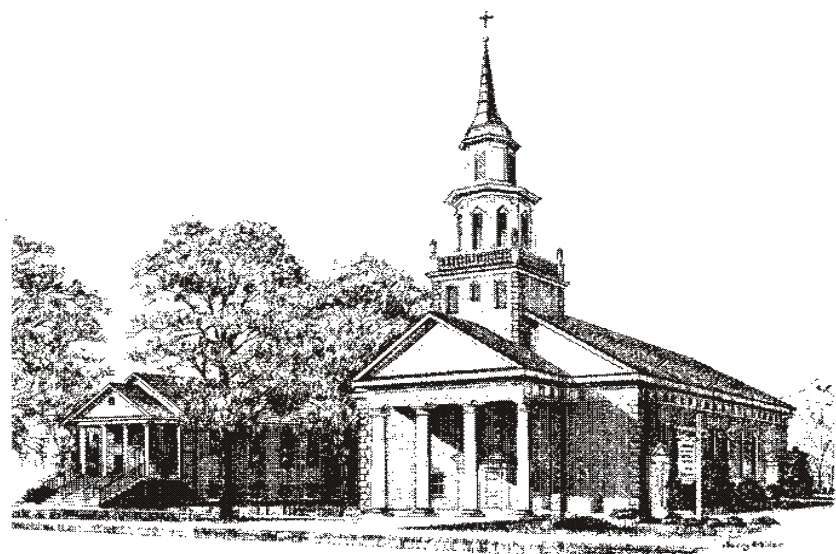


Welcome to

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church

Established 1869

Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world



The Lord's Day, January 4, 2009

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 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 . . .

8:45 A.M. - Food and Fellowship (Chapel)

9:00 A.M. - Celebration Worship (Chapel)

9:45 A.M. - Sunday School:

Preschoolers (1st floor of educational wing)

"G-Force" for Children (in the "Upper Room")

Small group Bible study for Youth and Adults

(1st, 2nd, 3rd floors of the educational wing)

11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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Church Staff:

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Gilbert W. McDowell, *Pastor Emeritus*

Rev. Ronnie Byrd, *Associate Pastor for Music & Education*

Rev. Mike Clements, *Associate Pastor for Families*

Mrs. Marva Lee Roush, *Administrative Assistant*

Mrs. Jo Ann Brickhouse, *Organist*

Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, *Pianist*

CHURCH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 4

8:45 a.m.

Celebration Worship and Communion (Chapel)

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

Church Library Open

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School (Children meet in Upper Room)

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service and Communion (Sanctuary)

(Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5FM)

11:00 a.m.

Children's Worship

12:00 - 12:15 p.m.

Church Library Open

6:00 p.m.

Bible Drill

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Discovering Discipleship

7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting (Bullock-Matthews Room)

Tuesday, January 6

7:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Group

6:00 p.m.

Children's Committee

6:30 p.m.

Outreach Committee

7:00 p.m.

Sunday School Council (Conference Room)

7:30 p.m.

Joyful Noise

Wednesday, January 7

1:30 p.m.

Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

5:15 - 6:05 p.m.

Mid-Week Manna

6:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Kid's Worship and Praise

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Acteens

6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

Children's Choirs

6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

No Strings Attached Puppet Ministry

6:15 - 8:00 p.m.

Church Library Open

6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Discovering Discipleship

6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Mid-Week Worship (Bullock-Matthews Room)

7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Mission Friends, RA's and GA's

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Worship

7:15 - 8:45 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:45 - 8:00 p.m.

Kid's Challenge (game)

Thursday, January 8

6:15 p.m.

Handbell Choir

Mid-Week Manna Menus

Wednesday, January 7 - - Pork loin, peas and salad

Wednesday, January 14 - - Baked chicken, stuffing, vegetable and salad

Wednesday, January 21 - - Menu not decided

Wednesday, January 28 - - Beef stew, rice and slaw

Away in a Manger

(verse 3 only)

Be near me, Lord Jesus;

I ask Thee to stay

Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,

And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

The Worship of God

The Lord's Day, January 4, 2009

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)

Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM

Epiphany Sunday

Gathering to Worship

Ministry Opportunities

Mike Clements

Music for Meditation

Jo Ann Brickhouse

Welcome to Worship

Matthew 2:1-12

Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship

"A Stable Prayer"

Sanctuary Choir

Invocation

Mike Clements

Hymn 288

"We Three Kings"

Congregation

Children's Message

Mike Clements

Children may exit for Children's Worship in the Chapel.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Rafe Davidson

Hymn 281

"What Child Is This?"

Congregation

Thanksgiving with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Anthem

"Worship The Name" (Medley)

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture and Sermon

Ephesians 3:1-12

"The Mystery of Togetherness"

Mark Gaskins

Hymn 461

"In Remembrance"

Congregation

Communion with Christ and One Another

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving

The Bread and Cup

Parting Hymn 262 (vs. 3) "Away in a Manger"

Congregation

Benediction

Mark Gaskins

Scattering on Mission



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

- **Sunday Evening Worship, 7:00 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) - Business Meeting**
- **Wednesday Mid-Week Worship, 6:15 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) - Dr. Gaskins beginning study of the Gospel of Mark**

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).

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Today, January 4 - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - - Communion
11:00 a.m. - - Children's Worship
6:00 p.m. - - New Discipleship Group Study
7:00 p.m. - - Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 7 - - Resume all Mid-Week Evening Activities

Sunday, January 11 - 11:00 a.m. - - Baby Dedication of Beatrice Daphine Tolliver with church-wide covered dish luncheon in McDowell Hall following the 11 a.m. service.

Sunday, January 18 - 11:00 a.m. - - Children's Worship

Sunday, January 25 - 11:00 a.m. - - Baptist Men's Day
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - - Bridal Shower for Catherine Holt
6:00 p.m. - - Chili Cook-Off and Cake Bake-Off

ITEMS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

College Student for the Week of January 4 is Mitchell Dail. Mitchell is the son of Kenny and Debbie Dail. He is attending Central Carolina Community College. Please send him a letter or card this week to let him know that he is not forgotten and that you are praying for him. Mitchell's address is 1708 Cherokee Trail, Sanford, NC 27332.

Disciple Now Weekend is scheduled for January 16, 17 and 18. You can be an important part of this weekend by helping out with some munchies. We will need lots of soda, chips, cookies, and other unhealthy stuff to make it through the weekend. If you Sunday School class would be willing to help out, we would greatly appreciate it. Pray for the youth and the host families.

New Discipleship Group Study begins tonight, January 4 at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Bob Tilley. This study will make us more familiar with the seven short books we find in our Bibles between Hebrews and Revelation. Five of the seven books were written by Peter and John, apostles of Jesus. The other two were written by James and Jude, half-brothers of Jesus. All of these men were involved in the church from its beginning, and all were well aware of its condition and its problems in the second half of the first century.

THEME - FAITH FACES THE WORLD (Putting Faith into Practice)

- 1 - LIVE IN FAITH
- 2 - LIVE IN HOPE
- 3 - LIVE AS GOD'S CHILDREN
- 4 - LIVE WITH PURPOSE

The scriptures are taken from James 1-4; I Peter; II Peter; I John; II John; III John; and Jude.

Note from the Personnel Committee - Mr. David L. Webb will join the JHBC staff as our new church administrator on Monday, January 12, 2009. Please keep David and his wife, Heather, in your prayers as they prepare to move to Sanford from Elizabeth City, NC.

Offering Envelopes have been mailed for January and February 2009. If you have not received yours please contact the church office. You can expect to receive a white envelope in the mail including your General Fund envelopes, Debt Reduction envelopes and any other special offering envelopes for the upcoming 2 month period. If your address changes please notify the church office as soon as possible so we can make sure your next set of envelopes is delivered correctly. If you have any questions any member of the Stewardship team will be happy to answer them. Duran Johnson-Chair, Lorena Batchelor, Pat Brown, Lynwood Jones, Phil Lawrence, Catherine Mitchell and Roger Vance

Sunday School News - It's a new year let's make time and thank our Lord for the opportunities that we have in America to worship every Sunday. Take advantage of that opportunity and attend Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. We offer great Bible Study and Christian Fellowship to everyone. See you there!

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Breadbasket** is in desperate need of food and volunteers, please call Susan Rosenthal at 774-3118.

CUOC - Food pantry items are needed. A green plaid box has been placed under the stairwell beside the Library for all donations to the CUOC.

BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: December 21, 2008 (Week 51 of 52)

<u>General Fund</u>				
Weekly Budgeted Needs	\$11,118.25	YTD Budget Goal	\$ 567,030.75	
T/O Received	\$15,409.70	YTD T/O Received	\$ 517,234.45	
<u>MISSIONS</u>		\$ 727.26	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>		\$ 5,196.92	Sunday School	194 +12
Current Balance is \$372,270.86			9:00 a.m.	Combined
			11:00 a.m.	292
			No Evening Worship	

BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: December 28, 2008 (Week 52 of 52)

<u>General Fund</u>				
Weekly Budgeted Needs	\$11,118.25	YTD Budget Goal	\$ 578,149.00	
T/O Received	\$15,462.76	YTD T/O Received	\$ 532,697.21	
<u>MUSIC MINISTRY</u>		\$ 1,000.00		
<u>MISSIONS</u>		\$ 219.00	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>		\$ 5,575.00	Sunday School	162 +13
Current Balance is \$372,270.86			9:00 a.m.	30
			11:00 a.m.	203
			No Evening Worship	
			Christmas Eve	143