

**The Worship of God**  
**The Lord's Day, February 23, 2014**  
*Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany*  
**Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching**  
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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  
*"I Worship You"*

Words of Welcome Richard Wood

Responsive Reading from Revelation 21 (NRSV) Richard Wood

PASTOR: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first Heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

**PEOPLE: And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

PASTOR: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

**PEOPLE: He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."**

PASTOR: And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

**PEOPLE: Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.**

Invocation Richard Wood

*Hearing the Word*

Hymn 179 Congregation  
*"Our God Is An Awesome God"*

A Missional Moment Hannah Cowfer

Hymn 410 Congregation  
*"Standing on the Promises"*

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings  
*"Everything comes from you,  
 and we have given you only what comes from your hand."  
 (1 Chronicles 29:14b, NIV®)*

Offertory Prayer Sanctuary Choir  
 Anthem "At Your Feet"

The Church at Prayer Richard Wood

The Prayers of the People  
 The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Introduction of our Guest Preacher Richard Wood

Scripture and Sermon Bailey Edwards Nelson

Waiting For the Flash  
 Ruth 1:1-18

*Responding to the Word*

Hymn 596 Congregation  
*"I Surrender All"*

*Sending Forth*

Charge and Benediction Richard Wood

Congregational Response 166 Congregation

Scattering on Mission



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

- **Sunday evening, 6:30 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) - Discipleship: Richard Sistrunk leading a study entitled "Minister to Others" from the Growing Disciples Series.**
- **Wednesday evening, 6:15 P.M. (McDowell Hall) - No Mid-Week Bible Study**

ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Bailey Edwards Nelson as our guest preacher for the Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching. Bailey has served on the pastoral staff of congregations throughout the southeast, most recently as a Senior Pastor in Mount Airy, NC. She is a graduate of McAfee School of Theology and Furman University. She holds a deep love for preaching and the performing arts. Her husband, Justin is a Hospice Chaplain. They have one son, Aidan, who is four years old.

**Floating Shower for Holly Cameron** (bride to be of Jacob Cowfer) will be held **today, February 23** from 1:30 - 3:00 PM in the Bullock-Matthews hallway.

**Victoria Wood - College Student of the Week.** Victoria is the daughter of Dan and Karen Wood and she attends Campbell University. Her address is 343 Chapman Drive, Sanford, NC 27330. Please remember her in your prayers this week and send her a card.

**CHURCH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

|                  |                                                                  |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:45 AM          | Early Worship (Chapel)                                           |
| 9:00 - 9:45 AM   | Church Library Open                                              |
| 9:45 - 10:45 AM  | Sunday School                                                    |
| 11:00 AM         | Worship Service (Sanctuary)<br>(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                                              |
| 1:30 - 3:00 PM   | Bridal Shower for Holly Cameron (Hallway)                        |
| 3:30 - 4:30 PM   | Youth Ensemble                                                   |
| 5:00 - 6:15 PM   | Bible Drill                                                      |
| 5:00 PM          | Handbells                                                        |
| 6:30 PM          | Discipleship (Bullock-Matthews Room)                             |

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

6:30 PM Baptist Men (McDowell Hall)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting  
 10:00 AM Higher Heights (McDowell Hall)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

10:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:00 - 6:45 PM Children's Choirs  
**NO Mid-Week Bible Study**  
 6:30 - 7:30 PM Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Center)  
 6:45 - 7:30 PM GA's, RA's and Mission Friends  
 7:15 - 8:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

6:30 PM Church Council Meeting (Conference Room)  
 7:30 PM Praise Band Practice

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**Baptist Men** will meet **Monday, February 24** at 6:30 PM in McDowell Hall. Our speaker will be Aaron Smith, missionary to Kosovo. Please sign up to reserve your plate.

**Higher Heights** will meet on **Tuesday, February 25** at 10:00 AM in McDowell Hall. It is a "Special Good-Bye" for Ish and Hazel Rivera. Light refreshments will be served and all seniors are invited to attend.

**Smoke Alarm Installation Training** will be held on **Tuesday, March 11** from 6:00 - 9:00 PM in McDowell Hall. The NC Baptist Aging Ministry has partnered with the NC Department of Insurance - Office of State Fire Marshal to provide the training and the free smoke alarms. The installation of the smoke alarms will be part of JHBC's Operation Inasmuch. Please sign up for this training.

**Attention Seniors!** The Fort Caswell Senior Retreat is May 5-7. The total amount per person is \$136. One-half of that amount (\$68) is due March 2 in order to confirm our reservations. Write your check payable to Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church, designate on your envelope "Fort Caswell Retreat", and place it in the offering plate. Eight rooms (2 per room) have been reserved for us and will be given on a first-pay basis.

**JHBC Business Meeting** has been re-scheduled for **Sunday, March 9** beginning at 6:30 PM in the Bullock-Matthews Room.

**ON-GOING MISSION PROJECTS**

**JHBC Benevolence Fund** – 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 February** = \$864.44

**WMU Presents Share the Love Be A PILLOW PAL!** We are collecting new bed pillows during the month of February. These new pillows will be distributed to Family Promise, the men’s and women’s shelters, Oak Ranch and other organizations in need of pillows. Bring new pillows and leave them in the hallway outside Bullock-Matthews Room during the month of February. Help us show the love to those in need!! ANY KIND OF NEW BED PILLOW WILL DO TO MAKE YOU A PILLOW PAL!

**Easter Shoebox** – Make the most of your money as we work toward filling our Easter shoeboxes that are due Sunday, March 30. Be sure to shop the stores for “after Valentine’s Day” items like stuffed animals, stickers, small toys, pencils, puzzles, activity books, story books, hard candy and gum.

**Children’s Ministry**

**JHBC Bible Drill is Next Sunday Evening, March 2** – It will begin at 6:30 PM in the Bullock-Matthews Room.

**Youth Ministry**

**Disciple Now is March 14-16** – Cost is \$20.00, which covers food, activities and Bible study materials for the weekend. Youth interested in being part of this event need to sign up by March 2 in order to receive a t-shirt. Sign-up sheets are in the Youth Center and on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board.

**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. **Registration and a \$75 deposit are due by March 29.** Sign-up sheet is available on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board outside Bullock-Matthews Room. If you need more information, please contact Rich.

**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).



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 Rev. Gilbert W. McDowell, Pastor Emeritus

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)**

**316 WEST MAIN STREET  
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Since 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry has invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This annual event has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many women and churches. Today, we are counted with other Baptist churches in celebrating the calling and gifts of women, and reminded that God does indeed call women to the work of the kingdom.

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: February 16, 2014 (Week 25 of 52)**

**General Fund**

|                                       |               |                     |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Budgeted Needs                 | \$ 11,321.00  | YTD Budget Goal     | \$ 283,025.00 |
| T/O Received                          | \$ 5,421.50   | YTD T/O Received    | \$ 300,617.88 |
| Less Budget This Week                 | \$ (5,899.50) | YTD Difference      | \$ 17,592.88  |
| Budget: \$588,692.10                  |               |                     |               |
| (\$588,692.10/52 weeks = \$11,321.00) |               | <b>TOTAL GIVING</b> | \$ 5,886.50   |

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| Baptist Retirement Home | \$ 325.00 |
| H/E Thomas Mission      | \$ 40.00  |
| Lottie Moon Offering    | \$ 100.00 |

**ATTENDANCE**

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| 8:45 AM Early Worship         | 18      |
| Sunday School                 | 151 + 2 |
| 11 AM Worship Service         | 260     |
| PM – Cancelled Due to No Heat |         |