

Welcome to
Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
Established 1869

Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world

The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, November 29, 2009

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)  
Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM

*First Sunday of Advent*

Gathering to Worship  
Ministry Opportunities Mike Clements  
Greeting

Music for Meditation Kimberly Davidson

*To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.*  
(Psalm 25:1, NIV)

Words of Welcome Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship "We Wait in Hope"  
A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Introduction

LEADER: Advent is a time to wait.  
CONGREGATION: **We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

LEADER: During Advent we wait for light in the darkness.  
CONGREGATION: **We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

LEADER: During Advent we wait for freedom from captivity.  
CONGREGATION: **We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

LEADER: During Advent we wait for comfort in sorrow.  
CONGREGATION: **We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

LEADER: During Advent we wait for power in weakness.  
CONGREGATION: **We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

The First Candle Katelyn Lawrence  
Refrain (see insert)  
Prayer Mark Gaskins

Hymn 245 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Congregation

Children's Sermon Mike Clements

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16 Sonja Lawrence

Worship In Song "A Stable Prayer" Sanctuary Choir

Epistle Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Phil Lawrence

Hymn 258 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Congregation

Thanksgiving with Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Prayer  
Anthem "In The Manger" Sanctuary Choir

Scripture and Sermon Mark Gaskins  
Luke 21:34-36  
"While We Wait"

Hymn 272 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" Congregation

The Church at Prayer Mark Gaskins

Benediction Mark Gaskins

Scattering on Mission



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

- **Sunday Evening, 7:00 P.M. (Sanctuary) - Hanging of the Greens Service**
- **Wednesday, 6:15 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) - Week of Prayer for International Missions**



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 (1<sup>st</sup> floor of educational wing)
- Children (in the "Upper Room")
- Small group Bible study for 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* (ronnie.byrd@jhbc.org)
- Rev. Mike Clements, *Associate Pastor for Families* (mike.clements@jhbc.org)
- Mr. David Webb, *Church Administrator* (david.webb@jhbc.org)
- Mrs. Marva Lee Roush, *Administrative Assistant* (info@jhbc.org)
- Mrs. Jo Ann Brickhouse, *Organist*
- Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, *Pianist*

**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**

**Sunday, November 29**

- 8:45 AM Celebration Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 - 9:45 AM Church Library Open
- 9:45 - 10:45 AM Sunday School (Children meet in Upper Room)
- 11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
(Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5FM)
- 12:00 - 12:15 PM Church Library Open
- 5:00 PM Handbell Choir
- 5:30 PM Rehearsal for Hanging of the Greens
- 7:00 PM Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)

**Monday, November 30**

- 6:30 PM Baptist Men (Old Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, December 1**

- 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 PM Personnel Committee (Conference Room)
- 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Joyful Noise

**Wednesday, December 2**

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 5:00 - 6:00 PM **No Mid-Week Manna**
- 5:30- 6:00PM Bible Drill (RA Classroom)
- 6:00 - 6:15 PM Kid's Challenge (Upper Room)
- 6:00 - 7:00 PM Acteens
- 6:15 - 7:00 PM Children's Choirs
- 6:15 - 8:00 PM Church Library Open
- 6:15 - 7:15 PM Mid-Week Worship - Week of Prayer for International Missions (Bullock-Matthews Room)
- 7:00 - 7:45 PM Mission Friends, RA's and GA's
- 7:00 - 8:00 PM Youth Worship
- 7:15 - 8:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Bullock-Matthews Room)

**Thursday, December 3**

- 11:00 AM Higher Heights/Seniors Christmas Lunch (McDowell Hall)
- 12:30 - 2:00 PM WINGS

**Saturday, December 4**

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: November 22, 2009 (Week 47 of 52)**

**GENERAL FUND**

|                                      |                    |                            |                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Weekly Budgeted Needs                | \$10,941.61        | YTD Budget Goal            | \$ 514,255.67        |
| T/O Received                         | <u>\$ 5,020.00</u> | YTD T/O Received           | <u>\$ 456,239.07</u> |
| Difference                           | \$(5,921.61)       | YTD Difference             | (\$ 58,016.60)       |
| (2009 Budget: \$568,963.47)          |                    |                            |                      |
| (\$568,963.47/52 weeks= \$10,941.61) |                    |                            |                      |
| <b><u>MISSIONS</u></b>               | \$ 145.00          | <b><u>TOTAL GIVING</u></b> | \$ 9,877.00          |
|                                      |                    | (Last Week)                |                      |

**MCDOWELL MEMORIAL**

\$ 2,575.00

**BUILDING FUND**

\$ 2,137.00  
Current Remaining Loan Balance is \$232,664.09

Sunday School 168 + 8 Visitors  
9:00 AM 31  
11:00 AM 241  
7 PM Evening Worship 29

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tonight at 5:30 PM** - Everyone that is participating in the Hanging of the Greens Service needs to be present for this rehearsal.

**Tonight** join us at **7:00 PM** for the Hanging of the Greens service.

**Baptist Men** will meet **Monday evening at 6:30 PM** in the Old Fellowship Hall. Dr. Matt Garrett will present the program and the facilitator will be Avron Upchurch.

**Aaron Smith, College Student of the Week** - Aaron is the son of Ken and Theresa Smith. 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. Aaron's address is 3600 Jeffrey Street, Sanford, NC 27332.

**Higher Heights / Seniors** - You are invited to attend our Christmas Luncheon on **Thursday, December 3 at 11:00 AM** in McDowell Hall. This year we will be collecting food for CUOC. Please bring a can or box to the luncheon. The meal will be furnished, but we invite you to bring your delicious dessert. All seniors are invited.

**Don't forget** your family mission statement. It only needs to be 1-3 sentences that states the goals, values and priority of your family.

**Capt. Mark McDowell Memorial Fund - Total collected as of 11-22-2009 is \$3,555.00.** This fund has been set up in memory of Capt. Mark McDowell designated for the sole purpose of installing lights on the windows in McDowell Hall. These lights would allow the beautiful windows to be seen at night when the church is dark. This fund will be open for donations until January 31, 2010. If you would like to make a donation, please do so by making your check payable to the church with a memo of Capt. Mark McDowell Memorial Fund.

**No Mid-Week Manna** during the month of December.



It's been another great year for Operation Christmas Child here at JHBC. We packed 331 boxes ourselves and we collected 4,349 boxes from the community! Compared to last year, our JHBC total was down from the 496 we packed last year, but our community total was up from 4,160. A TREMENDOUS thank you to all that made this ministry happen here at JHBC. Watch your January Announcer for a more detailed report.

**Mark Your Calendars - So You Won't Miss These Events!**

- Tonight - 7:00 PM - - Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)
- Thursday, December 3 - 11:00 AM - - Higher Heights/Seniors Christmas Luncheon
- Sunday, December 6 - 7:00 PM - - Children's Christmas Musical
- Friday, December 11 - Youth 30 Hour Famine Lockout
- Saturday, December 12 - 7:30 PM - - Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical
- Sunday, December 13 - 7:30 PM - - Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical
- Sunday, December 20 - 11:00 AM - - Combined Worship Service
- Wednesday, December 23 - No Mid-Week Worship or Activities
- Thursday, December 24 - 5:00 PM - - Christmas Eve Service
- Sunday, December 27 - No Evening Worship Service
- Wednesday, December 30 - No Mid-Week Worship or Activities