

The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, December 1, 2013
First 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 "Down From His Glory" Sanctuary Choir

Welcome & Invocation Jeff Roberts

The Sign of Faith: Baptism Richard Wood  
*Elizabeth Ragland*

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope Bryan, Jennifer,  
Abigail & Hannah Sturm

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.*

**Hearing the Word**

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

Children's Sermon Mary Hawley Oates

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

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings  
*"Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory  
and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth  
is yours . . . Everything comes from you, and we have given you  
only what comes from your hand."*  
(1 Chronicles 29:11a, 14b, NIV)

Offertory Prayer  
Anthem Sanctuary Choir  
"Rejoice, With Exceeding Great Joy"

The Church at Prayer Jeff Roberts  
The Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Scripture and Sermon I Corinthians 11:23-29 Jeff Roberts  
Until He Comes

**Responding to the Word**

The Sign of Hope: Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Bread and Cup

**Sending Forth**

Parting Hymn 426 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" Congregation

Postlude Kimberly Davidson

Scattering on Mission



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

- **Sunday evening, 6:00 P.M. – Hanging of the Greens Service (Don't forget to bring your favorite finger food)**
- **Wednesday Evening, 6:15 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) – Session on Giving and Investing Wisely, led by James Mitchell**

**ON-GOING MISSION PROJECTS**

**Needed** – Someone to help each week at J. Glenn Edwards Elementary School packaging fluoride mouthrinse cups for the students. It takes no more than 2 hours each week to count out the cups and bag them for each classroom. The day of the week can be flexible, just needs to be done once a week. If you are interested in helping, see or contact Mary Hawley Oates (919-353-0346).

**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 November** = \$3,495.00

**School Uniforms Total** - \$575.00

**CHURCH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**

8:45 AM Early Worship and Communion (Chapel)  
9:00 – 9:45 AM Church Library Open  
9:45 – 10:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service with Baptism & Communion  
(Sanctuary) (Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM)  
Extended Session 1 (Pre-School) – Cara Graham  
12:00 – 12:15 PM Church Library Open  
3:30 – 4:30 PM Youth Ensemble  
5:00 – 6:15 PM Bible Drill  
5:00 PM Handbells  
6:00 PM Hanging of the Greens

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**6:00 – 7:30 PM Children's Choirs**  
6:15 – 7:15 PM Mid-Week Bible Study  
6:30 – 7:30 PM Youth Wednesday Night Worship  
7:15 – 8:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

**12:00 NOON Seniors Christmas Lunch (McDowell Hall)**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**10:00 - 12:00 NOON Children's Choir Rehearsal**

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Invite Someone to Worship with You ... RIGHT NOW!** - While you're waiting for the service to begin, send a text message, a tweet, or a Facebook post from your smartphone and invite a friend... or all your friends... to join you for worship for the next hour. Send them to [www.jhbc.org](http://www.jhbc.org) under *Listen Live!* for instructions on how to listen either by radio or live stream.

**College Student of the Week is Katie Lamm.** Katie is the daughter of Kenny and Sandy Lamm. Katie attends UNC-Chapel Hill and her address is 301-C Hillsborough Street, Carrboro, NC 27510. Please send her a card this week and let her know that you are praying for her.



**Poinsettias** – It is time to order your poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Pick up an order form in the vestibule, hallways or office. Poinsettias are \$9.50 each. Fill out, place your money or check in an envelope and drop in the offering plate or the box on the desk in front of the library. Honor someone this Christmas season and help beautify the sanctuary.

**Dishes in McDowell Hall** – If you recently brought or donated food for special meals, please check the table in McDowell Hall for your dishes. The Social Committee appreciates your help in clearing these dishes before the Christmas season.

**Information about the NC Baptist Foundation** – If you would like more information about the services of the NC Baptist Foundation and in possibly setting up a trust or endowment, it is available in the church office for you to stop by and pick up.

**ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Cancelled Family Night Covered Dish Supper - Wednesday, December 4.** However, we will have our regularly scheduled Wednesday night service and activities. During the Bible study time (6:15 – 7:15 PM), James Mitchell will be talking about opportunities for giving.

**Attention – All Senior Adults** – You are invited to our annual Christmas luncheon on **Thursday, December 5** at 12:00 noon in McDowell Hall. We will come together for food, fellowship and a time of making Christmas memories. Please come and join us in this wonderful time of fellowship.

**Sunday, December 8**

11:00 AM - Worship Service and Baby Dedication  
6:00 PM – Children’s Choirs will present **“The Incredible, GIGANTIC, HUMONGOUS VeggieTales® Christmas Show!”**

**Wednesday, December 11** – We will follow our regularly scheduled Wednesday night service and activities. During the Bible study time (6:15 – 7:15 PM), Mary Hawley Oates will be leading a program talking about International Missions (Lottie Moon & CBF Global Missions).

**Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical “Come Messiah King”** will be presented on the following dates:

Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 PM  
Sunday, December 15 at 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM

**Christmas Eve Love Feast is for all ages** and will include Christmas stories, music, coffee and sweet rolls at 5:00 PM on December 24 in McDowell Hall.

**Youth Ministry**

**Youth Workday at Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte on December 14** - We will be leaving JHBC at 7:15 AM and returning around 6:00 PM. Sign up is available to the first 18 people. Youth must be 13 years or older due to liability reasons at the center. Bring money for breakfast and a packed lunch.

**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.

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: November 24, 2013 (Week 13 of 52)**

|                                       |                     |                                   |                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>                   |                     |                                   |                       |
| Weekly Budgeted Needs                 | \$ 11,321.00        | YTD Budget Goal                   | \$ 147,173.00         |
| T/O Received                          | \$ <u>7,752.00</u>  | YTD T/O Received                  | \$ <u>122,306.82</u>  |
| Less Budget This Week                 | <b>(\$3,569.00)</b> | YTD Difference                    | <b>\$ (24,866.18)</b> |
| Budget: \$588,692.10                  |                     |                                   |                       |
| (\$588,692.10/52 weeks = \$11,321.00) |                     | <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>               | \$ 10,402.00          |
| <b>ATTENDANCE</b>                     |                     |                                   |                       |
| <u>Baptist Children’s Home</u>        | \$ 200.00           | 8:45 AM Worship                   | 24                    |
| <u>Benevolence</u>                    | \$ 125.00           | Sunday School                     | 153 + 9               |
| <u>Equipping for the Future</u>       | \$ 20.00            | 11:00 AM Worship                  | 214                   |
| <u>Hearing Loop</u>                   | \$ 1,000.00         | PM–Community Thanksgiving Service |                       |
| <u>CBF Global Missions</u>            | \$ 105.00           |                                   |                       |
| <u>Highway to Healing</u>             | \$ 50.00            |                                   |                       |
| <u>Lottie Moon</u>                    | \$ 25.00            |                                   |                       |
| <u>Music</u>                          | \$ 1,000.00         |                                   |                       |
| <u>OCC</u>                            | \$ 25.00            |                                   |                       |
| <u>World Hunger – CBF</u>             | \$ 100.00           |                                   |                       |

**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

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church relates to the Sandy Creek Baptist Association, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina and the Baptist World Alliance, and supports missionaries both directly and through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

**An Invitation**

The people of Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church invite you to commit your life to Christ as His disciple and join our congregation as a member.

Our ministers would be delighted to talk with you about making a commitment to Jesus Christ. Please see them following the end of the worship service today, or contact the church office to schedule an appointment with them.

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. We receive members 1) upon profession of faith in Christ followed by believer’s baptism; 2) by transfer of membership from another Baptist church; or 3) by statement of previous Christian experience.

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 Staff:**

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| Rev. Jeff Roberts, <i>Interim Pastor</i>                            |                           |
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| Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, <i>Pianist</i>                              |                           |
| Rev. Gilbert W. McDowell, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>                    |                           |

Welcome to

**Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church**

Established 1869

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

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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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Advent is a time of waiting. Our whole life, however, is Advent – that is, a time of waiting for the ultimate, for the time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth, when all people are brothers and sisters and one rejoices in the words of the angels: “On earth peace to those on whom God’s favor rests.”

*– Dietrich Bonhoeffer*