-Week Worship, 6:15 P.M. (McDowell Hall) - Covered-dish Family Night Supper**

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today  
To the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Mr. Norman Oldham  
in honor of his birthday, March 9  
and  
Mrs. Nancy McDowell  
By Maxine Matthews and Family*

**March Family Night Covered Dish Supper** is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 7 at 6:15 PM.** Please join the Missions and Outreach Team for an Operation Inasmuch 2012 kick-off planning session following the meal. Come enjoy food, fellowship and a time to share ideas for missions and outreach projects for our April 28<sup>th</sup> event.

**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, March 4**

- 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)
- Children's Worship
- Extended Session 1 - Angie Wood
- Library Staff Meeting
- Handbell Choir Practice
- Business Meeting

**Monday, March 5**

- 7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting

**Tuesday, March 6**

- 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 10:00 AM Investment Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, March 7**

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting
- 6:00 - 8:00 PM Church Library Open
- 6:15 PM Family Night Covered Dish Supper
- No Children Activities Tonight**
- Wednesday Night Youth Worship
- Sanctuary Choir Practice

**Thursday, March 8**

- 2:00 PM Higher Heights Singing at Victorian Manor  
and Ashwood Estates
- 7:30 PM Praise Band Practice

**Friday, March 9**

- 5:30 PM Youth leave JHBC for Casting Crowns  
Concert in Raleigh

**SPECIAL JHBC EVENTS**

**Higher Heights Caswell Senior Retreat** - The cost per person is \$127; half (\$63.50) is due today, March 4. There is still room, if you are interested in joining our group. Check or cash is to be given to Diane Smith (776-6917).

**I Glenn Edwards Elementary School Clean-Up Project** previously planned for Thursday, March 8 has been cancelled. Thanks to our volunteers who offered to assist with this project.

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

**Mission Trip to Moldova** - Kenny Lamm will be a part of the 11 member BSCNC staff leaving on Friday, March 9 to share the Gospel in ministry to the elderly and children and through evangelistic rallies. Prayer guides for this trip have been placed on several tables throughout the church for your use. The group will return to the states on Monday, March 19. Please be in prayer for this special mission trip and their ministry.

**City on a Hill Mission Donations** for the month of February = \$1,544.44.

**The Handbell Choir Needs YOU!!** Come and join us at 5:00 PM Sunday evening. No prior experience necessary. We need YOU to help us ring the bells!

**Don't Forget - Move Your Clocks Ahead One Hour Saturday Evening, March 10.**

**NC Baptists on Mission** has scheduled their 2012 Disaster Relief Training for Region 4 on **March 16-17 in Wake County**. Additional information can be found on their website [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org)

**CUOC NEEDS** - Peanut butter, canned vegetables, fruit, canned meat, jelly, tomato sauces, ravioli, spaghetti, etc. along with breakfast items like pop tarts, oatmeal, grits and cereals in small and large boxes. Also need items such as toothbrushes, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper and paper towels.

**Children's Ministry**

**PassportKids Sign-Up is available now** - This event is for children in grades 3-6 and will be at Wingate University on July 10-13. **Registration and a \$60.00 deposit are due by March 28**. Sign-up sheets are available on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board outside Bullock-Matthews Room.

**JHBC Church Bible Drill - Sunday evening, March 18, 6:30 PM** in Bullock-Matthews Room.

**Sandy Creek Associational Bible Drill - Sunday, March 25, 3:00 PM** in the Sanctuary.

**Youth Ministry**

**Casting Crowns Concert in Raleigh on Friday, March 9** - We have about 8 tickets left. Cost is \$15.00 per person. **To guarantee your ticket, please sign up in the Youth Center or Family Ministry Bulletin Board and pay Rich by March 7**. We will be leaving JHBC at 5:30 PM.

**Revolve Tour for Girls** - Will be May 4-5 in Charlotte. Cost is \$30 per person. A sign-up sheet is on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board. **Sign up and cost are due by March 18**. See Alicia Holly for more details.

**PassportChoices Sign-up is available now** - This event is for youth in grades 7-12 and will be at Wingate University on July 8-13. **Registration and a \$75.00 deposit are due by March 28**. Sign-up sheets are available on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board outside Bullock-Matthews Room.

**Family Ministry Ministry**

**Carolina Hurricanes Game** - We're going to see the Canes take on the New Jersey Devils on Saturday night March 31. Cost is \$15.00 and is open to anyone who would like to go. A sign-up sheet is on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board. Ticket reservations are first come, first serve. See Rich for payment options.

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: February 26, 2012 (Week 26 of 52)**

**General Fund**

|                                     |                     |                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Budgeted Needs               | \$ 10,972.01        | YTD Budget Goal     | \$ 285,272.27 |
| T/O Received                        | \$ 5,764.48         | YTD T/O Received    | \$ 301,395.98 |
| Less Budget This Week               | <b>\$(5,207.53)</b> | YTD Difference      | \$ 16,123.71  |
| Budget: \$570,544.47                |                     |                     |               |
| (\$570,544.47/52 weeks=\$10,972.01) |                     | <b>TOTAL GIVING</b> | \$ 6,644.48   |
|                                     |                     | (Last Week)         |               |

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| <b><u>CITY ON A HILL</u></b>     | \$ 50.00  |
| <b><u>RETIREMENT HOME</u></b>    | \$ 40.00  |
| <b><u>CITY ON A HILL</u></b>     | \$ 50.00  |
| <b><u>H/E THOMAS MISSION</u></b> | \$ 100.00 |

**BUILDING FUND** \$ 665.00  
Current Balance is \$31,679.73

**ATTENDANCE**

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| 8:45 AM Early Worship     | 32      |
| Sunday School             | 178 + 9 |
| 11 AM Morning Worship     | 245     |
| PM - Discipleship/Worship | 39      |