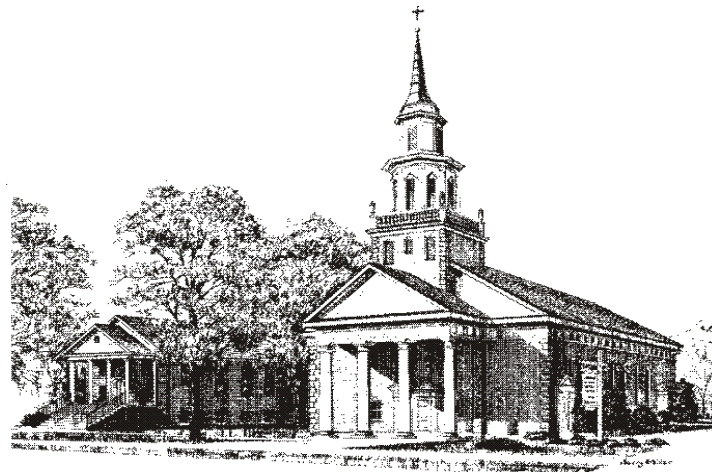


Welcome to  
**Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church**

Established 1869

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



**The Lord's Day, September 23, 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 (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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Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, *Pianist*

**The Worship of God**  
**The Lord's Day, September 23, 2012**  
*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

*Surely God is my help;  
the Lord is the one who sustains me . . . .*

*I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;*

*I will praise your name, LORD, for it is good.*

(Psalm 54:4, 6, NIV®)

Words of Welcome Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Psalm 1 (page 532) Mark Gaskins

Choral Response "Cherish That Name" Sanctuary Choir

Invocation Mary Upchurch

*Hearing the Word*

Hymn 583 "You Are My All in All" Congregation

Children's Sermon Tommie Angel

Scripture Lesson James 3:13 - 4:8 (page 1198) Avron Upchurch

READER: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymns "How Great Is Our God" Congregation  
with "How Great Thou Art" (page 147)

Thanksgiving with Tithes and Offerings

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

(Psalm 118:1, ESV)

Offertory Prayer Anthem "No Other Name" Sanctuary Choir

Scripture and Sermon Mark Gaskins

Mark 9:30-37 (page 1001)

"The Great Ones"

*Responding to the Word*

Litany of Confession

PASTOR: Jesus said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all" (Mark 8:35, NIV®).

PEOPLE: **Forgive us, Lord, when we selfishly desire to be great according to this world's standards. Remind us that in your kingdom, true greatness is defined by humble service rather than self-centeredness and self-advancement.**

PASTOR: Again Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me" (Mark 8:37, NIV®).

PEOPLE: **Remind us, Lord, that when we welcome those whom the world sees as least, we ultimately welcome you and our heavenly Father who sent you. Help us to be truly great in your kingdom.**

All: *Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.*

Hymn 665 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Congregation

The Church at Prayer

*Sending Forth on Mission*

Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

Scattering on Mission



**HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice Trembles at His voice  
How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end Beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb  
How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see  
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**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**

<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23</b>	
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 (Sanctuary) (Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM)
	Children's Worship (Chapel)
	Extended Session 1 – Catherine Mitchell
	Extended Session 2 – Kelly Desjarlais
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Church Library Open
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir
6:30	Discipleship/Worship (Bullock-Matthews Room)
<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24</b>	
6:30 PM	Baptist Men – Program by Bridges Cameron Funeral Staff (McDowell Hall)
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25</b>	
7:30 AM	Men's Prayer Meeting
7:00 PM	Christian Education Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26</b>	
10:00 AM	Higher Heights Meeting with Teresa Dew Kelly, Director of CUOC (McDowell Hall)
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
6:00 – 6:55 PM	Children's Choirs
6:15 – 7:15 PM	Mid-Week Worship
7:00 – 7:55 PM	Mission Groups
7:00 – 8:00 PM	Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Center)
7:15 – 8:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20</b>	
7:30 PM	Praise Band Practice (Chapel)
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22</b>	
9:00 - 5:00 PM	Jesus My Shepherd Hispanic Church Celebration (Chapel and McDowell Hall)

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**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

The JHBC Handbell Choir will begin practice today at 5 PM. If you are interested in joining the handbell choir, please contact Mike Wilkins.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Bible Drill Kickoff on Sunday Night, October 7** – Starting at 5:00 PM in McDowell Hall, we'll have food, games and an introduction to Bible Drill for children ages 4th grade and up. Bible Drill Practice begins on Sunday, October 7 at 6:30 PM.

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: September 16, 2012 (Week 3 of 52)**

<b>General Fund</b>			
Weekly Budgeted Needs	\$ 10,985.26	YTD Budget Goal	\$ 32,955.78
T/O Received	\$ 9,523.18	YTD T/O Received	\$ 31,162.65
Less Budget This Week	\$(1,462.08)	YTD Difference	\$ (1,793.13)
Budget: \$571,233.48			
(\$571,233.48/52 weeks= \$10,985.26)		<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	\$ 9,977.18
		(Last Week)	
<u>Benevolence</u>	\$ 150.00	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
<u>Equipping for the Future</u>	\$ 24.00	8:45 AM Early Worship	35
<u>City on a Hill</u>	\$ 50.00	Sunday School	142 + 11
<u>Music</u>	\$ 25.00	11:00 AM Worship	195
<u>NC Missions</u>	\$ 205.00	PM – Family Focus Meetings	44
		(Youth -6; Medium - 10; Seniors - 28)	

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

- **Sunday evening, 6:30 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) – Mark Gaskins introducing the *Pray in Faith* discipleship study**
- **Wednesday evening, 6:15 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) – Mark Gaskins leading “A Crash Course in Christian Theology”**

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

LET'S GO VISIT OUR NEIGHBORS AND INVITE THEM TO OUR "WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT". A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the choir room. Thanks for your help. We will visit on Friday, September 28, from 10 AM-12 NOON, Saturday, September 29, from 10AM - 12 NOON and Sunday, September 30, 2-4 PM.

**Saturday, October 6 - Welcome to the Neighborhood Event from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM** - The Missions and Outreach Team will host a Welcome to the Neighborhood cookout for our new Autumn Oaks neighbors.

**Spaghetti Supper on October 6** – Our neighbors at Jonesboro United Methodist Church will be having a spaghetti supper on Saturday, October 6, 5:00-6:30 PM. Cost is \$5 per plate, with proceeds going towards mission projects in our area. At 6 PM, concert by Christian recording artist Rod Propes. A love offering will be collected after the concert.

**Central Carolina Community College** will host the following two classes: Hispanic Culture Revealed – begins September 25 – cost \$29.00 and Our Spanish Neighbors – begins October 1 – no cost

**City on a Hill Mission September Total Donations** = \$844.44.

**CUOC Shelves Need Your Help!**

**Dine out at Sagebrush on Sundays to help Youth Missions** –Ask the manager for a voucher, fill it out, listing Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church as the organization you want to donate to, and 10% of your purchase will be given back to the church to go toward our youth missions fund.

**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 76 families this year.

**Partnering with Shallow Well UCC** to collect personal hygiene items for both males and females for the CUOC. This collection will run through Sunday, October 7. Items can be placed in the two CUOC collection bins in the hallways. Needed items include travel size of the following: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo and conditioners, soap, disposable razors, shaving cream and lotions. Any questions, contact Mary Hawley Oates or Sheila Stevens.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**The Story Tour Concert on Saturday, November 24** – This is a concert featuring Mark Hall of Casting Crowns, Jeremy Camp, Natalie Grant, Matthew West, Nichole Nordeman and others, based on a book and Bible study series by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee. It will take place at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro. Cost is \$20 per person. A sign-up sheet is on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board. The last day to sign up is Sunday, October 7.