

The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, December 29, 2013
First Sunday after Christmas

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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 Ronald Byrd

*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 "Child of Heaven" Sanctuary Choir

Words of Welcome Jeff Roberts

Responsive Reading Congregation

PASTOR: Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

**PEOPLE: Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!**

PASTOR: Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

**PEOPLE: All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!**

PASTOR: Come, let us joyfully praise God!

**PEOPLE: Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness.**

**AMEN.**

**Hearing the Word**

Hymn 284 "The Birthday of a King" Congregation

Children's Sermon Karen Wood

Hymn 267 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" 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

Worship in Song Kim Brown

"I Wonder As I Wander"

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

Scripture and Sermon Isaiah 61 Jeff Roberts  
 The Year of the Lord's Favor

**Responding to the Word**

Hymn 270 "Joy to the World" Congregation

**Sending Forth**

Charge and Benediction Jeff Roberts

Special Called Business Meeting Sam Wornom

Postlude

Scattering on Mission



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

- **No evening worship or activities tonight**
- **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 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 immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service this morning.

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.

**Special Reminder – All Year End Donations must be in the Church office by close of day on December 31, 2013 or post marked no later than December 31, 2013.**

**CHURCH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

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) – Sarah Griffin  
**No Children's Worship**  
 Church Library Open

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 – NEW YEARS DAY**

**Church Office Closed**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**

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.

**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 through Dec. 15 = \$897.44**

**School Uniforms Total - \$575.00**

**Don't Throw Away Your Christmas Cards** - Please don't throw away those beautiful Christmas cards you received a few days ago. The picture portion of the Christmas cards can be recycled into wonderful decorations for an ordinary shoebox...transforming it into a special Operation Christmas Child shoebox!! Simply give those re-purposed Christmas cards to Donna Smith or Kathy Waters or leave them in the Operation Christmas Child bins in the hallways.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the Budget and Attendance figures for Sunday, December 22 and Sunday, December 29 will be included in the bulletin for Sunday, January 5.

**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.

**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.

**Monday, January 6** – Deacons Meeting at 7:00 PM

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

**Sunday, January 19** – David and Heather Webb will be speaking at the 11:00 AM worship service with an update on their City on a Hill Mission in India.

**Sunday, January 26** – Baptist Mens Day. Our JHBC men will be leading us in worship during the 11:00 AM service.

**Social Committee News** – This year we have decided to change from our traditional Sunday evening Chili Cook-Off and Cake Bake-Off competition to having a Chili/Soup Supper and bring your favorite dessert. **Our chili/soup and dessert supper will be on Wednesday night, February 5**, which is our regular Family Night Supper. If you choose to share your secret chili/soup recipe and/or your dessert recipe with others, feel free to bring copies.

### Youth Ministry

**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 two weeks.

**Youth Passport Missions 2 will be July 7-12, 2014** – We will be going to Atlanta, GA. This camp is open to all youth in grades 6-12. A meeting for parents will take place on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. A sign-up sheet will be available next week.

## 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:**

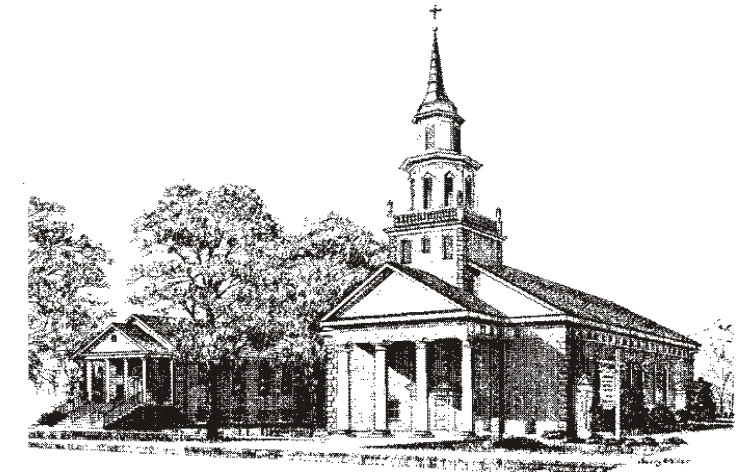
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Welcome to

# Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church

Established 1869

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



## **The Lord's Day, December 29, 2013**

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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*The season of Christmas begins on December 25, but continues through January 5. It seems appropriate, then, that our celebration of Christ's birth continue throughout all twelve days of Christmas, complete with feasting, rejoicing, and the singing of carols.*

***Alleluia, everyone! Christ, our Lord, is born!***