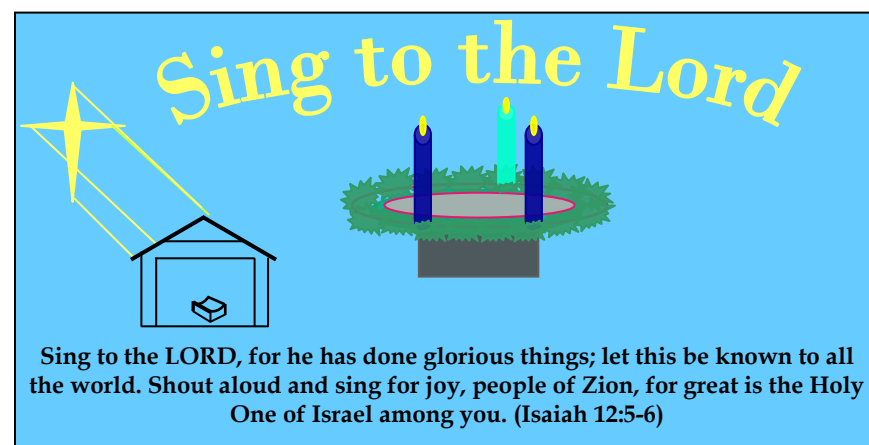


Welcome to
Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
 Established 1869

Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world



The Lord's Day, December 16, 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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- Rev. Gilbert W. McDowell, *Pastor Emeritus*
- Rev. Ronnie Byrd, *Associate Pastor for Music & Education*
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- Mrs. Jo Ann Brickhouse, *Organist*
- Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, *Pianist*

The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, December 16, 2012
Third 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.

*Joy has never had very much to do with what is going on in the world at the time, which is what makes it different from happiness or pleasure or fun. Joy happens when God is present and people know it, which means its holy moment can erupt at any time, in a depressed economy, in the middle of a war, in an intensive care waiting room.*

— Barbara Brown Taylor

**Gathering to Worship**

Ministry Opportunities Richard Wood

Greeting

Music for Meditation Kimberly Davidson

*In the third week of Advent, God's promises of new life and healing echo through the scriptures. The prophet Zephaniah speaks words of joy, reminding the people of Isreal that God is in their midst, promising them salvation and flourishing. The gospel lesson in Luke describes John the Baptist exhorting people to "bear fruits worthy of repentance," while also promising that someone more powerful than he is coming to bring about the kingdom of God. A new day is dawning, and there is cause for rejoicing.*

Words of Welcome Richard Wood

Call to Worship

PASTOR: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

PEOPLE: **Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.**

PASTOR: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

PEOPLE: **Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.**

PASTOR: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

PEOPLE: **Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God. AMEN.**

Choral Response "A Stable Prayer" Sanctuary Choir

Invocation Kenny Dail

**Hearing the Word**

Hymn 249 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Congregation

Children's Sermon: Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy  
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 Debbie Dail  
 Zephaniah 3:14-20 (page 935)

READER: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 259 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" 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 through Music Handbell Choir  
 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
 "Christmas Bell Medley"

Gospel Lesson Richard Wood  
 Luke 3:7-18 (page 1016)

PASTOR: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "What Should We Do?" Richard Wood

**Responding to the Word**

Hymn 281 "What Child Is This?" 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 . . .



**Today at 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM**  
**Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical**

**No Wednesday Night Service or Activities**

**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 16</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) |
|                               | Children's Worship (Chapel)                                      |
|                               | Extended Session 1 – Angie Wood                                  |
| 12:00 – 12:15 PM              | Church Library Open                                              |
| 3:30 PM                       | Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical                                |
| 7:30 PM                       | Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical                                |
| <b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18</b>   |                                                                  |
| 7:30 AM                       | Men's Prayer Meeting                                             |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19</b> |                                                                  |
| 10:30 AM                      | Staff Meeting (Conference Room)                                  |
|                               | <b>No Mid-Week Worship or Children's Activities</b>              |
| 6:15 PM                       | Sanctuary Choir Christmas Dinner                                 |
| 6:00 PM                       | Youth Christmas Caroling & Party                                 |
| <b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20</b>  |                                                                  |
| 7:30 PM                       | Praise Band Practice (Chapel)                                    |

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**College Student of the Week is Ashton Malloch** – Ashton is the daughter of Frank and Beth Malloch and attends Gardner-Webb University. Please send her a card this week at Gardner-Webb University, PO Box 5233, Boiling Springs, NC 28017. Her birthday is December 26.

**Final Numbers from JHBC Christmas Child Shoebox Collection** – This is the FINAL, FINAL total for shoeboxes received at our Collection point here at JHBC this year – **4,895**. This was our 10<sup>th</sup> year to serve as a collection site and we have come a long way from the 2,676 shoeboxes we collected in 2003. We only had 42 JHBC shoeboxes that year . . . quite a difference from the 663 shoeboxes our congregation filled this year! Again, we thank you for your part in reaching children with the Gospel!



**ADVENT 2012**

**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**

**Annual Chili and Cake Bake-Off** for men, women, youth and children will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2013 in McDowell Hall. Cake entries must be registered for judging by 5:30 PM. Chili entries must be registered for judging by 6:00 PM. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

**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 9 - \$870.** 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 \$165.** 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 = \$585.

**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 9, 2012 (Week 15 of 52)**

| <b><u>General Fund</u></b>          |                      |                            |                       |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Weekly Budgeted Needs               | \$ 10,985.26         | YTD Budget Goal            | \$ 164,778.90         |
| T/O Received                        | \$ 9,495.00          | YTD T/O Received           | \$ 132,669.46         |
| Less Budget This Week               | <b>\$( 1,490.26)</b> | YTD Difference             | <b>\$ (32,109.44)</b> |
| Budget: \$571,233.48                |                      |                            |                       |
| (\$571,233.48/52 weeks=\$10,985.26) |                      | <b><u>TOTAL GIVING</u></b> | \$ 11,851.00          |
|                                     |                      | (Last Week)                |                       |
| <u>Bapt. Children's Home</u>        | \$ 50.00             | <b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>   |                       |
| <u>Benevolence</u>                  | \$ 541.00            | 8:45 AM Early Worship      | 36                    |
| <u>CBF Global Missions</u>          | \$ 50.00             | Sunday School              | 145 + 10              |
| <u>City on a Hill</u>               | \$ 75.00             | 11:00 AM Worship           | 225                   |
| <u>Equipping for the Future</u>     | \$ 75.00             | PM-Children's Christmas    | 163                   |
| <u>Library</u>                      | \$ 15.00             |                            |                       |
| <u>Lottie Moon</u>                  | \$ 460.00            |                            |                       |
| <u>Music &amp; Education</u>        | \$ 1,040.00          |                            |                       |
| <u>World Hunger - CBF</u>           | \$ 50.00             |                            |                       |