

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

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



**The Lord's Day, November 18, 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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**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*  
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- 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, November 18, 2012  
 Twenty-fifth 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 Kimberly Davidson  
*LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
 you make my lot secure.  
 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
 surely I have a delightful inheritance.* (Psalm 16:5-6, NIV®)
- Words of Welcome Mark Gaskins
- Call to Worship Mark 4:26-29 (page 994) Mark Gaskins
- Choral Response "He is Holy" Sanctuary Choir
- Invocation Mary Upchurch

*Hearing the Word*

- Hymn 210 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Congregation
- Children's Sermon Mark Gaskins
- Scripture Lesson Ephesians 4:1-16 (page 1158) Avron Upchurch  
 READER: This is the word of the Lord.  
 PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**
- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication
- Hymn 170 "Give Thanks" Congregation
- Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings  
*" . . . your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."*  
 (2 Corinthians 9:11b, NIV®)
- Offertory Prayer
- Anthem "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Sanctuary Choir  
 Brenda Wicker, Soloist
- Scripture and Sermon Mark Gaskins  
 1 Samuel 7:2-14 (page 268)  
 "Our Ebenezer"

*Responding to the Word*

Hymn 734 "Be Strong in the Lord" Congregation

Release of Vows

PASTOR: In the summer of 2005, you, the congregation of the Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church, called me to become your Senior Pastor. In your call, we heard God's call. Jo Ann and I are grateful that God brought us here, and for all He has done in our life together. You have loved us, supported us, and been kind to us in word and deed. You have respected me as your Pastor, and have been our family of faith. You have prayed for our family in good times and bad. For all this and more, we thank you, and we thank God for you.

PEOPLE: **We accept your thanks, and we accept that God is now calling you to a new place of service. We express our gratitude and love to you and your family for your ministry among us. We affirm you as you follow God's call, and ask His blessings on you as you depart. Your influence on our faith will continue even though you must leave us.**

PASTOR: We accept your gratitude, and I rejoice in the honor of having served as your Pastor. As we follow God's call, we trust that the tie that has bound us together for these years will forever keep us friends in Christ.

PEOPLE: **When we installed you as our Senior Pastor, we entered into covenant as Pastor and People. With the Lord as our helper, we now release you from your vows and duties as our Pastor, and offer our affirmation and encouragement to you and Jo Ann as you begin your ministry in another place.**

PASTOR: With the Lord as my helper, I release you as a congregation from turning to and depending on me as your shepherd. I offer you my affirmation and encouragement to you in your continuing mission and ministry of embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world, and for your relationship with the one who will follow me as your Senior Pastor.

PEOPLE: **With our love and appreciation, and with the promise of our prayers, we send you forth. May God's grace and peace be with you. May He use you for His glory in the service of His kingdom as He blesses you in your new place of ministry.**

ALL: **AMEN.**

Prayer of Blessing Richard Wood

Parting Hymn 426 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Congregation

*Sending Forth*

Charge and Benediction Richard Wood

Scattering on Mission



**Tonight at 7:00 PM, Community Thanksgiving Service at Jonesboro Presbyterian Church.** Bring canned goods for CUOC.

**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).

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHOIR MEMBERS** – If you are planning to sing tonight at the Community Thanksgiving Service with the mass choir from five churches, ***you need to be at Jonesboro Presbyterian Church by 6:00 PM to rehearse the anthem. Bring your own choir robe.***

**Due to the Community Thanksgiving Service tonight, we will not have Bible Drill Practice.** We will have it next Sunday evening, but it will be the last practice before the Christmas and New Year Holidays. In order for everyone to participate in the other services in December, we will not have weekly practices until the Sunday after New Years. Please continue to work at home. I look forward to seeing you all the next Sunday night at 6:30 PM.

**CHURCH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18</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 – Sarah Griffin
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Church Library Open
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir
7:00 PM	Community Thanksgiving Service at Jonesboro Presbyterian Church
<b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19</b>	
8:00 – 10:00 AM	Pack the Truck – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection
7:00 PM	Nell Smith/Mary Herring Group
<b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20</b>	
7:30 AM	Men's Prayer Meeting
6:15 PM	Children's Ministry Team Meeting (Conf. Room)
7:00 PM	Nursery Committee Meeting (Conf. Room)
<b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21</b>	
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	<b><i>No Service or Activities This Evening</i></b>
<b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - THANKSGIVING</b>	
	Church Office Closed
<b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23</b>	
	Church Office Closed

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**Discipleship Survey Available** – The Family Ministry Team is asking all of our church members to take the Family Discipleship Survey offered by the Baptist State Convention of NC. It will only take five minutes of your time. To take the survey, go to [www.churchandfamilync.org](http://www.churchandfamilync.org) and click on NC Family Discipleship Survey" on the right. This will help our team as we continue to build family ministry here at JHBC.

**Updating Our Records** - We are asking that everyone please take a few minutes to send an email to the church office at [info@jhbc.org](mailto:info@jhbc.org) with your current email address and your name.

**College Student of the Week is Brantt Malloch** – Brantt is the son of Frank and Beth Malloch. He attends UNC - Charlotte. Please send him a card this week at 9920 University Village Blvd., Apartment 2G, Charlotte, NC 28262.

**Personnel Committee** will meet on **Monday, November 26 at 6:30 PM.**

**Deacons** will meet on **Monday, November 26 at 7:00 PM** in the conference room.

**Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon** will be held on **Thursday, November 29 at 12:00 Noon.** Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to come and fellowship with other Senior Adults.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Mission Trip to India** is planned for **June 15 to June 26, 2013.** Team Member Information Sheets are available in the church office. **A deposit of \$500 is due by December 3, 2012 to reserve your spot.** The trip is limited to 10 members.

**JHBC Benevolence Fund** – Requests for help continue to grow. You can make a difference in someone's life, just mark your envelope "JHBC Benevolence Fund".

**City on a Hill** Mission November Total of All Donations = \$810.00.

**CUOC Thanksgiving Needs** – CUCO need the following items for Thanksgiving boxes: stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, vegetables, potatoes – canned or instant, sweet potatoes and dried beans.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Children's Ministry Team Meeting on Tuesday, November 20** – 6:15 PM in the Conference Room

**Nursery Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 20** – 7:00 PM in the Conference Room

**Time to Order Poinsettias!** You may order beautiful poinsettias to honor a loved one or just to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. **Orders must be made by Sunday, December 2.** Order forms are available in the church office and also on the table outside the Library. Poinsettias are \$9.50 each. Order today.

**A New Sunday School Class will be Forming Starting December 2** – This class will consist of topical Bible studies for anyone ages 18 and older. If you are interested in being a part of this new class, please see Ronnie Byrd, Sheila Stevens or Richard Wood.

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: November 11, 2012 (Week 11 of 52)**

<b>General Fund</b>			
Weekly Budgeted Needs	\$ 10,985.26	YTD Budget Goal	\$ 120,837.86
T/O Received	\$ <u>7,222.00</u>	YTD T/O Received	\$ <u>98,626.16</u>
Less Budget This Week	\$ <u>(3,763.26)</u>	YTD Difference	\$ <u>(22,211.70)</u>
Budget: \$571,233.48			
(\$571,233.48/52 weeks=\$10,985.26)		<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	\$ 7,782.00
		(Last Week)	
<u>Bapt. Children's Homes</u>	\$ 195.00	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
<u>Benevolence</u>	\$ 100.00	8:45 AM Early Worship	37
<u>Equipping for the Future</u>	\$ 100.00	Sunday School	156 + 10
<u>City on a Hill</u>	\$ 40.00	11:00 AM Worship	190
<u>Lottie Moon</u>	\$ 25.00	PM – Discipleship/Worship	47
<u>NC Baptist Men</u>	\$ 100.00		