

Welcome to
Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
Established 1869

Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world



The Lord's Day, December 6, 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)

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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Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, *Pianist*

The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, December 6, 2009

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

*Second Sunday of Advent*

Gathering to Worship  
Ministry Opportunities Mike Clements  
Greeting

Music for Meditation JoAnn Brickhouse

*" . . . being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you  
will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."  
(Philippians 1:6, NIV)*

Words of Welcome Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introduction

LEADER: Advent is a time to watch.

CONGREGATION: **We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

LEADER: During Advent we watch for hope in the midst of despair.

CONGREGATION: **We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

LEADER: During Advent we watch for forgiveness in the midst of rebellion.

CONGREGATION: **We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

LEADER: During Advent we watch for peace in the midst of conflict.

CONGREGATION: **We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

LEADER: During in Advent we watch for the presence of God in the midst of a fallen world.

CONGREGATION: **We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

The First and Second Candles Noah Cowfer  
Refrain (see insert - second verse only)  
Prayer

Hymn 251 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" Congregation  
During the last verse - Children may exit for Children's Worship (Chapel)

Old Testament Lesson Malachi 3:1-4 Jacob Cowfer

Worship in Song "A Stable Prayer" Sanctuary Choir

New Testament Lesson Luke 1:67-80 Brenda Cowfer

Hymn 278 "Angels We Have Heard on High" Congregation

Thanksgiving with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer  
Anthem "Peace, Peace" Sanctuary Choir

Scripture and Sermon Mark Gaskins

Luke 3:1-6  
"Preparing the Way"

Hymn 292 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" 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) - Children's Christmas Musical**
- **Wednesday, 6:15 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) - Mark Gaskins teaching on Baptist History and Heritage**
- **Saturday evening, 7:30 P.M. (Sanctuary) - Sanctuary Choir Musical** (Doors open at 6:45 P.M.)

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

Tonight, 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

**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, December 6**

- 8:45 AM Celebration Worship & Communion (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)
- 11:00 AM Children's Worship (Chapel)
- 12:00 - 12:15 PM Church Library Open
- 5:00 PM Handbell Choir
- 7:00 PM Children's Musical (Sanctuary)

**Monday, December 7**

- 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical Rehearsal (Bullock-Matthews Room)

**Tuesday, December 8**

- 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM Adult Trip to Charlotte OCC Processing
- 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 1:00 PM Virginia Oliver
- 6:30 PM Deacons' Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical Rehearsal (Bullock-Matthews Room)
- 7:30 PM Joyful Noise

**Wednesday, December 9**

- 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 - 7:45 PM Mission Friends, RA' and GA's**
- 6:00 - 7:00 PM Acteens
- 6:15 - 8:00 PM Church Library Open
- 6:15 - 7:15 PM Mid-Week Worship (Bullock-Matthews Room)
- 7:00 - 8:00 PM Youth Worship
- NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, December 10**

- 8:30 AM Higher Heights/Seniors depart Woodland Ave. parking lot for Rudy Theatre Christmas Show
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical Rehearsal (Main Sanctuary)

**Friday, December 11**

- 7:00 PM Youth - 30 Hour Famine Lockout
- Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical Rehearsal (Main Sanctuary)

**Saturday, December 12**

- 8:00 AM Youth - 30 Hour Famine Lockout
- 7:30 PM Men's Prayer Meeting
- Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tonight** join us at **7:00 PM** for the Children's Christmas Musical entitled "**Merry Christmas! An Experience in Joy, Peace, Light & Love In Jesus!**" A Happy Birthday Jesus celebration will be held immediately following the musical in McDowell Hall.

**Congratulations** to Captain Andy Wagner on his promotion to Major, U.S. Army.

**Devon Smith, College Student of the Week** - Devon is the daughter of Tim and Donna Smith. Please send her a letter or card this week to let her know that she is not forgotten and that you are praying for her. Devon's address is 312 Monlandil Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403.

**GA's and RA's** - Don't forget that this **Wednesday night, December 9**, we will be heading to North Africa for our International Mission Study. We'll meet in the GA room at 6:00 PM and return by 7:45 PM. Earn your badge and have fun too. See you there!!

**Higher Heights / Senior Selma Trip** - We will depart from the Woodland Avenue parking lot at **8:30 AM Thursday morning, December 10**. We will arrive at the Smithfield outlets around 10 AM, lunch at Cracker Barrel and see the Rudy Theatre Matinee Christmas Show. We should arrive home around 6 PM.

**JHBC New Pictorial Directory** - Sign up today while there is still a good selection of appointments (photo schedule listed below), either at church or online at [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com). If you sign up online, you will receive a confirmation e-mail soon afterwards. Each household that comes for photography and portrait viewing will receive a complimentary directory and a 8x10 custom color portrait. Additional portrait options will be available for purchase. Please participate - it won't be complete without you!

- Friday, January 15 - 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM
- Saturday, January 16 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Thursday, January 21 - 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM
- Friday, January 22 - 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM
- Saturday, January 23 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**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** - 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.

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: November 29, 2009 (Week 48 of 52)**

|                                      |                    |                            |                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| <b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>           |                    |                            |                      |
| Weekly Budgeted Needs                | \$10,941.61        | YTD Budget Goal            | \$ 525,197.28        |
| T/O Received                         | <u>\$11,202.70</u> | YTD T/O Received           | <u>\$ 467,441.77</u> |
| Over Budget This Week                | \$ 261.09          | YTD Difference             | (\$ 57,755.51)       |
| (2009 Budget: \$568,963.47)          |                    |                            |                      |
| (\$568,963.47/52 weeks= \$10,941.61) |                    | <b><u>TOTAL GIVING</u></b> | <b>\$ 12,521.70</b>  |
|                                      |                    | (Last Week)                |                      |
| <b><u>MISSIONS</u></b>               | \$ 470.00          |                            |                      |
| <b><u>MCDOWELL MEMORIAL</u></b>      | \$ 295.00          | <b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>   |                      |
|                                      |                    | Sunday School              | 185 +98 Visitors     |
|                                      |                    | 9:00 AM                    | 46                   |
| <b><u>BUILDING FUND</u></b>          | \$ 554.00          | 11:00 AM                   | 251                  |
| Current Remaining Loan               |                    | 7 PM Hanging of Greens     | 112                  |
| Balance is \$232,664.09              |                    |                            |                      |