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## *From the Desk of Our Senior Pastor*

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of October President Trump, after returning from a weekend at the hospital said, “*Don't be afraid of Covid. Don't let it dominate your life.*” And oh my, the response was loud and angry! Yet I realized my reaction was a little different – I thought it was pretty good council, especially for we who are Christians. Don't get me wrong – if you have been infected or you have lost a loved one to COVID, then yes, it dominated your life and may leave a scar that will never quite heal. We grieve with those who suffer and those who have suffered loss. From the bottom of my heart, I pray for healing and comfort for all who have been infected and affected.

Yet for the rest of us, should we live in fear and allow COVID to dominate our thoughts? Certainly we should take thoughtful and healthy steps to protect ourselves, our families and community. **W**ear a mask, **W**ash your hands, **W**atch your distance...seems like I've heard that somewhere. But after the Three W's, then what? Fear seems antithetical to faith and our faith should dominate our lives. Scripture should dominate our lives. For instance...

**Joshua 1:9** “*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*”

This is one of my favorite verses and one I have spoken into my own life over and over again over the years. We do not have to live in fear because God goes with us! His Spirit lives within us. And our God is mighty, unshaken and unmoved by circumstance. Our God loves us, desires the best for us, and promised to never leave us.

**Romans 8:28** “*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*”

One of our deacons told me he has never felt closer to God than he does now, during this pandemic. That's God making things work together for the good. Our gracious Father has worked in my heart about things that I would never have realized if it weren't for the pandemic; God making things work together for the good. Has God shown you, or taught you something in this challenging time? God! Making things work together for the good!

**Philippians 4:13** “*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*”

I have shared with you that over the last seven months, sadness and anxiety have ebbed and flowed in my life. But every time the tide of fear washed in, God has pushed it back by giving me a Scripture especially for me, or through an encouraging word from one of you, or a coincidence that was more a supernatural God-incidence. He has in the past – He will in the future – *I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

*From the Desk of Our Senior Pastor (Continued)*

**Philippians 4:8** "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."

Don't let COVID dominate your life. Rather dwell on the good in your life. This isn't just looking at the world through rose colored glasses – it is FAITH in action. So, we do what we can within the best possible wisdom of the land, we grieve with those that suffer and have suffered loss, and then we keep our eyes on our God so that *"the God of peace will be with you."*

I Love You! God loves you so much more!  
Pastor Cal



## **FAMILY CORNER**

Submitted by Pastor Cal Sayles

### **An Encouragement for Mom's and Dad's**

**PR 22:6** *Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Parenting has never been easy. In fact, parenting may be the most difficult, most important responsibility we ever have. Now, in this COVID era, it seems that parenting is even more challenging than before – I don't think I need to prove my point – you know better than I do!

And, as the old saying goes, kids don't come with an instruction manual. All of this may leave parents wondering, '*Am I doing it right? Am I doing enough?*' Answer? I don't know the details of your lives, but I know most of you well enough to believe you are making an incredible difference in the lives of your children, even if you can't see it day by day.

I was reminded this morning of a moment when our sons were young and I was probably asking myself the same kind of questions. One evening our family attended a Maundy Thursday service at our church. I drifted in and out of the service and thought about the cross, draped with a purple cloth, at the front of the church. I thought at the end of the service I could take my 12 year old, Joshua, to the cross and perhaps touch it and make it a little more real. That perhaps we needed to separate the Easter holiday (the Easter bunny and chocolate eggs) from the sacrifice Jesus gave us at the cross.

The service ended, someone asked me a question, and I was distracted from my family for a moment. When I turned back around, my wife pointed to the cross and said '*I'm not sure what they are doing.*' Joshua (12) had taken Nathan (9) to the cross. They were both kneeling and praying quietly. Joshua cried quietly – it had been a tough week for him. Both prayed, giving thanks, asking for forgiveness. The service was over, people milled about chatting, and my boys continued kneeling and praying. I knelt beside them and tried to pray, but mostly just listened, a little overwhelmed. There is something especially precious about a child's heart and we must do everything in our power to nourish these sweet spirits.

I'm not sure of the moment that the boys figured out there was healing at the foot of the cross or when they gathered the courage to disregard what others might think and just go. I guess it was a process that began before each was born as Sandy and I prayed for them. For my part it was certainly an imperfect process as I stumbled, lost my temper, said words I regret and wished for more visible victories. But this was one sweet, visible moment when I could see God working with their precious hearts.

Here is my point; keep doing what you are doing. Keep on pushing and pulling and drag them to church, praying, and know that it is making a difference. You might not see every day or week but know you are joining God in His good plan; *Train up your children in the way they should go, even when they are old they will not depart from it!* God bless you and give you wisdom, strength and perseverance because there is something especially precious about a child's heart.



## **Outstanding Men, Terrific Weather, and Great Average Golf**

It was dark and little bit chilly, but as the day wore on it turned into a beautiful day for a golf tournament. So it was on Saturday, Oct. 3 for the 2020 Baptist Men Golf Tournament. Thirty-two men, from the age of nine to eighty-two gathered for a great day of golf, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement.

Admittedly, it wasn't until just a few days before the tournament that I realized I had planned for the men to show up before sunrise at 7:15 AM! But, that's what needed to happen in order to get everything that needed to happen done before we teed off at 8:00 AM.. Thank the Lord for Bill Davis and his truck head lights. He was already at the course before I arrived at 6:15 AM, and the lights at the shelter house where we were meeting were not working. He's a good man.

All went well. All 32 men who had registered were there in time for our meeting at 7:15 AM, and proceeded to play in their groups of four. Meanwhile, back at the JHBC kitchen, our Food Team (a group of 8 wonderful volunteers) prepared the food that they would serve to the men following the round of golf. All went well and we all sat down to eat lunch and listen to Mark Abernathy for a few minutes before awarding the door prizes and trophies for the winning teams and specialty hole champions.

Mark is a Baptist Men Consultant at the Baptist State Convention of NC. He spoke at our Baptist Men meeting about a year ago, so when I invited him to come back, I knew he would have a good word for us. He spoke about being "Ready for the Moment". Mark recounted Tiger Woods' incredible play to win the 2005 PGA Masters Golf Tournament, noting that when he 'had' to make the tough shot, he was able to do it. Why? Because he had spent years preparing for it. He was ready for the moment. He asked those gathered if they thought what we are currently going through (COVID, civil unrest, contentious election) were days of testing, and suggested that now more than ever, we need to be strengthening our faith. Why? So we will be 'ready for the moment'. Mark then shared of how learning to hit his golf ball out of a sand trap was not that different from learning how to get his spiritual life unstuck from the drought and depression he had felt from this stifling COVID environment. For him it was learning to be quiet before the Lord, and then to be thankful. Lastly, he challenged the men to not be afraid to do the things they need to in order to finish strong in life and be ready for any moment God puts in front of them.

It was a wonderful day, one that I hope will be repeated many times in the future.

### **2020 JHBC Baptist Men Golf Tournament Winners**

#### **Champion Team**

Michael Wicker  
Archie Dalrymple  
Mike Scott  
Ken Smith



#### **2nd Place Team**

Bill Davis  
Zane Davis  
Chad Davis  
Billy Holland



#### **Longest Drive**

Zane Davis

#### **Closest-to-the-Pin**

Michael Wicker



## *Thank You Notes*

Dear JHBC Family,

Thank you for the many acts of kindness for my Mama and me. The sweet visits to Mama and treats you provided for her through the years. The cards that relayed prayers. Mostly the prayers that carried us through her disease. They brought comfort and now healing as I carry on in this world. I find peace knowing she is in the Loving Arms of our Lord and Savior. I am sending a big hug of thanks and love to each of you. My what a sweet, sweet family you are!

God's Blessing,  
Libby Ragland

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Thank you to all my special friends for all the calls, visits, cards and prayers that were lifted up for me. God was listening and answered them. My leg is healing. When doctors questioned it. Have faith in God my friends. He can do "Miracles."

Love you all,  
Jim Elsey

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Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

The Breadbasket and I want to express our deepest appreciation for your generous monetary contribution to feed the hungry in Lee County.

With gratitude,  
Art G. Rijkse  
The Breadbasket Board of Directors

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

Thanks again & God bless,  
Sincerely,  
Christian United Outreach Center

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Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you for your donation to Family Promise of Lee County. Your donation will be a great help to the families in our program.

Tamara Brogan, Executive Director  
Family Promise of Lee County



November 1 - DRAKE BOWEN

November 2 - CAROL BOWLING

November 3 - JAMES MITCHELL

November 5 - JUDY DAVIS

November 7  
ELIZABETH GODWIN & ROY WARREN

November 10 - PHILLIP WALTERS

November 13 - MADISON BLAKLEY

November 14 - BETTY GRIFFIN

November 15  
DIANE SMITH & MILDRED ESTRELLA

November 16 - BETTY SPIVEY

November 17 - MARVA LEE ROUSH

November 18 - ANDY HOWARD,  
AVERY SNIPES & KATHY WATERS

November 19  
JEAN KELLY & DONOVAN MARTINEZ

November 20  
HAZEL BAKER & SHELBA WATSON

November 23  
LUCILLE ANGEL & JENNIFER STONE

November 24—RANDY ANGEL & MELBA KELLY

November 25 - KATELYN LAWRENCE

November 27 - MADGE LANE

November 28 - VIRGINIA JOHNSON

## **DEACON'S CORNER**

*Submitted by Tommy Matthews*

Chairman John Hall Called the Fellowship of Deacons into our monthly meeting on Monday October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. Family Ministry contacts were reported followed by the following devotion on New Beginnings led by Jamie Bowen.

We focused this week on opening the pews for service for the first time since Covid-19. This year may seem like a waste of a year for the pessimist, but for those of us who believe, we know that God's Will, will be done. Isaiah 43:18 says "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." We need to be celebrating the fact that we are finally to a point of worshiping together again. I know that we still have a long ways to go before everyone feels comfortable coming back to the sanctuary, but at this time, I ask that we look towards the future and what we as Deacons can do to help fill our church once society gets a little closer to normalcy.

Along with Covid-19 shutting down the sanctuary, we were and still are tasked with finding a new Associate Pastor of Youth, Children & Families; and we have been without one for the past 8 months. Again, it would be easy to dwell over the past 8 months and how we've had to cancel AWANA, just as it seemed to be taking off. But Covid-19 cancelled most church youth and children's activities all over the country. Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Lee County is looking to add more than 1,500 new homes in the near future, bringing many new families to our community. Let's look ahead and treat this new opportunity as a gift from God to build a new thriving Children's and Youth program which will then in turn bring new families to our congregation.

In closing, I will quote Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! "

We need to embrace the new, and work towards Better and Bigger, New Beginnings!

Following the devotion, Jamie led the group in prayer for our church family and those on our prayer list.

### **Business Discussed:**

- Personnel Committee update led by Ron Rouse
- A discussion of ideas for community outreach
- Financial update and budget outlook.
- The upcoming October 11<sup>th</sup> called church business meeting

Congregational feedback was shared.

There being no further business, Tommie Angel had our closing prayer.

The next scheduled Deacon's meeting is Monday, November 2, 2020.

## **LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT?**

We have just what you are looking for!  
Our JHBC COOKBOOK commemorating 150 years of Our JHBC ORNAMENT  
Each one is \$20 and can be purchased by contacting our church office.

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

## **IN MEMORY OF SUSAN HODGES**

### Benevolence

> By Sam and Sandra Wornom

### Property Debt Reduction Fund

> By Tony and Agnes Kelly

## **IN MEMORY OF HUGH PEMBLETON**

(Former Member of JHBC)

### Property Debt Reduction Fund

> By An Anonymous Donation

## **IN MEMORY OF RONNIE PHILLIPS**

### To The Building and Grounds Fund

> By An Anonymous Donation

## **IN MEMORY OF BILLY STEPHENS**

(Father of Vicky Matthews)

### Property Debt Reduction Fund

> By Tony and Agnes Kelly

## **IN MEMORY OF JAMES TOLLIVER**

### To the Tolliver Scholarship Fund

> By Daphine Tolliver

## **IN HONOR OF LAVONNE BROWN**

(sister-in-law of Diane Smith)

### To the Benevolence Fund

> By An Anonymous Donation

## **IN HONOR OF SANDY BROWN**

### To the Operation Christmas Child Fund

> By An Anonymous Donation

## **IN HONOR OF ALICE GILCHRIST**

### To the Operation Christmas Child Fund

> By An Anonymous Donation

## **IN HONOR OF AMY SISTRUNK**

### To the Baptist Children's Homes of NC Fund

> By An Anonymous Donation

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

### To the Operations Mobilization Fund

> By An Anonymous Donation

# Thank You Notes

The JHBC Bereavement Committee would like to thank Brenda Wick, Group Leader #3 for assisting with the food for the Susan Hodges family on October 8. Also thanks to those of you that brought meals or desserts during that week of the funeral.

I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you.

Romans 1:8

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Helping Hand Clinic. Our numbers increase daily and with your generosity we can serve them.

Franceine Atiebrah, Executive Director  
Helping Hand Clinic, Inc.

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you so very much for your contributions to Meals on Wheels of Sanford. Your monetary donations will be used for meals for those in need here in Sanford. May each of you be blessed as you have blessed so many.

Sincerely,

Deb Egbert

MOW Corresponding Secretary

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you for your generous donation to help OM shine the light of Christ around the world—especially during this COVID-19 year.

Andrew Scott, President  
Operation Mobilization, USA

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you for your generous gifts for LIFE!

Blessings,

Diana

Reach Out Crisis Pregnancy Center



### **November is Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Time**

We encourage everyone to pick up OCC boxes from the church displays and fill them with items that will put smiles on the faces of children all around the world. OCC is a meaningful mission project for all ages, and this year, more than ever, shoeboxes are needed to spread the Gospel message. Thank you for your generous donations in 2020.

### **Shoebox Pickup/Delivery**

If you are unable to pickup a shoebox, or bring it back to the church, contact Alice Gilchrist or Sheila Stevens for assistance.

### **Volunteers Are Needed for National Collection Week - November 16-23**

We need you to volunteer to help in the JHBC Collection Center. We are implementing drive-through collections with more limited hours this year due to COVID 19. Safety precautions for volunteers and donors will be in place. Many of our longtime volunteers will be unable to help this year so please consider giving a few hours of your time. Contact Alice to volunteer.

Monday, November 16	2 PM - 4 PM
Tuesday, November 17	2 PM – 4 PM
Wednesday, November 18	10 AM – 12 Noon
Thursday, November 19	10 AM – 12 Noon
Friday, November 20	2 PM - 5 PM
Saturday, November 21	10 AM -12 Noon
Sunday, November 22	1 PM – 4 PM
Monday, November 23	9 AM – 11 AM

### **NOVEMBER—JHBC CHURCH STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH**

The Fellowship of Deacons have designated November for our membership to express their appreciation to our church staff for their untiring efforts and dedication in serving our membership and our community during this year of unnatural times due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Deacons encourage each of you to take time to send a card, a personal note, a phone call, or a gift of appreciation to each staff member. The green mail boxes will be placed in the hallway during the entire month of November for you to express your appreciation to each staff member.

John Hall  
Deacon Chair



*You Are invited to.....*

## *A Community Call to Prayer*

*The Jonesboro Area Churches encourage you to join us as we pray for our World: Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church, Jonesboro United Methodist Church, Edgewood Presbyterian Church*

## *Come to the Cross*



## *And Pray*

*Stop and Pray anytime during the day – Pick up your Red Ribbon of Prayer Commitment and Scripture Card*

*Please wear a mask and social distance.*

*For those of you who do not wish to get out of your car,  
please use the parking lot directly across the street from Sanctuary and park facing the cross and pray.  
Someone will hand you a Red Ribbon of Prayer Commitment and a Scripture Card*

*Each Wednesday – 8:00 AM til 6:00 PM*

*Beginning Wednesday, September 23, 2020 and Every Wednesday weather permitting*

*Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church*

*Front of Sanctuary*

*316 W. Main Street*

*Sanford, N. C.*

***If my people which are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.....2 Chronicles 7:14***

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church  
Balance Sheet  
September 2020

**Accounts**

**Assets**

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	\$73,513.18
Building Fund	\$100.00
Designated/Restricted Funds	\$82,292.74
Facilities Funds	\$54,117.38
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$210,023.30</b>
Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed	\$14,365.25
Investments/Endowments	\$718,062.56
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$942,451.11</b>

Current credit card receipts not paid/reconciled

Fixed Assets	
Contra Asset Account	\$3,098,522.97
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$4,040,454.28</b>

**Liabilities**

Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	(\$13,447.97)
Facilities	\$2,305.00
<b>Mortgage Payable</b>	
250,000.00 - BB&T Loan Land prev Credit Line	\$192,194.10
<b>Total Mortgage Payable</b>	<b>\$192,194.10</b>
Total Current Liabilities	\$180,983.46
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	

Total facilities security deposits

**Equity**

Unrestricted	
300,000.00 - Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account)	\$3,847,002.81
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses)	\$1,509.41
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$11,678.54</b>
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts)	\$3,848,512.22
<b>Total Equity</b>	

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

**Total Liabilities & Equity**

Income	September 2020	
Expenses	September 2020	\$39,911.02
<b>Net</b>		<b>\$38,601.61</b>

General Fund	2020-2021	Total GF Income	\$39,911.02
	2020-2021	Total Expenses	\$38,601.61
	2020-2021	Net 2020-2021	\$1,309.41

## JHBC - NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 11:00 AM - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM JHBC Business Mtg	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting (Conf Room)	<b>3</b> 7:30 AM - Men's Prayer Mtg	<b>4</b> 10:30 AM - Staff meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Church Office Closed	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 11:00 AM - Worship Service (Sanctuary)	<b>9</b> 6:30 PM - Building and Grounds Mtg (Conf Room)	<b>10</b> 7:30 AM - Men's Prayer Mtg	<b>11</b> 10:30 AM - Staff Mtg 5:00 PM WMU Council Meeting (Old Fellowship hall)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Church Office Closed	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 11:00 AM - Worship Service (Sanctuary)	<b>16</b> 2-4 PM - OCC Collection (McDowell Hall)	<b>17</b> 7:30 AM - Men's Prayer Mtg 2-4 PM - OCC Collection (McDowell Hall)	<b>18</b> 10 AM - 12 Noon OCC Collection (McDowell Hall) 10:30 AM - Staff Mtg	<b>19</b> 10 AM - 12 Noon OCC Collection (McDowell Hall)	<b>20</b> 2-5 PM - OCC Collection (McDowell Hall)  Church Office Closed	<b>21</b> 10 AM - 12 Noon OCC Collection (McDowell Hall)
<b>22</b> 11:00 AM - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 1-4 PM - OCC Collection (McDowell Hall)	<b>23</b> 9-11 AM - OCC Collection (McDowell Hall) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Baptist Men (McDowell Hall)	<b>24</b> 7:30 AM - Men's Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Christian Education Leadership Council Conference Room)	<b>25</b> 10:30 AM - Staff meeting	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>27</b> Church Office Closed	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 11:00 AM - Worship Service (Sanctuary)	<b>30</b> Church Office Closed	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

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**GREETERS**

Tommy & Vicky Matthews  
and/or  
James & Catherine Mitchell

**LOCKING & SECURITY**

November 1 - Ron Rouse  
November 8 - Patrick Snipes  
November 15 - John Hall  
November 22 - Roger Vance  
November 29 - Lynwood Jones



**Sunday, September 20, 2020**

All Services and Activities Cancelled

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

All Services and Activities Cancelled

**Sunday, October 4, 2020**

11 AM Worship Service - 59

**Sunday, October 11, 2020**

11 AM Worship Service - 56  
PM - Church Business Meeting - 36