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From the Desk of Our Senior Pastor

JN 7:38 **"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said,
'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'** "

John 7:38, the words of Jesus...*rivers of living water!* Doesn't that sound good, especially after the year we all have had! The last year has felt more like a dry and parched land...but now we have the wonderful opportunity to begin again! And I truly believe one of the essential factors that will decide what kind of year we will have will be **dependent on how we pray.**

In October of 2019 many ministry leaders of the church attended a retreat to set goals for the coming year. The number one goal we came away with was **'To truly be a house and people of PRAYER!'** We had many plans which we hoped to execute...and then we were thrown for a loop. But as the New Year begins what better way than to dedicate ourselves to be a people of prayer?

Jesus said in **John 15:5** 'I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.' I am always struck by that last word; **'nothing.'** It's not that we can do *some things*, a *few things*, but without an intimate connection with the Master in prayer we can do **nothing.**

The truth is I wonder if we try to do too much on our own initiative. With the challenges we have ahead as we regather post-covid, and reach out to fulfill the Great Commission, we simply cannot do this disconnected from the Master and Holy Spirit power and wisdom.

So, as we begin a new year, would you commit to dedicating yourself to be a person of prayer, seeking the will of God for your life and His church?

With a desire to contribute toward this goal, Sandy and I have a gift for you; a small book entitled ***'21 Days of Breakthrough Prayer; The Power of Agreement.'*** It is a daily devotional that teaches about prayer as well as guides our prayers. Our hope is that we can join together beginning on the 4th of January and take another step toward our goal to truly be a house and people of prayer.

The books are in the main hallway of the church. We have obtained one per family but if you would like your personal copy, please let me know and I will ensure you get one. Please feel free to take a copy the next time you are in the church, or if needed, I'll bring one to you.

What if... Oh church, what if we joined together in prayer, opening ourselves up entirely to the will and wisdom of our heavenly Father?! What changes might we see? What miracles? Let us join together and pray!

May the Coming Year Be FULL of Blessings for You and Yours!
Pastor Cal



The Battle Belongs to You

Throughout 2020, my prayer and the prayers of the staff of JHBC have continually been for the physical health and spiritual growth of those who worship here. And while the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons can be a hard time for some, for most, I believe, they are a time of rejoicing and reflection on the good memories of the past year and the years past.

Personally, 2020 has been a positive year. I'll admit, it's been unlike any other year any of us has ever experienced (I refuse to use the term 'unprecedented'), but throughout it, God has continued to show Himself faithful and kind. However, I know that there are those whose experience is much different than mine. Some have suffered through sickness, the loss of loved ones, and learning to work (or go to school) in a whole new way. And even though there is the anticipation of a vaccine to deal with Covid, there remain a host of challenges that we will face in the new year.

I think that is why, as I was trying to decide what new song to introduce in January, that this one really jumped out at me. The title is "Battle Belongs". It was written and sung by Phil Wickham. He has written a couple other songs that we have recently incorporated into our worship services, "Living Hope" and "Great Things". Those songs, like this one, do a great job directing our attention toward Jesus, who, if not to oversimplify things, is our Living Hope, and has done great things for us. I encourage you to go to www.jhbcworship.org and watch Phil present the song.

So, here's how I see this song being a blessing for us. We are in a season where, no matter where we look (on this earth), there is chaos, confusion, and in many ways an assault on the things and people of God. It is easy to be drawn into this quagmire of despair, and allow our focus to be drawn away from God, and placed on the battle itself, not Him who is Lord over the battle.

The biblical illustration that I see in the words of this song take me to the story of David and Goliath. If you haven't read it in a while, check it out in I Samuel 17. What is clear from reading this story is that David's motivation was to avenge the man who defied the armies of the living God, and that it would be the Lord Almighty that delivered Goliath into David's hand, not his strength or spear, because he had neither. And that is exactly what happened.

For all those who for days had listened to the Philistine boast of his great power and Israel's weakness, the battle seemed overwhelming, as if they were trying to move a mountain. Maybe you have felt the same as the last year has drug on, wearing you down, and drawing your attention away from God. This song is for you. It says that when all we can see is the battle, God already sees your victory. When you're staring down what looks like a mountain, God is waiting for you to ask Him to move it. This challenge is no larger than the ones He's already walked with you through. After God gave the lion and the bear into David's hands, he had no problem believing that God would do the same to the giant who defied the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel.

Make no mistake, this is a battle cry, and the cry is "the battle belongs to You". The challenge for us it to keep our focus on the Lord, not the things going on around us. God will take care of those, because, as the song says, "Nothing can stand against the power of our God." So, when we sing this song, sing with boldness and confidence, not because we are strong, but because He is.

Pastor Scott

Update from the Personnel Committee

Submitted by Ron Rouse

Hello everyone. I would like to give you a brief update on the status of our search for an Associate Pastor of Youth, Children, & Families.

Our vacant position was posted the first week in November to approximately 3 locations (print and electronic sites) in the Southeast and Midwest US including approximately 10 divinity school sites utilized by students, alumni, and others searching for where God may be leading them to serve.

As of this writing, we have received 11 resumes for consideration from potential candidates. Hopefully we will receive more responses in the weeks to come. At this point, no candidates have been contacted regarding the position. After the first of the year the committee will be meeting to review, discuss, and prioritize the resumes we have and we will proceed accordingly.

As we continue through this process, please be in continuous prayer for the committee as a group and as individuals, that we would be granted the wisdom to perform the task before us in complete unity with God's will for Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church. Even though you may not know them by name or anything about them, please also pray for all of those who request to be considered for our position.

I will continue to provide updates as we proceed.

Thank you and God bless,
JHBC Personnel Committee

Ron Rouse – Chairman
Ramona Bowling

Russ Stevens
Brenda Wicker

Vickie Wilkins
Ben Wood

DEACON'S CORNER

Submitted by Tommie Angel

On December 7th, the deacon board met for our regular monthly meeting. John Hall opened the meeting and Kenny Lamm led devotion time beginning with an invitation to share any prayer concerns or praises. Many needs of individuals in our church family and community were shared. Kenny began his devotion by turning the lights off and leading in a time of reflection by asking us to speak aloud words that described darkness in our world. Many descriptive words were spoken. Kenny reminded us that in God's Word we are taught that although there is "darkness" in the world, we have hope because God sent light into the world. In the beginning, in Genesis 1:3, God spoke light into the world. He sent His son "to be the light", into the world; and he reminds us in Psalm 27:1 that He is our light and our strength, and we "shall not fear". Psalm 119:105, says, He is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. What a wonderful reminder that our Savior, The Light of the World, can overcome any darkness we may experience in our lives. As we continue each day may we be reminded to focus on "The Light", our Savior, who has and will overcome any darkness we may face.

Pastor Cal shared his monthly Pastor Report. Pastor Scott's written monthly report was also distributed to the committee.

Business Discussed:

- Update on Children's Worship and Nursery reopening
- Updates on Christmas Eve Services
- Ideas for community outreach
- Financial update and budget outlook.
- Personnel Committee update

The meeting was closed in prayer lead by Belinda Bond.

The next deacon meeting will be held on Monday, January 11th.



January 1 - Jordan Brown

January 2 - Agnes Kelly

January 3 - Eli Wood

**January 6 - Justin Bowling,
Ramona Bowling, Ronnie Byrd,
Bailey Lawrence & Ken Smith**

January 9 - Mike Stone

January 14 - Maxine Matthews

**January 16
Claire Gilchrist & Bill Kallam**

January 18 - Andy Wagner

**January 19
Mary Sue Patterson & Abigail Sturm**

**January 20
Heather Brooks & Donna Rouse**

January 22 - Jeff Cummings

January 24 - Kathryn Brannan

**January 28
Lorraine Adkins & Jack Durham**

**January 29
Eddie Bowling & Jeff Brown
Cynthia Combs**

January 30 - Judy Beal

Thank You Notes

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

What a tremendous impact you have made in the lives of the boys and girls entrusted to the care of Baptist Children's Homes. Your gift of love tells these children that they are valued, they have potential and that their lives are worth fighting for.

*Michael C. Blackwell, President/CEO
Baptist Children's Homes of NC, Inc.*

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The staff and board of Family Promise wants to thank you. Because of you we will be able to continue to fulfill our mission of helping families experiencing homelessness in Lee County find safe, stable housing.

*David Dudley, Chair
Tamara Brogan, Executive Director
Family Promise of Lee County*

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Dear Members of JHBC,

Thank you so very much for your generous donation to Meals on Wheels of Sanford. Please know all these funds will be used to provide hot meals for those in need here in Sanford. May each of you be blessed as you have blessed so many others.

*Deb Egbert, Corresponding Secretary
Meals on Wheels of Sanford, Inc.*

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Fellow Christians,

Outreach Mission would like to thank you for your recent generous donation. OM is a faith-based organization that reaches out to any person in need, providing food, clothing, a hot shower, shelter, and emotional support.

*Claire Hunt, Corresponding Secretary
Outreach Mission*

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MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF HARRY ANGEL

(brother of Randy Angel)
To the Property Debt Reducation Fund
> By an Anonymous Donor

IN MEMORY OF SCOTT FOWLER

(son of Juanita Neal on his birthday)
To the Benevolence Fund
> By Juanita and Herman Neal

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN HODGES

To the Benevolence Fund
> By an Anonymous Donor
To the General Fund
> By Sylvia Thomas

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE JENKINS

To the Building & Grounds Fund
> By an Anonymous Donor

IN MEMORY OF BILLY STEPHENS

(Father of Vicky Matthews)
To the General Fund
> By JHBC Fidelis Sunday School Class
To the Lottie Moon Christmas Fund
> By an Anonymous Donor

IN MEMORY OF JAMES TOLLIVER

To the Tolliver Scholarship Fund
> By Daphne Tolliver

IN HONOR OF SUSAN BLAKELY

(sister of Tommie Angel)
To the Baptist Children's Home of NC Fund
> By an Anonymous Donor

IN HONOR OF THE BOWLING FAMILY

To the Lottie Moon Christmas Fund
> By Ramona Bowling

IN HONOR OF MELBA KELLY

To the Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Fund
> By an Anonymous Donor

IN HONOR OF AARON & SHPRESA SMITH

To the Operation Mobilization Fund
> By an Anonymous Donor

As we all struggle through these uncertain times of COVID, being separated from family members, church family and friends. I am reminded of a song that my father was going to sing at church on Sunday morning, October 31, 2010. Unfortunately, my father died in his sleep early that Sunday morning. He didn't get to sing this song in church that morning, but instead he was singing as a member of the heavenly choir around God's throne.

Someone To Care

*When the world seems cold and your friends seem few,
There is someone who cares for you;
When you've tears in your eyes, your heart bleeds inside,
There is someone who care for you.*

Chorus

*Someone to care, Someone to share all your troubles like no other can do;
He'll come down from the skies and brush the tears from your eyes,
You're His child and He cares for you.*

Verse 2

*When your disappointments come and you feel so blue,
There is someone who cares for you;
When you need a friend, a friend till the end,
There is someone who's a friend to you.*

Hope this reminds you that Jesus is just a prayer away.

Marva Lee Roush

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
Balance Sheet
November 2020

Accounts

Assets

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	\$81,218.99
Building Fund	\$100.00
Designated/Restricted Funds	\$77,527.74
Facilities Funds	\$54,090.38
Total Checking/Savings	\$212,937.11
Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed	\$14,776.17
Investments/Endowments	\$702,787.22
Total Current Assets	\$930,500.50

Current credit card receipts not paid/reconciled

Fixed Assets	\$3,098,522.97
Contra Asset Account	(\$3,471.22)
Total Assets	\$4,025,552.25

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	(\$16,088.81)
Facilities	\$2,305.00
Mortgage Payable	
250,000.00 - BB&T Loan Land prev Credit Line	\$192,194.10
Total Mortgage Payable	\$192,194.10
Total Current Liabilities	\$178,342.62
Total Liabilities	

Total facilities security deposits

Equity

Unrestricted	
300,000.00 - Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account)	\$3,846,975.81
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses)	(\$6,754.42)
Total Unrestricted	\$7,708.18
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts)	\$3,840,221.39
Total Equity	

Used by ACS as Fund Principal closing account
Total revenue minus expenses for the year

Total Liabilities & Equity

Income	November 2020	\$39,755.02
Expenses	November 2020	\$36,723.97
Net		\$3,031.05

	General Fund	2020-2021	Total GF Income	\$118,972.37
		2020-2021	Total Expenses	\$112,235.45
		2020-2021	Net 2020-2021	\$6,736.92


JHBC - JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Please note that all services and activities may be cancelled due to COVID-19						
3 11 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Discipleship	4	5 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Mtg 6:00 PM Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM BMCT (Main Conference Room)	6 10:30 Staff Meeting (Zoom) 6:15 PM Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting (Streaming)	7 2:00 PM Pearl Johnson 3:00 PM HHCT (Conference Room)	8 Office Closed	9
10 11 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM JHBC Business Mtg (Bullock-Matthews Rm)	11 12 PM Marjorie Spence/Brown Bag 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting (Main Conference Room)	12 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Mtg 1 PM Virginia Oliver 6:30 PM Missions and Outreach (McDowell Hall) 7:00 PM WISH (Library)	13 10:30 Staff Meeting (Zoom) 5 PM WMU Council Mtg (Old Fellowship hall) 6 PM Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:15 PM Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting (Streaming)	14	15 Office Closed 9:00 AM Announcer Articles due to Marva Lee 15th of the month	16
17 11 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Discipleship	18 6:30 PM Building & Grounds (Conference Room)	19 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Mtg 6:00 PM Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	20 10:30 Staff Meeting (Zoom) 6:15 PM Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting (Streaming)	21	22 Office Closed	23 9:30 AM New to the Community Visits (Biscuitville)
24 11 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Discipleship	25 6:30 PM Baptist Men	26 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM Missions and Outreach (McDowell Hall)	27 10:30 Staff Meeting (Zoom) 11 AM Higher Heights 6 PM Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:15 PM Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting (Streaming)	28	29 Office Closed	30
31 11 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Discipleship	1	2	3	4	5	6

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GREETERS
Donna Rouse & Ann Davis

LOCKING & SECURITY
January 3 - Tommy Matthews
January 10 - Stephen Graham
January 17 - Jamie Bowen
January 24—Michael Wilkins
January 31 - Sam Wornom



Sunday, November 15, 2020
11 AM Worship Service - 61

Sunday, November 22, 2020
11 AM Worship Service - 67

Sunday, November 29, 2020
11 AM Worship Service - 69

Sunday, December 6, 2020
11 AM Worship Service - 75