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## *From the Desk of Our Senior Pastor*

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of November we once again enter into the season of Advent. On each of the four Sundays before Christmas we light a candle representing **Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love**. Then on Christmas Eve we will light the Christ Candle.

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love seem like pretty audacious words considering all we have gone through over the last nine months. Certainly many of us will celebrate Christmas differently than we have in days of yore. And even though we take comfort in celebrating Christmas with a sense of tradition, I can't help but believe that stripping away some of chaos and distraction might actually make this Christmas more meaningful than ever. Because we are children of...

### **HOPE!**

RO 5:3 *And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;* RO 5:4 *and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;* RO 5:5 *and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

Beloved Church, we are children of hope and hope in a way the non-believer cannot. We hope with a confidence that God will fulfill every promise to include His care, provision and a wondrous future.

### **PEACE!**

LK 1:78 *Because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high will visit us,* LK 1:79 *TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, to guide our feet into the way of peace."*

Honestly there have been days, over the last months, when I have not been a child of peace. I have allowed worry and anxiety too close to my heart. Then, I have tried to pray and feel the peace the Spirit offers that is far greater than our present circumstances. All of which is possible through the Christ child who we celebrate this Advent.

### **JOY!**

LK 2:10 *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;* LK 2:11 *for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.* LK 2:12 *"This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

JOY is an audacious word in such a difficult time – but incredibly true and appropriate. As we meditate on the manger in the season of Advent, may this be a sign for you and every family!

PS 30:5 *...Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning.*

*From the Desk of Our Senior Pastor (Continued)*

**LOVE!**

*JN 3:16 "For God so **loved** the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

Whenever we are troubled and don't understand why...whenever we are tempted to question...whenever things get hard...we can always look to the manger, and the cross and remember how great the love of God for us. Yes, this Christmas may not be like any we have had before. Even so, as we focus on the Christ child and everything He means, may this Christmas burn bright with His love and light in your life!

*Merry and Blessed Christmas to you and yours!*  
Pastor Cal

**DEACON'S CORNER**

*Submitted by Lynwood Jones*

On Monday, November 2 at 6:30 PM, Chairman John Hall welcomed the Fellowship of Deacons to our monthly meeting.

Roger Vance led our time of devotion reading from Matthew 11:28-30, referencing that as we carry heavy burdens Jesus is always with us in our work.

Prayer requests from our Family Deacon Ministry were shared by all. We have had several members with recent surgeries and stressful family situations over the past month. Roger Vance closed this portion with prayer.

Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Cal Sayles shared his monthly report. The annual Hanging of the Greens will be held on Sunday evening, November 29, at 6:30 PM. On Thursday, December 24, our staff is planning the annual Christmas Eve Service. There will be two (2) Christmas Eve services this year - one service will begin at 5:00 PM and the second service will begin at 6:30 PM. The two Christmas Eve services were approved by the Fellowship of Deacons this year to keep our attendance under 100 people per service. More details will be shared in December.

On October 11, 2020, the demolition of the Annex building was approved. The demolition should be completed by mid-December with favorable weather.

Ron Rouse reported that the Church approved the Title and Job Description of the Associate Pastor of Families and Education. He reported that this position has been posted so we can now receive applications.

On Saturday, October 31, JHBC held a Trunk or Treat event for the children and families of the community. There was approximately 100 in attendance.

Under Congregational Feedback, Carolyn Marsh asked about when we could expect the return of children to services. After some discussion, a date of Sunday, November 29 was possible at the 11 AM service.

In closing, the Fellowship of Deacons approved the month of November as "Staff Appreciation Month". The mailboxes have been placed in the hallway in front of the offices for our congregation to put cards, a personal note, or a gift of appreciation for each staff member.

## **FAMILY CORNER**

Submitted by Pastor Cal Sayles

### **Merry Christmas!**

During this challenging era, it is all the more important that we hold on to our precious traditions, perhaps add a few new ones, and stay connected with one another. In that light, I want to share some information about two special events in December.

### **JHBC Scavenger Hunt and Christmas Tree Lighting**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of December at 3:30 PM, we will meet at JHBC for a Scavenger Hunt and Christmas Tree Lighting. We hope to have a tree on the new property adjacent to the church which we will decorate together. Would you be so kind as to bring one decoration for the tree? Please don't bring the one handed down through the generations – you may not get this one back! Just bring one simple, colorful decoration to make the tree beautiful.

Once decorated, family groups or pods, will do a scavenger hunt in downtown Sanford. I won't share all the details because we want it to be a surprise. BUT...it will involve ice-cream, chocolate and cookies, so...WIN! Everyone will have a different order to prevent overcrowding.

We will meet back at the church no later than 5:30 PM to light the Christmas tree and sing a few carols. Please make sure to bring your mask and maintain your distance. Let's have fun and be safe!

### **Christmas Eve Services**

Of course the Christmas Eve service is slightly more complicated than usual...like everything else! Even so, we want to have a beautiful service and encourage as many people as possible to come, celebrate and worship.

After some study, we feel that we can keep our social distance if we allow no more than 100 people in the sanctuary. Thankfully, over the past few years, our Christmas Eve attendance has increased to well over 150. So, to allow the greatest number of people to come and celebrate the birth of Jesus, and maintain our maximum of attendance of 100 people, **we will have two services**; one at **5:00 PM** (our normal time) and another at **6:30 PM**.

**This will require people to sign up in advance for one of the two services.** On the 29<sup>th</sup> of November the signup will begin on the Family Life bulletin board. Then throughout the week you can call or email me to make your reservation as well.

Both services will include the Lord's Supper so a deacon will greet you at the door and hand you one fully contained cup of the elements. As is our tradition, we will 'walk to the manger' at the end of the service. But this year we ask that you take everything with you and not re-enter the sanctuary. In between the services we will sanitize the sanctuary to be as safe as possible.

I understand that this is a little more complicated than usual, but it truly is our desire to have a wonderful, worshipful Christmas celebration, as safely as possible. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

God bless you and yours!  
Pastor Cal



## Gifts of Advent

Can you believe it? Christmas is almost here! For many, that means getting going on their present purchasing, so they don't get stuck running around, frantically trying to find 'the perfect gift' with only a few hours left before family shows up, and at the last moment, admitting defeat by stopping at the gift card display. It might also mean breaking out the mixer and turning the kitchen into Santa's bakery enveloped in a cloud of self-rising flour. And, it could, in a worst-case scenario, look like that play a football team does as the clock is running out and it needs to score. A player gets the ball and advances it as far as they can, and just before they get tackled, attempt to lateral the ball backwards to one of their teammates, who attempts the same thing. On and on they go until almost invariably, they get tackled, the other team gets ball, or it goes out of bounds. It looks like, and usually is, a disaster. Does any of this sound familiar?

Let me paint another picture, the one we as Christians often aim for in the distant months before December when we remember last year and vow to 'do Christmas differently this year'.

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, Nov. 29 as the time of expectant waiting and preparation for the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas. The roots of Advent also include, and maybe were even more greatly centered on anticipating the second coming of Christ. Both of these involve looking forward, expecting great and wondrous things.

So, I'd like to encourage us (you AND me) to look forward, anticipating Christ and His imminent return, and offer the following as gifts to Him.

1. **Excitement.** I know it's hard in this time of Covid to be excited about much of anything, but I am excited about what God is going to do at JHBC as we move forward, into a post-Covid era. I am praying for a season of growth, something that we've not seen in 50 years. Not just in numbers, but in faith, and service, and impacting our community. I'd like people as they drive by on a Sunday morning to say, "Something must be going on at Jonesboro Heights! I haven't seen that many cars there in years! Maybe we should stop in and see what's up!" Anybody want to join me in that prayer?
2. **Passionate Worship.** Many resonate with the song "I Can Only Imagine", wondering how they will respond when they find themselves before the throne of God in heaven. Ask yourselves, "What does that mean about how we worship here?". Will you raise your voice in worship there? You should do that here. Will you lift your hands in worship there? Why not here? Will you kneel in worship there? Go ahead and do that here. I'd like to see us as the body of Christ engaging in worship that is both passionate and sincere. The way we anticipate worshipping in heaven should be the way we worship now. The geography may be different, but God is the same.
3. **Unified in love.** One of the Song of Ascents, Psalm 133 includes this statement, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!". I love that the psalmist ended that with an exclamation point, noting the importance of the thought. The Apostle Paul in Colossians 3:12-14 says this:

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

My prayer is that our church would be characterized by these qualities and that the cancer of disunity would be eliminated. Can we expect the blessing of God without it?

What wonderful gifts these would be to give to the Father this Advent season.

*Pastor Scott*

### CORRECTION NOTE

In the November 2020 Announcer, the 2020 JHBC Baptist Men Golf Tournament Winners were listed incorrectly. Below are the correct winners of the golf tournament.

#### **Congratulations**

#### **2020 JHBC Baptist Men Golf Tournament Winners**

##### Champion Team

Bill Davis  
Zane Davis  
Chad Davis  
Billy Holland

##### 2nd Place Team

Michael Wicker  
Archie Dalrymple  
Mike Scott  
Ken Smith

##### Longest Drive

Zane Davis

##### Closest-to-the-Pin

Michael Wicker

### LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT?

We have just what you are looking for!  
Our JHBC COOKBOOK commemorating 150 years or Our JHBC ORNAMENT  
Each one is \$20 and can be purchased by contacting our church office.





December 1  
**Roy Lowe & Richard Sistrunk, Sr.**

December 2 - **Carolyn Elsey**

December 4 - **Richard Blakley**

December 5 - **Lorena Batchelor**

December 7 - **Lincoln Durham**  
**Sharon Howell & Erline Kelly**  
**Rebekah Walters**

December 9 - **Kaye Cummings**

December 10 - **Roger Vance**

December 14 - **Pat Brown**

December 16  
**Ann Laton & Elijah Stanley**

December 18  
**Claire Cummings & Shirley Holt**

December 20 - **Lee Patterson**

December 21 - **Johnna Lawrence**

December 22 - **Carolyn Marsh**

December 23  
**Miles Bowen & Cleona Moore**

December 25 - **Jennifer Sturm**

December 26  
**Ashton (Malloch) Rollins**  
**Gene Rouse**

December 27 - **Brady Whitney**

December 31 - **Donna Workman**

## *Thank You Notes*

Dear JHBC,

Daryl and I are very thankful to know the staff and people of Jonesboro Baptist. Their love and the preaching has been very uplifting in the time of COVID. It's been great to see some in "real life."

*Leah & Daryl Perry*

Dear JHBC,

The Breadbasket and I want to express our deepest appreciation for your generous monetary contribution to feed the hungry in Lee County. Your continued kind support allows us to serve the community through this mission.

*Art G. Rijkse*

*The Breadbasket Board of Directors*

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you for your monetary donation to Family Promise of Lee County. Your donation will be a great help to the families in our program.

*Tamara Brogan, Executive Director*  
*Family Promise of Lee County*

Fellow Christians,

Outreach Mission would like to thank you for your generous monetary donation. OM is a faith-based organization that reaches out to any person in need, providing food, clothing, a hot shower, shelter, and emotional support.

*God Bless,*

*Claire Hunt*

*Corresponding Secretary*

*Outreach Mission*

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you for your faithfulness!

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Anna*

*Executive Director*

*Reach Out Crisis Pregnancy Center*



# MEMORIAL GIFTS

## **IN MEMORY OF HARRY ANGEL**

(brother of Randy Angel)

To the Benevolence Fund

> By Tony and Agnes Kelly

## **IN MEMORY OF PATTI BURGLAND**

(cousin of Wanda Howard)

To the Benevolence Fund

> By Tony and Agnes Kelly

## **IN MEMORY OF GEORGE JENKINS**

To the Benevolence Fund

> By the Joyful General Sunday School Class

To the General Fund

> By Russell Warren

## **IN MEMORY OF BILLY STEPHENS**

(Father of Vicky Matthews)

To the General Fund

> By Curt and Sandy Brown

## **IN MEMORY OF JAMES TOLLIVER**

To the Tolliver Scholarship Fund

> By Daphne Tolliver

## **IN HONOR OF ANN ALFORD**

To the Operation Christmas Child Fund

> By an Anonymous Donor

## **IN HONOR OF RACHEL BROWN**

To the Benevolence Fund

> By an Anonymous Donor

## **IN HONOR OF CHASE BOWLING**

To the Baptist Children's Homes of NC

> By an Anonymous Donor

## **IN HONOR OF RAMONA BOWLING**

To the Baptist Children's Homes of NC

> By an Anonymous Donor

## **IN HONOR OF REV. GILBERT MCDOWELL**

To the Property Debt Reduction Fund

> By an Anonymous Donor

## **IN HONOR OF RON ROUSE**

To the Facilities Fund

> By an Anonymous Donor

## **IN HONOR OF AARON & SHPRESA SMITH**

To the Operation Mobilization Fund

> By an Anonymous Donor

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

JHBC Missions and Outreach Committee is thankful for your donations of wrapped candy. A special thanks to those contributing money for the apples. A total of 100 cups were filled by Amelia Yarborough, Judy Davis, Linda Hall and Sharon Brooks.

80 cups were given to J Glenn Edwards Elementary School teachers and staff  
20 cups were shared with Bayberry Retirement Home.

Thank you for sharing and adding smiles to our many BOO tiful friends.

Sandy Brown

Missions and Outreach Committee



## 2020 Operation Christmas Child



JHBC Congregation 529 shoeboxes

JHBC Collection Center 4,561 shoeboxes

Collection Center Volunteers 37 and 227 Volunteer Hours

It has been an amazing Operation Christmas Child season with the help and dedication of so many people and the strength and grace given to us from our Lord Jesus Christ. We have been blessed by an outpouring of shoeboxes that will carry the Gospel message around the world to children and their families. Covid 19 is not preventing the spread of His Word. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all those who packed a shoebox, donated items or funds, sorted items, setup centers, helped with packing events, volunteered in the Collection Center, assisted with data, hauled and stacked cartons, provided food, or offered any other assistance that made our OCC season a success.

*Love, Gratitude and Merry Christmas from your Operation Christmas Child Team*







OUR CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

to

*Mr. & Mrs. Dallas Harper*

*Dallas Harper and Doris B. Hall  
were married on  
Monday, November 2, 2020*



and

suddenly

there was with

the

angel

a multitude of

the heavenly host

praising God

and saying

Glory to God

in the highest, and on earth,  
peace, goodwill towards

men

Luke 2  
13-14

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church  
Balance Sheet  
October 2020

**Accounts**

**Assets**

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	\$75,936.19
Building Fund	\$100.00
Designated/Restricted Funds	\$77,527.74
Facilities Funds	\$54,090.38
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$207,644.31</b>
Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed	\$14,686.45
Investments/Endowments	\$702,787.22
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$925,117.98</b>

Current credit card receipts not paid/reconciled

Fixed Assets	\$3,098,522.97
Contra Asset Account	(\$3,939.59)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$4,019,701.36</b>

**Liabilities**

Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	(\$16,210.85)
Facilities	\$2,305.00
<b>Mortgage Payable</b>	
2500000 - BB&T Loan and prev Credit Line	\$192,194.10
<b>Total Mortgage Payable</b>	<b>\$192,194.10</b>
Total Current Liabilities	\$178,220.58
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	

Total facilities security deposits

**Equity**

Unrestricted	
3000000 - Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account);	\$3,846,975.81
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses);	(\$10,340.91)
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$5,565.82</b>
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts)	\$3,836,634.90
<b>Total Equity</b>	

Used by ACS as Fund Principal closing account  
Total revenue minus expenses for the year

**Total Liabilities & Equity**

Income	October 2020	
Expenses	October 2020	\$39,306.33
<b>Net</b>		<b>\$35,677.15</b>

	General Fund	2020-2021	Total GF Income
		2020-2021	\$79,217.35
		2020-2021	Total Expenses
		2020-2021	\$75,158.92
		2020-2021	Net 2020-2021
			\$4,058.43

**\$3,629.18**

## JHBC - DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Men's Prayer meeting	2 10:30 - 11:30 AM Staff meeting (Zoom) 6 PM Worship Band 6:15 PM On-Line Prayer Mtg Facebook Live (Streaming)	3	4	5 12 NOON - 5 PM JHBC Scavenger Hunt & Christmas Tree Lighting
6 11 AM Worship (Sanctuary) Children's Worship & Nursery	7 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Deacons Meeting (Main Conference Room)	8 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Men's Prayer meeting 6 PM Worship Band	9 10:30 - 11:30 AM Staff meeting (Zoom) 6:15 PM On-Line Prayer Mtg Facebook Live (Streaming)	10	11	12
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**GREETERS**

Tommy & Vicky Matthews  
and/or  
James & Catherine Mitchell

**LOCKING & SECURITY**

December 6 - Jamie Bowen  
December 13 - Tommie Angel  
December 20 - Ron Rouse  
December 27 - Belinda Bond



**Sunday, October 18, 2020**

11 AM Worship Service - 58

**Sunday, October 25, 2020**

11 AM Worship Service - 40

**Sunday, November 1, 2020**

11 AM Worship Service - 56  
6 PM Church Business Meeting - 20

**Sunday, November 8, 2020**

11 AM Worship Service - 56  
PM - Church Business Meeting - 36