

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

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



*"Baptism of Jesus" by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, 1851-60*

**The Lord's Day, January 13, 2013**

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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**The Worship of God**  
**The Lord's Day, January 13, 2013**  
*First Sunday after the Epiphany*  
**Baptism of our Lord**

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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.*

*Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. The Epiphany season marks the 'revealing' of Christ, and traditionally marks the three events of the visit of the magi, the baptism of Christ, and the first miracle – the transformation of water into wine at Cana, described by John as 'the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory'. Today, we reflect on the baptism of Jesus and how it was the beginning of the journey for Christ, and in the same way, our baptism is the beginning of the journey for us.*

**Gathering to Worship**

Ministry Opportunities Richard Wood

Greeting

Music for Meditation Kimberly Davidson & Jeff Brown

*Is baptism really about the past? For many of us, we think of it just that way... as a time where we enter into the water in order to have our sins washed away and remove our past. What if baptism was really about the future? When we are baptized, we relate ourselves to the Lord Jesus who died, was buried, and rose again to everlasting life. If we think of it that way, then baptism is a way of getting ready for the life God has been waiting to give us.*

Words of Welcome Richard Wood

Call to Worship from Psalm 29 Richard Wood

PASTOR: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

PEOPLE: **Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

PASTOR: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name,

PEOPLE: **The voice of the LORD is upon the water.**

PASTOR: The God of glory thunders, the LORD upon many waters.

PEOPLE: **The voice of the LORD is powerful.**

PASTOR: The voice of God is full of majesty.

PEOPLE: **Let us praise the name of the LORD!**

Choral Response 166 Congregation

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia,*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Invocation Rachel Brown

*Hearing the Word*

Hymn 12 "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Congregation

Children's Sermon Richard Wood

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7 Jeff Brown

READER: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 337 "Nothing but the Blood" Congregation

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

*"Everything comes from you,  
and we have given you only what comes from your hand."  
(1 Chronicles 29:14b, NIV®)*

Offertory Prayer

Anthem "Jesus Messiah" Sanctuary Choir

Gospel Lesson Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Richard Wood

PASTOR: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Invitation to a Journey" Richard Wood

**Responding to the Word**

Hymn 351 "Amazing Love" Congregation

The Church at Prayer

Announcement of Interim Pastor Mary Upchurch

**Sending Forth**

Charge and Benediction Richard Wood

Scattering on Mission



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

- **Sunday Evening Worship, 6:30 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) – Bob Tilley will be leading a 6-week study of the book Fellowship with Believers, from the Growing Disciples Series**
- **Wednesday evening, 6:15 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) – Kenny Dail will be leading this service**

**College Student of the Week is Ryan Blakley** – Ryan is the son of Richard and Jan Blakley and attends UNC – Greensboro. Please send him a card this week at 1218 Oakland Avenue, Apt. 1, Greensboro, NC 27403.

**Marjorie Spence/Brown Bag Group** – remember to bring school supplies for J. Glenn Edwards School.

**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><u>SUNDAY, JANUARY 13</u></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                                               |
| 12:00 – 12:15 PM                                               | Church Library Open                                              |
| 4:00 PM                                                        | Youth Ensemble (Bullock-Matthews Room)                           |
| 5:00 PM                                                        | Handbell Choir                                                   |
| 6:30 PM                                                        | Bible Drill Practice                                             |
| 6:30 PM                                                        | Discipleship/Worship                                             |
| <b><u>MONDAY, JANUARY 14</u></b>                               |                                                                  |
| 12:00 PM                                                       | Marjorie Spence/Brown Bag Group                                  |
| 6:30 PM                                                        | Building & Grounds Meeting                                       |
| 6:30 PM                                                        | Missions and Outreach Team Meeting                               |
| <b><u>TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 – Announcer Articles Are Due</u></b> |                                                                  |
| 7:30 AM                                                        | Men's Prayer Meeting                                             |
| 6:15 PM                                                        | Children's Ministry Team Meeting                                 |
| <b><u>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16</u></b>                            |                                                                  |
| 10:30 AM                                                       | Staff Meeting                                                    |
| 6:00 – 6:55 PM                                                 | Children's Choirs                                                |
| 6:15 – 7:15 PM                                                 | Mid-Week Worship                                                 |
| 7:00 – 7:55 PM                                                 | GA's, RA's and Mission Friends                                   |
| 7:00 – 8:00 PM                                                 | Youth Wednesday Night Worship                                    |
| 7:15 – 8:45 PM                                                 | Sanctuary Choir Practice                                         |
| <b><u>THURSDAY, JANUARY 17</u></b>                             |                                                                  |
| 12:30 PM                                                       | WINGS Bible Study Group                                          |
| 7:30 PM                                                        | Praise Band Practice (Chapel)                                    |

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**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**CBF Global Missions Offering as of January 6 = \$709.44.** Our goal at JHBC for CBF Global Missions Offering is \$1,500.

**City on a Hill Mission Total of All Donations as of January 6 = \$3,974.44.**

**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".

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as of January 6 = \$4,163.35.** Our goal at Jonesboro Height Baptist Church for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$5,700. Be His Heart, His Hands, His Voice!

**UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 20** - 11:00 AM – Rev. Jeff Roberts  
Celebration Covered Dish Lunch following the 11:00 AM Worship Service

**Sunday, January 27 -11:00 AM - Baptist Men's Day** – Ken Smith

**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.

**Baptist Men - Monday, January 28** - 6:30 PM in McDowell Hall with Mr. Larry Wilson speaking on Mission Experiences. Chef for the evening will be Norman Brickhouse. Sign up now to reserve your plate!

**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.

**Children's Ministry Team Meeting this Tuesday** – Meeting will be at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Youth Missions Day at the Bread Basket on Friday January 18** – We will be leaving JHBC at 8:30 AM and returning around 2:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board outside Bullock-Matthews Room. Those going will need to bring money for a fast-food lunch.

**Winter Jam Concert will be Saturday February 16 in Greensboro** – If you are interested in going, a sign-up sheet is on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board outside Bullock-Matthews Room. Cost is \$10.00 at the door. We will be leaving the church at 1:00 PM and returning around 10:30 PM.

**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 31, 2012 (Week 18 of 52)**

|                                     |              |                            |               |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| <b><u>General Fund</u></b>          |              |                            |               |
| Weekly Budgeted Needs               | \$ 10,985.26 | YTD Budget Goal            | \$ 197,734.68 |
| T/O Received                        | \$ 3,425.00  | YTD T/O Received           | \$ 241,915.09 |
| Less Budget This Week               | \$(7,560.26) | YTD Difference             | \$ 44,180.41  |
| Budget: \$571,233.48                |              |                            |               |
| (\$571,233.48/52 weeks=\$10,985.26) |              | <b><u>TOTAL GIVING</u></b> | \$ 4,925.00   |
|                                     |              | (December 31, 2012)        |               |
| <u>City on a Hill</u>               | \$ 1,000.00  |                            |               |
| <u>Operation Mobilization</u>       | \$ 500.00    |                            |               |

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: January 6, 2013 (Week 19 of 52)**

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| <b><u>General Fund</u></b>          |              |                            |               |
| Weekly Budgeted Needs               | \$ 10,985.26 | YTD Budget Goal            | \$ 208,719.94 |
| T/O Received                        | \$ 10,381.50 | YTD T/O Received           | \$ 252,296.59 |
| Less Budget This Week               | \$( 603.76)  | YTD Difference             | \$ 43,576.65  |
| Budget: \$571,233.48                |              |                            |               |
| (\$571,233.48/52 weeks=\$10,985.26) |              | <b><u>TOTAL GIVING</u></b> | \$ 11,101.50  |
|                                     |              | (January 6, 2013)          |               |
| <u>Bapt Retirement Home</u>         | \$ 225.00    |                            |               |
| <u>Benevolence</u>                  | \$ 200.00    | <b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>   |               |
| <u>City on a Hill Mission</u>       | \$ 125.00    | 8:45 AM Worship            | 25            |
| <u>Equipping for the Future</u>     | \$ 95.00     | Sunday School              | 163 + 9       |
| <u>Kitchen</u>                      | \$ 75.00     | 11:00 AM Worship           | 212           |
|                                     |              | PM – Business Meeting      | 38            |