

**The Worship of God**  
**The Lord's Day, December 22, 2013**  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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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.*

*Gathering to Worship*

Music for Meditation Kimberly Davidson  
*We keep silence during this time, using this time to make the transition between our relaxed and joyful coming together and our respectful, intentional worship of God. Take this opportunity to fold your hands, to quiet your thoughts, to still your soul, to open your heart. In the sanctity of this moment, prepare yourself for an encounter with the living God.*

Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir  
 "The Glorias of Christmas"

Words of Welcome Richard Wood

Responsive Reading Congregation

PASTOR: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.  
**PEOPLE: That sign is in the One to come--the One that God is sending.**  
 PASTOR: We want to know for sure that everything is in God's care.  
**PEOPLE: And so we cry to the heavens in our distress. Our cries are heard! God is responding in love and hope.**  
 PASTOR: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!  
**PEOPLE: Let us be ready to receive the blessed gift of the Savior. AMEN.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love Ray, Alice & Claire Gilchrist

Congregational Response Congregation  
 (sung to the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - Hymn 245)  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Hymn 249 Congregation  
 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Children's Sermon Richard Wood

Hymn 272 Congregation  
 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings  
*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,  
 so that you through his poverty might become rich.*  
 (2 Corinthians 8:9, NIV)

Offertory Prayer  
 Anthem "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Ronald Byrd

The Church at Prayer Richard Wood  
 The Prayers of the People  
 The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Scripture and Sermon Jeff Roberts  
 Luke 2:8-18  
 A Shepherd's Story

Musical Reflection Heather Webb  
 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Benediction David Webb

Postlude Kimberly Davidson

Scattering on Mission



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

- **No evening worship or activities tonight**
- **Christmas Eve Lovefeast - Tuesday, 5:00 P.M. (McDowell Hall)**
- **No Wednesday evening services or activities**

**Special Note from Sam Wornom, Chairman of the Deacons** - I am happy to inform you that our Church was the winning bidder for the property located at 309 W. Main Street (also known as the Old Jonesboro Library building). We ask that you consider a donation above your normal giving toward the purchase of this property. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 as a down payment and finance the remaining balance with a local bank for a period of 3 years. Closing on this property is December 30.

**NOTICE**

There will be a called church business meeting on Sunday, December 29, 2013 immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service.

The purpose of this meeting is to ask approval of a joint recommendation from the Deacons Board and the Finance Committee to borrow no more than \$57,500 to complete the purchase of the land and building located at 309 W. Main Street, Sanford.

We will have more details at the December 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**CHURCH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

9:00 - 9:45 AM Church Library Open  
 9:45 - 10:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship Service  
 (Sanctuary) (Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM)  
**No Extended Session 1 (Pre-School)**  
**No Extended Session 2**  
 12:00 - 12:15 PM Church Library Open

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**

Church Office Closed

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY**

Church Office Closed

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

Church Office Closed

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**ON-GOING MISSION PROJECTS**

**JHBC Family Promise Mission** - JHBC will be serving evening meals for our Family Promise families at First Baptist Church on **Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3**. We need your family or church group to help with this on-going church project. Please contact Alice Gilchrist by December 22 to participate with food or funds.

**Birthday Box for Major Andy Wagner**, one of our own military servicemen will celebrate his birthday on January 18 away from home and family. If you would like to help brighten his special day, please contribute a card or individual wrapped snack items for his birthday goody box. A collection bin is located in the Bullock-Matthews hallway. If you need further information, please contact Ann Laton at 919-776-7065. **The deadline for donations is Sunday, January 5**. His box will be mailed January 6.

**Don't Forget You Can Help** feed the homebound here in Lee County through the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program by simply shopping at Food Lion and buying their store brands. Just call Donna Smith (919-777-8786) with your 12 digit MVP card number to register NOW as the recipient of your shopping points.

**JHBC Benevolence Fund** - You can make a difference in someone's life. In addition to your regular offering, make a donation on your envelope to the "JHBC Benevolence Fund".

**City on a Hill Mission Total of All Donations for December** = \$897.44

**School Uniforms Total** - \$575.00

**Christmas Card Mailbox** has been set up in the hallway across from the Church office. Please place your Christmas cards in the appropriate slots. Then you select where your saved postage money should go: (1) Lottie Moon Christmas fund, (2) City on a Hill Mission, or (3) CBF Global Missions. Place your cash or check in the decorated box beside the mailbox.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**College Student of the Week** – Beginning Sunday, January 5, 2014 we will again feature our college student of the week.

**Your Missing Dishes May Be On A Table In McDowell Hall!** – The Social Committee would like to clear these dishes before the Christmas season.

**Church Office will be closed** on the following dates:

- Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
- Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas)
- Thursday, December 26

**Sunday, December 29** – We will follow our regular Sunday morning schedule, however, **there will be no evening service or activities.**

**Wednesday, January 8** – Family Night Covered Dish Supper at 6:15 PM

**Interested in Operating Our New Projection System?** Richard Wood will be providing training in January for those who would be willing to operate the system during our worship services and special events. Please email him by January 12 at [richard.wood@jhbc.org](mailto:richard.wood@jhbc.org) if you are interested.

**Youth Ministry**

**Youth Help for Christmas Eve Lovefeast** – We need youth to help with service during our Christmas Eve Lovefeast on December 24. Sign up on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board if you are available to come and help out. Youth will need to be at the church at 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve.

**Youth to Carolina Hurricanes Game Sunday, January 19** - We will be leaving JHBC at 3:30 PM and returning around 9:00 PM. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Sign up is available on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board. Tickets are not secured until payment is made.

**Social Media and Your Teenager** – Another session will be provided in the next few weeks for those who were unable to attend the session in November. If you are interested, please contact Richard Wood at [richard.wood@jhbc.org](mailto:richard.wood@jhbc.org).

**Youth Wednesday Night Worship Will Begin January 15** – Due to the holiday schedule and Family Night Supper, there will not be Youth Wednesday Night Worship for the next three weeks.

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: December 15, 2013 (Week 16 of 52)**

**General Fund**

|                                       |               |                     |                |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Weekly Budgeted Needs                 | \$ 11,321.00  | YTD Budget Goal     | \$ 181,136.00  |
| T/O Received                          | \$ 4,139.18   | YTD T/O Received    | \$ 148,930.75  |
| Less Budget This Week                 | \$ (7,181.82) | YTD Difference      | \$ (32,205.25) |
| Budget: \$588,692.10                  |               |                     |                |
| (\$588,692.10/52 weeks = \$11,321.00) |               | <b>TOTAL GIVING</b> | \$ 10,992.18   |

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| <u>Beveolence</u>          | \$ 220.00   |
| <u>CBF Global Missions</u> | \$ 350.00   |
| <u>Children in the Son</u> | \$ 20.00    |
| <u>City on a Hill</u>      | \$ 68.00    |
| <u>Hearing Loss</u>        | \$ 20.00    |
| <u>His Nets</u>            | \$ 30.00    |
| <u>Lottie Moon</u>         | \$ 770.00   |
| <u>Purchase Property</u>   | \$ 5,350.00 |
| <u>World Hunger – SBC</u>  | \$ 25.00    |

**ATTENDANCE**

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Saturday PM Musical        | 256     |
| 8:45 AM No Worship Service |         |
| Sunday School              | 148 + 4 |
| 11:00 AM Worship           | 205     |
| 3 PM-Christmas Musical     | 330     |
| Evening Christmas Musical  | 290     |

Everyone is invited to a  
**Christmas  
Eve  
Lovefeast**

Enjoy the Christmas Stories, Music,  
Coffee and Sweet Rolls  
For ALL Ages!

Tuesday Dec. 24th  
5:00 pm

McDowell Hall  
Jonesboro Heights  
Baptist Church

Welcome to

**Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church**

Established 1869

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



*"Mary and Elizabeth," by Carl Heinrich Bloch, 1860s.*

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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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*Of all powers, love is the most powerful and the most powerless. It is the most powerful because it alone can conquer that final and most impregnable stronghold which is the human heart. It is the most powerless because it can do nothing except by consent.*

– Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*