

Welcome to
Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
 Established 1869

Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world



The Lord's Day, May 6, 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)
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- Mrs. Jo Ann Brickhouse, *Organist*
- Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, *Pianist*

The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, May 6, 2012
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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 JoAnn Brickhouse

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for  
 and assurance about what we do not see.  
 This is what the ancients were commended for.*  
 (Hebrews 11:1-2, NIV®)

Words of Welcome Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 22:23a, 24, 27-28 (NIV®)

PASTOR: You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
 PEOPLE: **For he has not despised or scorned  
 the suffering of the afflicted one;  
 he has not hidden his face from him  
 but has listened to his cry for help.**

PASTOR: All the ends of the earth  
 will remember and turn to the LORD,  
 and all the families of the nations  
 will bow down before him,

PEOPLE: **for dominion belongs to the LORD  
 and he rules over the nations.**

Choral Response "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" Sanctuary Choir

Invocation Melba Kelly

*Hearing the Word*

Hymn 353 "Victory in Jesus" Congregation

Children's Sermon Ann Laton  
 Children may exit for Children's Worship (Chapel)

Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (page 207) Mitchell Watson

Hymn 505 "He Touched Me" Congregation

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings  
*" . . . your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."*  
 (2 Corinthians 9:11b, NIV®)

Offertory Prayer  
 Worship in Song Ish Rivera

Scripture and Sermon Mark Gaskins  
 Luke 2:22-38 (page 1015)  
 "Senior Servants"

*Responding to the Word*

Hymn 664 "Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord" 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) - Business Meeting**
- **Wednesday evening Mid-Week Worship, 6:15 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) - Mark Gaskins leading study of the book of Revelation, A Call to Radical Christian Commitment**

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today  
 to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
 Eugene Rouse  
 on his birthday, May 2  
 By Mildred Rouse*

**Muffins for Mom**  
**Sunday, May 13**

**9:30 - 10:00 AM in McDowell Hall**

All mothers, along with families, are invited to enjoy a wonderful selection of specially baked muffins, along with coffee, juice and fruit from 9:30-10:00 AM in McDowell Hall.

**Children's Choirs Showcase of God's Gifts and Talents**

**Sunday evening, May 20  
 6:30 PM in McDowell Hall**

You do not want to miss this time of worship and celebration. The children will sing musical selections as a choir as well as several children will be sharing their special gifts. Following this musical celebration we will have a time of fellowship. We ask that you bring your favorite finger food and share in this wonderful time of worship, celebration and fellowship.

### 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, May 6

8:45 AM Early Worship & 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 (Chapel)  
 Extended Session 1 – Rachel Brown  
 Church Library Open  
 Covered Dish Lunch (McDowell Hall)  
 6:30 PM Business Meeting (Bullock-Matthews Room)

### Monday, May 7

6:30 PM Senior Adult Retreat at Caswell  
 6:30 PM Building & Grounds Committee Meeting  
 Children's Ministry Team Meeting (Conf Rm)

### Tuesday, May 8

7:30 AM Senior Adult Retreat at Caswell  
 1:00 PM Men's Prayer Meeting  
 6:30 PM Virginia Oliver Group  
 7:00 PM Family Ministry Team Meeting (Conf Rm)  
 WISH Group

### Wednesday, May 9

10:30 AM Senior Adult Retreat at Caswell  
 5:00 PM Staff Meeting  
 6:00 – 8:00 PM WMU Council Meeting  
 6:00 – 6:55 PM Church Library Open  
 6:15 – 7:15 PM Children's Choirs  
 7:00 – 7:55 PM Mid-Week Worship (Bullock-Matthews Room)  
 7:00 – 8:00 PM Mission Friends, GA's and RA's  
 7:15 – 8:45 PM Wednesday Night Youth Worship  
 8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice  
 Youth Passport Meeting

### Thursday, May 10

10:00 AM Higher Heights Singing-Sanford Health & Rehab  
 7:30 PM Praise Band Practice

## SPECIAL JHBC EVENTS

Greeters for May – Door 1 – Kathy Keye; Door 2 – Ray and Alice Gilchrist; Door 3 – Tara Whiteside

May Lock-Up – Preston Perdue

Birthday Correction – May 6 is Cara Graham's birthday.

College Student of the Week – Mary Stevens, daughter of Russ and Sheila Stevens. Mary graduates this weekend from Winthrop University and will celebrate her birthday on May 8. Her address is 3601 St. Joseph Street, Sanford, NC 27332.

US Post Office Letter Carriers STAMP OUT HUNGER Food Drive – Saturday, May 12 - Place non-perishable food items in a sturdy bag and hang it on your mailbox. Your letter carrier will pick it up and deliver it to CUOC.

Graduate Sunday is June 10 - If you are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this year and would like to be recognized in our Graduate Sunday Service, please call or email Richard Wood by **May 22**.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering through April = \$1,745.00.

City on a Hill Mission Donations for the month of April = \$1,489.44.

OPERATION INASMUCH - Thanks to everyone who participated and supported Operation Inasmuch 2012. Our church-wide event involved persons of all ages working together on a variety of outreach projects. The Missions and Outreach Team is still gathering information from the work teams and will provide a full report to the congregation as soon as possible.

Ministry Fair - This is the time for you to sign up for the ministry team you would like to participate in for the 2012-2013 Church Year. The Fair will take place in McDowell Hall and you can come by any time that we have services or when the offices are open to sign-up. Pre-registration for Children's VBS and sign-up for an upcoming India Mission Trip in July will be available as well.

Adult Vacation Bible School – July 22 through July 26.

JHBC Benevolence Fund is running low due to the increased volume of requests. You can make a difference in someone's life, just mark your envelope "JHBC Benevolence Fund". We have helped 51 people since September 2011.

Nominating Committee News: If you are on a committee or chair of a Ministry Team with more time remaining on your term, you will NOT be called by the committee. Please call one of the committee members to let us know if you will be unable to continue the term. Thank you for your service to our Lord and his church. Committee members - Weldon Brown, Sam Carter, Vickie Matthews, Mary Upchurch and Armelia Garren, Chair.

### Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School is June 10-14 - Pre-registration can be done at the Ministry Fair or online at [www.jhbc.org](http://www.jhbc.org) for both children and volunteers. Anyone who pre-registers by May 20 will receive an VBS t-shirt.

Children's Ministry Team Meeting tomorrow night – Meeting is at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room.

### Youth Ministry

Meeting for those going to Passport – Wednesday, May 9 at 8:00 PM in the Youth Center. We will be discussing the upcoming fundraiser lunch.

A Spaghetti Fundraiser Lunch for Youth Passport Camp on May 20 – We will have lunch in McDowell Hall for everyone following the 11 AM worship service. Donations are accepted. You will have the opportunity to have one of our Passport participants help out with various chores in exchange for some funding for their Passport trip. More details will be given at the lunch.

### BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: April 29, 2012 (Week 35 of 52)

#### General Fund

|                                     |               |                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Budgeted Needs               | \$ 10,972.01  | YTD Budget Goal     | \$ 384,020.35 |
| T/O Received                        | \$ 7,172.75   | YTD T/O Received    | \$ 380,681.00 |
| Less Budget This Week               | \$ (3,800.26) | YTD Difference      | \$ (3,339.35) |
| Budget: \$570,544.47                |               |                     |               |
| (\$570,544.47/52 weeks=\$10,972.01) |               | <b>TOTAL GIVING</b> | \$ 7,406.75   |
|                                     |               | (Last Week)         |               |

BAPT RET. HOME \$ 100.00

CHILDREN IN THE SON \$ 20.00

CITY ON A HILL \$ 75.00

NC BAPTIST HOSPITAL \$ 40.00

BUILDING FUND \$ -0-

Current Balance is **\$18,677.16**

#### ATTENDANCE

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|----------------------------|----------|
| 8:45 AM Early Worship      | 55       |
| Sunday School              | 163 + 12 |
| 11:00 AM – Morning Worship | 241      |
| PM – Movie "Courageous"    | 105      |