

The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, December 15, 2013
Third 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.*

Words of Welcome Richard Wood

Call to Worship "Some Children See Him" Richard Sistrunk

Responsive Reading Congregation

PASTOR: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

**PEOPLE: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.**

PASTOR: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

**PEOPLE: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.**

PASTOR: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

**PEOPLE: Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God. AMEN.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy Jamie, Sandra  
Drake, Miles and Lizzie Bowen

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*

Hymns 250 & 253 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Congregation  
"Silent Night"

Children's Sermon Richard Wood

Hymn 265 "The First Noel" Congregation

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 "Angels We Have Heard on High" Handbell Choir  
"We Three Kings"  
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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

Scripture and Sermon Luke 2:1-7 Jeff Roberts  
Those Who Gave

*Responding to the Word*

Hymn 261 "Away in a Manger" Congregation

*Sending Forth*

Charge and Benediction Jeff Roberts

Postlude Kimberly Davidson

Scattering on Mission



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

- **Sunday at 3:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. (Sanctuary) - Sanctuary Choir Musical**
- **Wednesday Evening, 6:15 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) - Bible Study led by Jeff Roberts**

**Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical "Come Messiah King"** will be presented today at 3:30 PM (doors open at 2:45 PM) and at 7:30 PM (doors open at 6:45 PM).

**Sunday, December 22**

Combined Worship Service at 11:00 AM.  
No Evening Worship Service 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 toward the purchase of this property. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 as a down payment and finance the remaining \$50,650 with a local bank for a period of 3 years. Closing on this property is December 30.

**CHURCH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

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)  
Extended Session 1 (Pre-School) - Leah Johnson  
Children's Worship (Chapel)  
12:00 - 12:15 PM Church Library Open  
3:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical  
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Christmas Musical

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

7:00 PM Nell Smith/Mary Herring Group

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

10:30 AM Staff Meeting  
6:00 - 7:00 PM GA's, RA's and Mission Friends  
6:15 - 7:15 PM Mid-Week Bible Study  
6:30 - 7:30 PM Youth Wednesday Night Worship  
No Sanctuary Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

7:30 PM Praise Band Practice

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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.

**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** = \$529.44

**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 is Kevin Lamm.** Kevin is the son of Kenny and Sandy Lamm. He is attending Brody School of Medicine at ECU. Kevin's address is 409 Brighton Park Road, Apartment 9, Greenville, NC 27834. Please send him a card this week and let him know that you are praying for him.

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

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

**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.**

**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 Christmas Caroling and Party December 18** – We will begin at 6:00 PM with a time of Christmas Caroling followed by a party in the Youth Center. Everyone is asked to bring a \$5 non-gender specific wrapped item for the gift exchange and a \$5.00 donation for our Angel Tree Family.

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: December 8, 2013 (Week 15 of 52)**

|                                       |               |                      |                |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>                   |               |                      |                |
| Weekly Budgeted Needs                 | \$ 11,321.00  | YTD Budget Goal      | \$ 169,815.00  |
| T/O Received                          | \$ 7,498.00   | YTD T/O Received     | \$ 144,791.57  |
| Less Budget This Week                 | \$ (3,823.00) | YTD Difference       | \$ (25,023.43) |
| Budget: \$588,692.10                  |               |                      |                |
| (\$588,692.10/52 weeks = \$11,321.00) |               | <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>  | \$ 9,403.00    |
| <b>Bevevolence</b>                    |               |                      |                |
| CBF Global Missions                   | \$ 20.00      | <b>ATTENDANCE</b>    |                |
| CUOC                                  | \$ 100.00     | 8:45 AM Worship      | 25             |
| Hearing Loss                          | \$ 15.00      | Sunday School        | 142 + 14       |
| Lottie Moon                           | \$ 100.00     | 11:00 AM Worship     | 200            |
| Purchase Property                     | \$ 1,625.00   | PM-Children's Choirs | 142            |

**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*

**Sing to the Lord**

Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you. (Isaiah 12:5-6)

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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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Joy has never had very much to do with what is going on in the world at the time, which is what makes it different from happiness or pleasure or fun. Joy happens when God is present and people know it, which means its holy moment can erupt at any time, in a depressed economy, in the middle of a war, in an intensive care waiting room.

– Barbara Brown Taylor