

Welcome to
Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
 Established 1869

Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world



The Lord's Day, December 9, 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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The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, December 9, 2012
Second Sunday of Advent

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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.*

*With the wisdom of centuries, our tradition tells us that the journey itself is what we need as much as finally reaching that shed outside Bethlehem. It tells us to pause, to take stock, to lie on some hillside a little distant from our destination and watch the stars. It tells us to empty our hearts so that there is room in them for the birth of something new and altogether unforeseen.*

*— Barbara Brown Taylor*

**Gathering to Worship**

Ministry Opportunities Richard Wood

Greeting

Music for Meditation Barry Cashion

*Today we celebrate the second Sunday in Advent. The scripture passages this morning from Malachi and Luke both emphasize repentance. In Malachi, the Lord is likened to a refiner's fire, purifying and transforming the people of Israel to prepare them to encounter God. Luke's gospel tells of John the Baptist preaching repentance in the wilderness and calling people to "prepare the way of the Lord!"*

Words of Welcome Richard Wood

Call to Worship

PASTOR: Welcome today to this time of preparation.

PEOPLE: **Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.**

PASTOR: Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace.

PEOPLE: **How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace.**

PASTOR: Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace with the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace. AMEN.**

Choral Response J.A.M. Children's Choir  
 "Away In A Manger"

S.L.A.M. Children's Choir

Joyful, Joyful Medley  
 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" with "Joy To The World"

Invocation Russ Stevens

**Hearing the Word**

Hymn 251 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" Congregation

Children's Sermon: Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace  
Richard Wood

Congregational Response Congregation  
 (sung to the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - Hymn 245)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Old Testament Lesson Malachi 3:1-4 (page 950) Pat Brown

A Missional Moment Alice Gilchrist

Hymn 278 "Angels We Have Heard on High" Congregation

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings  
*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,  
 so that you through his poverty might become rich.*  
(2 Corinthians 8:9, NIV)

Offertory Prayer  
 Worship in Song "O Holy Night" Barron Maness

Gospel Lesson Luke 3:1-6 (page 1016) Richard Wood

Worship in Song "A Stable Prayer" Sanctuary Choir

Sermon "And On Earth. . .Peace" Richard Wood

**Responding to the Word**

Hymn 292 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" Congregation

The Church at Prayer

**Sending Forth**

Charge and Benediction Richard Wood

Scattering on Mission



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

- **Sunday evening, 7:00 P.M. Children's Choirs Musical (Sanctuary)**
- **Wednesday Mid-Week Worship, 6:15 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room)**

**All Bible Drillers** - 1st annual Jingle Mingle in McDowell Hall today 4-6 PM. Come if you want to enjoy food, fun, games, and a totally awesome time!

**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 THIS WEEK**

| <b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9</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)<br>(Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM)                                |
|                               | Extended Session 1 – Angie Wood                                                                 |
|                               | Extended Session 2 – Sonja Lawrence                                                             |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM               | Lunch for the Liturgical Dancers                                                                |
| 12:00 – 12:15 PM              | Church Library Open                                                                             |
| 1:00 - 2:30 PM                | Liturgical Dance Practice                                                                       |
| 4:00 – 6:00 PM                | Bible Drill Jingle Mingle                                                                       |
| 7:00 PM                       | Children's Choirs Christmas Musicals                                                            |
| <b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 10</b>    |                                                                                                 |
| 12:00 PM                      | Marjorie Spence/Brown Bag Group<br>Sanctuary Choir Practice – Time will be announced by OneCall |
| <b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11</b>   |                                                                                                 |
| 7:30 AM                       | Men's Prayer Meeting                                                                            |
| 1:00 PM                       | Virginia Oliver Group                                                                           |
| 7:00 PM                       | WISH Group<br>Sanctuary Choir Practice – Time will be announced by OneCall                      |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12</b> |                                                                                                 |
| 10:30 AM                      | Staff Meeting (Conference Room)                                                                 |
| 6:15 – 7:15 PM                | Mid-Week Worship (Bullock-Matthews Room)                                                        |
| 6:30 PM                       | Youth Ministry Team Meeting                                                                     |
| 7:00 – 7:55 PM                | GA's, RA's and Mission Friends                                                                  |
| 7:00 – 8:00 PM                | Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Center)                                                    |
| <b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13</b>  |                                                                                                 |
| 7:00 PM                       | Sanctuary Choir Dress Rehearsal with<br>All Participants                                        |
| 7:30 PM                       | Praise Band Practice (Chapel)                                                                   |
| <b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14</b>    |                                                                                                 |
| 7:00 PM                       | Sanctuary Choir Dress Rehearsal with<br>All Participants                                        |
| <b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15</b>  |                                                                                                 |
| 7:30 PM                       | Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical                                                               |

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**College Student of the Week is Katlynn Premo** – Katlynn is the daughter of Dianne Premo and attends Gardner-Webb University. Please send her a card this week at PO Box 276, Sanford, NC 27331. Her birthday is December 24.

**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 with your current email address and your name.

**ADVENT 2012**

**December 15 – 7:30 PM**  
**December 16 – 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM**  
**Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical**

**December 23**  
**9:45 AM – Sunday School**  
**11:00 AM - Combined Worship Service & Baptism**

**December 24 – 5:00 PM**  
**Christmas Eve Worship Service with Communion**

**Address for Dr. & Mrs. Mark Gaskins** - Their address is 5020 Griffin's Gate Lane, Knoxville, TN 37912.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as of December 2 - \$410.00** - Our goal at Jonesboro Height Baptist Church for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is **\$5,700**. Be His Heart, His Hands, His Voice!

**CBF Global Missions Offering as of December 2 is \$115.00.** Our goal at JHBC for CBF Global Missions Offering is **\$1,500**.

**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 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 December Total of All Donations = \$375.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**PassportKids Sign-Up is available now** – This camp is for children in grades 3-6 and will be at Wingate University on July 8-11. **Registration and a \$60 deposit are due by March 29.** Sign-up sheets are available on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board outside Bullock-Matthews Room.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Youth Christmas Caroling and Party December 19** – We will begin at 6:00 PM with a time of Christmas Caroling followed by a party in the Youth Center. Everyone is asked to bring a \$5 non-gender specific wrapped item for the gift exchange and a donation to support Watering Malawi.

**PassportChoices Sign-up is available now** – This camp is for youth in grades 6-8 (Middle School Students) and will be at Wingate University on July 7-12. **Registration and a \$75 deposit are due by March 28.** Sign-up sheets are available on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board outside Bullock-Matthews Room.

**High School & College Mission Trip to Belize Sign-Up is available now** – This trip will be July 27-August 2 as we will be working with a church in Belize City conducting Vacation Bible School. Cost of the trip will be approximately \$1,100. **Registration and a \$100 deposit are due by January 30.** A sign-up sheet is on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board.

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: December 2, 2012 (Week 14 of 52)**

| <b>General Fund</b>                  |              | <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>       |                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Weekly Budgeted Needs                | \$ 10,985.26 | YTD Budget Goal           | \$ 153,793.64  |
| T/O Received                         | \$ 13,229.00 | YTD T/O Received          | \$ 123,174.46  |
| Over Budget This Week                | \$ 2,243.74  | YTD Difference            | \$ (32,862.92) |
| Budget: \$571,233.48                 |              | <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>       | \$ 14,639.00   |
| (\$571,233.48/52 weeks= \$10,985.26) |              | (Last Week)               |                |
| <u>Benevolence</u>                   | \$ 180.00    | <b>ATTENDANCE</b>         |                |
| <u>CBF Global Missions</u>           | \$ 90.00     | 8:45 AM Early Worship     | 32             |
| <u>City on a Hill</u>                | \$ 275.00    | Sunday School             | 166 + 4        |
| <u>Equipping for the Future</u>      | \$ 445.00    | 11:00 AM Worship          | 203            |
| <u>History Fund</u>                  | \$ 50.00     | PM – Hanging of the Green | 66             |
| <u>Lottie Moon</u>                   | \$ 320.00    |                           |                |
| <u>Music</u>                         | \$ 50.00     |                           |                |