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## *From the Desk of Our Senior Pastor*

### *Holy Habits*

HEB 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; HEB 10:24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, HEB 10:25 **not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some**, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

I've been thinking a lot about habits lately. A habit is '*a routine of behavior that is repeated regularly and tends to occur subconsciously.*' For instance, when it's Sunday, we (normally) get up, get dressed, go to church, and prepare our hearts to worship. That's a good and holy habit!

Scientists say that it can take between 18 and 254 days for a habit to form, but the average is about **66** days. It's been **91** (as of the day I am writing this) since I sent out a One Call to the church letting everyone know we wouldn't be able to assemble together. So here is my question? ***What new habits have we formed over the last three months?***

Honestly, I am very concerned about this. Some of the habits we are used to, truly prepare us to worship. We get up, clean up, and put on our best. Certainly we get caught up with friends, but then Scripture is read, we are silent and respectful of the holy word as we continue to prepare to meet God. We sing our first song together, whether we feel like it or not, and in the process begin to feel the presence of the Spirit. Hopefully by the last amen we have connected with the Spirit and offered our worship as part of the body of believers. This is our habit and it is a good one.

But how is it different since we have been unable to meet together? Do we go to our recliner, put our feet up, and listen as observers rather than participants? Is that our new habit? Certainly such a habit is easier and more comfortable. Perhaps so much so, as a new habit, that we may lose our eagerness to assemble once it is safe again to do so. Oh church family, may it never be!

Most have heard the word 'liturgy' and probably understand that it has something to do with the order of service. Actually 'liturgy' comes from a Greek word that means '*the work of the people.*' The idea is that through the reading of the Scripture, singing, preaching, and worshipping, we are doing the work we were created for. This is our work, but also our joy.

I hope that we are able to open the sanctuary in early July. But until then, may we do the work of the people! As we are forced to be separated temporarily, prepare your hearts before our services, and participate during, as full-fledged partners in the faith. May we come with a deep sense of awe and respect as we set the Sabbath apart as something...holy! May we continue our holy habits, in our homes, and as we transition back together. I can almost see your faces...and hear your voices joined together in worshipful song!

Together May We Shine!

*Pastor Cal*

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## Family, Youth and Children's Corner...

In April, I began 'The Corner' with these words; 'These last **three weeks** have no doubt been some of the strangest of our lives.' It's now been **three months**...and it's still really strange! Even so some things haven't changed; God loves us and has a good plan for us, and JHBC loves its' youth and children! Let me hit some highlights...

- **Associate Pastor of Families and Education Survey.** Friends, we really need your feedback! Will you please fill out your survey and return it to the church? This is the first and a very important step. The survey can be found in your May Announcer or on the JHBC.ORG website, (upper right hand corner).  
[https://www.jhbc.org/associate\\_pastor\\_of\\_families\\_and\\_education\\_survey](https://www.jhbc.org/associate_pastor_of_families_and_education_survey)

### **YOUTH!**

- We had to cancel so many youth events, honestly it kind of hurts. But, better days ahead! We will try and make up for some of the cancellations once we have clarity on when we can reopen.
- I hope we can still have a Youth Back-to-School Cookout which is tentatively scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Once we are back, Youth will meet on Wednesday evenings. More to follow...

### **CHILDREN!**

- Unfortunately we had to cancel VBS this summer. While consulting with the Children's Committee and many of our volunteers, we just didn't see a way to keep the kids safe. We plan to do the same VBS (*Knights of the North Castle*) in 2021 so as not to waste the resources and work that has already been done.
- Children's Sunday is tentatively planned for August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once confirmed as a date, we will have a guest speaker, AWANA awards and promotion, music, and a prayer for kids and teachers as we begin a new school year.
- AWANA. Sandy is looking at possibilities of how to do AWANA next fall. There are still many uncertainties but we are thankful for Mary Hawley and her expertise both medically and educationally. We may try to follow the example of Lee County Schools as they grapple with social distancing for our kids.
- Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, 4-7 PM (Saturday). Games, hotdogs, etc. on the JHBC new property.

We surely miss our youth and kids and look forward to being back together...soon! Until then,

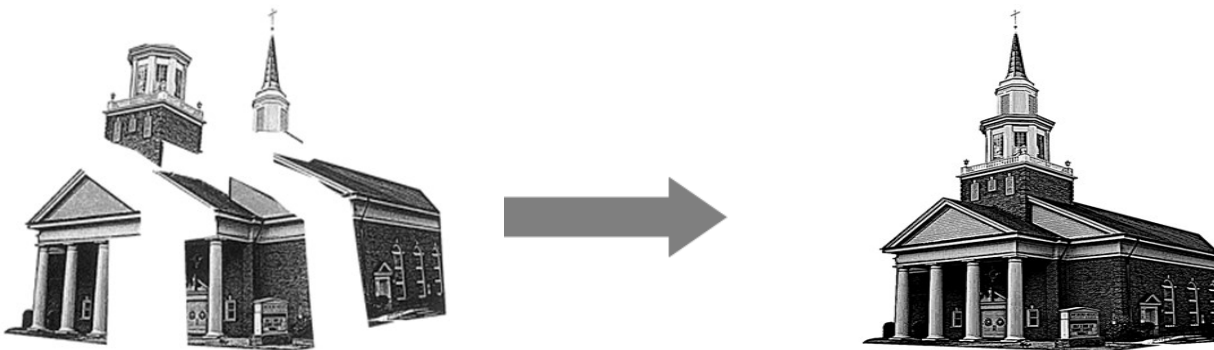
In His Love,

*Pastor Cal*

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## *Worship Notes from our Associate Pastor of Music, Scott Davis*



### **Reasons We're Better Together**

(A.K.A. - Why we should come back together after COVID-19)

It's been a crazy time, unlike anything I've ever experienced before. The only thing close was the time when I was in college in Kirksville, MO back in the early 80's, when it was so cold... "HOW COLD WAS IT, SCOTT?!" As I remember it, it was a wind chill of -100 degrees. Classes were cancelled and we were instructed to stay in our dorms. But that only lasted a day, not 3 months or more!

Here's what I see. Many folks are getting used to staying at home on Sunday. Some are faithfully tuning in to our service on the radio or watching our streamed service on the internet. Some have embraced the 'casualness' and may do so in their jammies, while others be watching from the beach or the mountains. I'm not making any judgements either way. I believe God is much more concerned on the state of your heart when you come to worship than how good you look or where you are when you do (Mt. 23:1-26). Unfortunately, I also suppose there are a number that are not as regular in watching JHBC or any service as they were before.

Acknowledging all of that, I want to look to the future, to a time when it's decided that we will again begin to meet together. Could be sooner, could be later. But, there will come a time when something resembling 'normal' is given the chance to return. And when it does, I'd like to offer a few reasons for you to take us up on it.

1. We are a family. I have spoken quite a bit in the last year about being identified as 'children of God', and together we are brothers and sisters in Christ. For those of you who have family spread out all over the country, you know how hard that is on relationships. It's difficult to express the love we have for one another when we are spread apart. It is much better when we are together.
2. We worship better together. I will admit, there are periodically things that may distract you from a complete focus on worship when we are together, like someone's phone ringing or someone walking in late or headed to the restroom. But I believe the call to worship together as an encouragement to one another (Heb. 10:24-25) brings a much stronger motivation. From a singing standpoint, I would wager (if I wagered) that more of you sing when you are in church than are singing when you are at home. If you're at home and don't feel particularly compelled to join in the worship, whether you turn off the service or not, it's pretty easy to just tune out. However, when you're surrounded by others, singing, praying, or maybe taking notes, you can be drawn into worship. And we all need that, cause unfortunately, we don't always feel like worshipping. But it's better when we do, because that is what we were made for.
3. We are Christ's body, formed to serve and grow together. Taking I Cor. 12:12-27 to heart, each one of us is a part of the body, in the universal sense, as well as the local sense of JHBC. We are many parts forming one body, each bringing our unique gifts to the table to together fulfill God's desires for us. For many, Sunday morning is when we put our spiritual gifts into action. Whether it's teaching a Sunday School class, greeting those who come, or singing in the Choir, maybe half or more of those who come on Sunday morning to worship also have a job to do. And in doing so, we are serving one another and serving God. It could not be more plainly said than this, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (I Cor. 12:27). We cannot effectively function when we are apart.

I fully recognize and anticipate that even after the first Sunday we re-open the doors to regather that it will take a while for everyone to feel comfortable to come back together. But, let me encourage you to right now, decide that when that happens, when you are comfortable to do so, to do it. You are missed. You are needed. And you will be blessed in ways that are not possible apart from this family of God. See you soon.

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As we approach the 244<sup>th</sup> birthday of our country I would like to ask you a question. When was the last time you recited the Pledge of Allegiance? The last time for me was several months ago at the opening of a Sanford Lions Club meeting at which I was the guest of Avron Upchurch. They do that at every meeting and I commend them for it.

I also remember well all through my elementary school years, at the beginning of each school day, standing beside our desks with our right hand over our heart and reciting it. I have no doubt that, as children, some of those words were lost on us but it helped create a sense of Americanism<sup>1</sup> in us, which, by the way, I think is a good thing.

If I may, I'd like to share some of the history of the Pledge with you which you may or may not already be aware of, but I think is pretty interesting.

- The Pledge we know today was not the first. The first Pledge was composed in 1887 by Captain George T. Balch, a Naval officer and veteran of the Mexican-American War and the Civil War.  
The first Pledge read: "We give our heads and hearts to God and our country; one country, one language, one flag."  
Captain Balch later lived in Raleigh, North Carolina where he died in 1908.
- The Pledge that evolved into what we know today was composed by Francis Bellamy in 1892 as part of a school flag-raising ceremony to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Columbus' discovering America. Mr. Bellamy was a Baptist minister and Christian socialist. His original Pledge read: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Not long after, Bellamy revised it to add "to" so it would read "and to the Republic."
- For several years some groups used a combination of Balch's Pledge and Bellamy's Pledge until Bellamy's finally became the standard when, in 1923, the National Flag Conference (NFC) established uniform flag procedures.
- Later in 1923 the NFC replaced the words "my flag" with "the flag of the United States." The reasoning for implementing this change was to clarify to new immigrants that the reference was to the American flag and not the flag of their home country.
- In 1924 the NFC added the words "of America" to make it read "the flag of the United States of America."
- It wasn't until 1942 that the U.S. Congress officially recognized the Pledge.
- In 1954 a bill was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Dwight Eisenhower adding the words "under God" to the Pledge. This change had been suggested several times as far back as 1948 but it didn't gain traction until, following a church service at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church at which President Eisenhower was in attendance, the pastor, George MacPherson Docherty, suggested to the President that "under God" should be added to the Pledge of Allegiance. President Eisenhower obviously liked the idea because within a few months it was done.
- The Pledge's original author, Francis Bellamy, created a salute to accompany the Pledge. It was known as the Bellamy salute. Unfortunately the Bellamy salute was very similar to the salute the Nazi's in WW2 era Germany would later adopt so it was replaced by the right hand-over-the-heart salute.

The Pledge of Allegiance has been the subject of several lawsuits over the years, most often due to its reference to "God." Many people and groups have also taken it upon themselves to either add words to or eliminate words from the official pledge. Again, it seems the most often words eliminated are "under God".

I know many of you proudly display an American flag at your home. On July 4 as we celebrate 244 years of the existence of our country, maybe you can take a few seconds to stand in front of your flag with your right hand over your heart and pledge your allegiance to what that flag stands for.....with maybe a little extra emphasis on "under God."

**"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."**

**Footnote:**

<sup>1</sup>According to the American Legion, Americanism "is an ideology, or belief in devotion, loyalty, or allegiance to the United States of America, or to its flag, traditions, customs, culture, symbols, institutions, or form of government."

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

**IN MEMORY OF**  
**SYLVIA HOWARD**

*To the General Fund*

- > By Curt and Sandy Brown
- > By Patrick and Kathryn Snipes

**IN MEMORY OF**  
**NANCY SCOTT**

(mother of Tommy Scott)

*To the General Fund*

- > By Curt and Sandy Brown

**IN MEMORY OF**  
**JAMES TOLLIVER**

*To the Tolliver Scholarship Fund*

- > By Daphne Tolliver

**IN HONOR OF**  
**TERRY BOWLING**

*To the JHBC Youth Fund*

- > By An Anonymous Donor

**IN HONOR OF**  
**GENE & LORI ROUSE**

*To the Benevolence Fund*

- > By An Anonymous Donor

**IN HONOR OF**  
**MARLON VARGAS**

*To the Youth Missions Fund*

- > By An Anonymous Donor

**IN HONOR OF**  
**AARON & SHPRESA SMITH**

*To the Operation Mobilization Fund*

- > By An Anonymous Donor

**IN HONOR OF**  
**MITCHELL WATSON**

*To the Property Debt Reduction Fund*

(previously Vision 2017 Fund)

- > By An Anonymous Donor



JULY 1 - Tommy Matthews

JULY 3 - Preston Perdue

JULY 5 - Gladys Kephart

JULY 7 - Kimberly Morrill  
Amelia Sistrunk

JULY 8 - Kim Bowling

JULY 10 - Sara Cummings  
Billie Faye Keye & Kathryn Snipes

JULY 11 - Natalia Smnithson

JULY 12 - Ann Alford  
Sandra Wornom

JULY 14 - Claudia Austin  
Dan Combs & Larry Long

JULY 15 - Caitlyn Snavelly

JULY 18 - Garry Long

JULY 19 - Tara Whiteside

JULY 21 - Lexie Martinez

JULY 22 - Gary Kephart

JULY 26 - Barry Cashion

JULY 27 - Malcolm Cheek  
Lynwood Jones

JULY 28 - Michael Wilkins

JULY 29 - Tony Kelly

JULY 30 - Armelia Garren  
Lynn Kirby & Steven Ollermann

JULY 31 - Sylvia Thomas

## The AWANA 2019-2020 Year Has Been Completed

Children's Sunday is tentatively planned for August 23. Once we have confirmed this date, we will schedule a guest speaker and we will present our 2019-2020 AWANA awards on that date.

Calling all Awana Leaders! The Nominating Committee needs a list of leaders for the next year for the Awana Ministry! We would like to expand our groups for next year because some are so full! All our groups were at the highest number in a classroom that I would like to have. We would need two (2) more teachers in each age group.

The age groups are: **Cubbies**—age 3-4 (following the school age cut off), **Sparks** - grades K-2nd, and **T&T** - grades 3rd-5th. Please contact Sandy or Pastor Cal Sayles if you are willing to serve in this important ministry to children.

Thank you for your loving service to the boys and girls at JHBC!

## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Members of JHBC,

Thank you so very much for your generous, continued support of Meals on Wheels of Sanford. Your contributions will provide many hot meals for those in need here in Sanford. May each of you be blessed as you have blessed so many others.

Sincerely,

Meals on Wheels of Sanford

Dear Pastor,

I recently took over as the Treasurer for The Breadbasket and I want to express our deepest appreciation for your generous contribution to feed the hungry in Lee County. Your amazing support allows us to serve the community through this mission.

With Gratitude,

Art G. Rijkse, The Breadbasket

Dear JHBC,

Thank you for your generous donation to help Aaron and Shpresa Smith's ministry continue to shine the light of Christ around the world during this global pandemic.

Sincerely,

Operation Mobilization

## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank Pastor Cal, and the church family for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and caring words. Also, thank you special people, who helped us with personal needs. May God bless each of you in His special way.

In Christian Love,

James and Melba Kelly

Dear JHBC Card Ministry,

Thank you for all the cards and prayers from the prayer warriors. This is unreal and don't stop.

Love Y'all,

Johnny Patterson

Dear Church Members,

Thank you for the prayers, cards and calls for my brother during his battle with cancer and his passing on to his eternal home. I greatly appreciate everything more than I can express. God continue to be with each of you.

Love,

Libby Ragland

Dear Church Family,

Special thanks to Marva Lee, Richard, Scott and Pastor Cal for being there!

God bless you!

Daryl and Leah Perry

Dear JHBC,

On behalf of CUOC Board of Directors, we thank you for your recent monetary donation. Your generous gift has helped CUOC in funding it's food assistance program.

Thanks again & God bless,

Sincerely,

Christian United Outreach Center

Dear Friends,

Once again I find it impossible to properly express our gratitude for your generous donation. Sadly, during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to suspend our service, but we plan to continue in July. Please know that your support makes a difference to us and allows us to better serve our community.

In Him,

Highway to Healing





# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 GRADUATE

*Erika Vargas - Southern Lee High School*

Erika, we are so proud of you!!

We are sorry, Erika's name was unfortunately  
not included with our 2020 Graduates in our  
June 2020 Announcer newsletter.

## **OUR CHURCH LIBRARY** **HAS JUST COMPLETED A NEW RENOVATION**

The Library Staff is so appreciative all of the help that we received during our recent renovation. To show our appreciation we want to honor our church members by dedicating the following books in their honor.

**Alice Gilchrist**

*The House At the End of the Moor* by Michelle Griep

**Wanda Howard**

*Secrets of My Heart* by Tracie Peterson

**Lynwood Jones**

*A Love So True* by Melissa Jagears

**Tommy Matthews**

*Protecting Tanner Hollow* by Lynette Eason

**Ron Rouse**

*The Oracle* by Jonathan Cahn

**Roger Vance**

*Moon Dust Lake* by Davis Bunn

When we are able to gather together again, your Library Staff invites you to come and enjoy our "new look". You will be amazed at the difference in our Library. Stay long enough to browse around and see the variety of books that we have on our shelves.



**WELCOME A NEW BABY GIRL**

Brinley Faith Woody

was born on

Monday, June 1, 2020  
to

Mackenzie Holly and Jordan Woody

Sister—Shelby Ann Woody

Grandparents—Van and Alicia Holly





Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church  
Balance Sheet  
May 2020

**Accounts**

**Assets**

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
PPP Fund	\$50,080.00
General Fund	\$39,290.89
Building Fund	\$100.00
Designated/Restricted Funds	\$84,806.60
Facilities Funds	\$59,142.37
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$233,419.86</b>
Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed	\$12,795.28
Investments/Endowments	\$651,504.16
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$897,719.30</b>

Current credit card receipts not paid/reconciled

Fixed Assets	\$3,098,522.97
Contra Asset Account	(\$3,971.30)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,992,270.97</b>

**Liabilities**

Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	(\$15,323.94)
Facilities	\$2,655.00
<b>Mortgage Payable</b>	
2500000- BB&T Loan and prev Credit Line	\$192,953.06
<b>Total Mortgage Payable</b>	<b>\$192,953.06</b>
Total Current Liabilities	\$180,216.45
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	

Total facilities security deposits

**Equity**

Unrestricted	
3000000 - Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account)	\$3,767,151.67
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses)	\$26,487.50
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$3,793,639.17</b>
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts)	\$19,135.29
<b>Total Equity</b>	

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

**Total Liabilities & Equity**

Income	May 2020	\$51,499.48
Expenses	May 2020	\$42,830.18
<b>Net</b>		<b>\$8,669.30</b>

General Fund	2019-2020	Total GF Income	\$452,003.42
	2019-2020	Total Expenses	\$406,952.83
	2019-2020	Net 2019-2020	\$45,050.59

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

Bill of Rights

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,



For the Freedoms  
that we all enjoy...  
Our Thanks go to the  
young men and women  
serving in all  
branches of the military.

We Salute You!

## JHBC - JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <b>Please note that all services and activities may be cancelled due to COVID-19</b>	29	30	1 10:30 AM Staff Meeting )	2 2:00 PM Pearl Johnson	3 Church Office Closed	4 HAPPY JULY 4TH
5 9:45 AM Sunday School 11AM Worship Service 6 PM JHBC Business Mtg (Bullock-Matthews Rm)	6 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting (Conf Room)	7 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study: Believing God (Conf Room)	8 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM WMU Council Meeting (Old Fellowship hall)	9	10 Church Office Closed	11
12 9:45 AM Sunday School 11AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Discipleship	13 12:00 PM Marjorie Spence/Brown Bag	14 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study: Believing God (Conf Room) 2 PM Virginia Oliver 6:30 PM Building & Grounds (Conference Room) 7 PM WISH (Library)	15 9:00 AM Announcer Articles due to Marva Lee 15th of the month 10:30 AM Staff Meeting	16	17 Church Office Closed	18
19 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Discipleship	20 6:30 PM Nell Smith/Mary Herring	21 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study: Believing God (Conf Room)	22 10:30 AM Staff Meeting	23	24 Church Office Closed	25
26 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Discipleship	27 6:30 PM Baptist Men (McDowell Hall)	28 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study: Believing God (Conf Room)	29 10:30 AM Staff Meeting	30	31 Church Office Closed	1

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**GREETERS**

Parking Lot -  
Door 2 - Donna Rouse  
Welcome Desk -

**LOCKING & SECURITY**

July 5 - Ramona Bowling  
July 12 - Tommie Angel  
July 19 - Phil Lawrence  
July 26 - Eddie Bowling



**Sunday, May 31, 2020**

All Services and Activities Cancelled

**Sunday, June 7, 2020**

All Services and Activities Cancelled

**Sunday, June 14, 2020**

All Services and Activities Cancelled

**Sunday, June 21, 2020**

All Services and Activities Cancelled