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From the Desk of Our Senior Pastor

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church Partial Reopening Plan For October 4th, 2020

Dear JHBC Family,

On the 14th of September the deacons met and approved a partial reopening of the church on the 4th of October for the 11AM worship service. We plan to open the church according to a slightly modified previous plan which is highlighted below.

These recommendations may seem burdensome, but if they will prevent some of our church members from becoming sick, or dying, they would be more than worth it. Over the last six months, we have had five diagnosed COVID-19 cases in the congregation. Additionally, a few of our church members have lost loved ones from COVID related illness.

Let me say first, **if you have any doubts about returning to church, especially if you have a pre-existing condition, stay home** and continue to participate in our services through the radio or online. If we continue to follow approved guidelines we all hope that we will be able to fully open soon.

Even as we open on the 4th of October, please realize it will not be the same as the pre-COVID days. One of the things we have all missed is fellowship before and after the service. As we anticipate less than 100 people initially will attend, we can space ourselves safely during the service. But the temptation will be, before and after the service, to hug and talk in small groups. Please resist the temptation! Again, if we follow the guidelines, we will be able to get back to where we were. Until then, your twinkling eyes and a warm wave will have to do. If you do wish to have a conversation with someone after leaving the building, please do so with your mask on and stand at least six feet apart.

Please review the guidelines below. **If you do not feel you can follow these guidelines** that are consistent with common practices and approved by the deacons, **please stay home** and continue to worship online or on the radio.

Preparing the Facility:

• Doors

- ⇒ We will limit access to the church to four doors; the front of the sanctuary on Main Street; the two access doors on the east side of the sanctuary (between the sanctuary and the new property, and the portico entrance on Woodland Ave.
- ⇒ Signs will be posted at entrances reminding all to wear masks, sanitize hands, and keep appropriate social distancing.

• Sanitizer

- ⇒ Richard Sistrunk has obtained six sanitizing stations which have been placed throughout the facility. Please use them as you enter and depart.

• Fellowship / Greetings

- ⇒ Signs will be posted around the church reminding all to not shake hands and greet one another at an appropriate distance. Ushers and First Impressions will encourage appropriate social distancing.

JHBC Partial Reopening Plan for October 4th, 2020 (Continued)

Worship Service:

• Social Distancing

- ⇒ We have taped off every other pew and encourage social distancing between families (6 feet) on a pew.
- ⇒ Once the number of people in the sanctuary (approximately 100) is exceeded, members will be asked to go to the fellowship hall where the service will be shown on a large screen. Please maintain social distancing in McDowell Hall.

Sunday School: We will hold off on **Sunday School** probably for several weeks.

Nursery: There will be no nursery or children's church for two additional weeks. During those two weeks we will coordinate with workers to see what is possible.

Sunday and Wednesday Evening Services: We will continue to hold Wednesday evening services on line. Once we have more clarity of the effect of lifting restrictions, we will make a decision with regard to evening services within the church.

Instructional Video:

A video is posted on line (JHBC.ORG) for what to expect when we return to church. This was a video we made in May, so there have been some minor changes.

<https://www.facebook.com/JonesboroHeightsBC/videos/589167355053031/>

Offering:

- ⇒ Offering baskets will be provided in the front foyer and outside the sanctuary with ushers standing by.
- ⇒ We continue to encourage online giving, as well. Dropping your offering off throughout the week is also still acceptable.

Lord's Supper: We will likely use prepackaged communion sets for October 4th 2020. Individual sets have already been purchased.

Masks:

- ⇒ **Masks MUST be worn by all congregants.** If you are not comfortable with wearing a mask, please continue to worship online or the radio.
- ⇒ A mask will be provided to those that do not have one.

Choirs and Singing:

- ⇒ We will hold off on choir rehearsals and inclusion in the worship service for now.
- ⇒ We will continue to use soloists to ease back into more normal services.
- ⇒ Because of a concern about singing and spreading COVID, shields will be placed in front of our worship leaders.
- ⇒ Congregational singing will occur as the congregation will be wearing masks.

Bulletins: We will not distribute bulletins, other than what is posted electronically. After a few weeks, bulletins will be positioned throughout the church, but not handed out.

Meet-and-Greet Time: Eliminated until further notice.

Hymnals and Pew Bibles: Please do not use them. The current musical template will continue to include hymns.

Dismiss by Pews: Similar to the way people depart after a wedding, we will dismiss the church by pew to avoid people grouping together. We also encourage people not to congregate in the hallways or parking lots.

JHBC Partial Reopening Plan for October 4th, 2020 (Continued)

Preschool and Children (anticipated on October 18th):

- **Toys:** We will eliminate toy boxes and an overabundance of toys. We will bring out only the amount of toys that volunteers are willing to clean at the end of the session.
- **Take Temperatures:** Children and nursery workers will identify a single drop off and pick up point. A 'no touch thermometer' will be used to perform temperature checks on children and leaders before being allowed in preschool or children's classrooms. **If a child or worker is identified as having a temperature, the entire family will be asked to return home.**
- **Drop-off and Pick-up:** Only one parent will be allowed to drop off and pick up children. Children's workers will be provided with masks to use at their discretion.

Again, I understand that these guidelines may seem strenuous but as the expression goes, 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!' Our great desire is to be together again, to worship and praise and fellowship - but do it as safely as possible for as long as we can!

God Bless You and Yours!

Pastor Cal

WMU Highlights

Submitted by Mary Hawley Oates

Our WMU ladies continue to be busy learning about and praying for missions but also doing missions during this pandemic. Thanks to all those who helped with the J. Glenn Edwards school supply project in collaboration with Missions and Outreach! What a blessing.

We know that many people continue to suffer during this pandemic with many losses. We are working with local homeless shelters to provide supplies they may need. Our project for the next few weeks will be twin sheets and bath towels. These can be gently used and clean. Bring them by the church and we will collect and get them to those in need. They can also use NEW bed pillows but each pillow needs a plastic cover along with the pillow case. Bring those to the church as well.

The WMU ladies each year participate with the Sandy Creek Baptist Association to collect an item for the **Red Box Ministry** at Christmas with the Women's Prison in Raleigh. We need this year to collect **10-15 ounce plastic bottles of shampoo** (no conditioner, just plain shampoo). There will be a **Red** tub at church to put those shampoo bottles in during the month of October.

If you have any questions please contact Mary Hawley Oates.

WE NEED WRAPPED CANDY

***For Halloween cups for the Staff at J Glenn Edwards
Special container located in the Mission Depo for your candy donations.
Friday, October 23 is our deadline to receive wrapped candy donations.
Thanks from Mission and Outreach***



Worship Notes from our Associate Pastor of Music, Scott Davis

Sing Joyfully to the Lord!

I was reminded a few days ago of how much my life has been shaped by music, as a lifelong friend of mine (and missionary in South America) played a song on the guitar that we sang at church camp when we were teenagers. That music has played a significant role in my life might seem obvious, as one whose role in ministry is so closely tied to music, but well before I ever considered that my life's calling might include leading large and small groups of people to engage in worship through music, I came to discover how much I just loved it.

I have this picture in my mind of an old black and white photo taken of me sitting in a small rocking chair, in front of the cabinet where we kept our record player, just singing my heart out. I don't know how old I was, maybe 6 or 7, or what I might have been singing. You'd have to ask my mom, she could probably tell you.

Many of you know that my dad was a teacher, a music teacher and band director specifically, and one of the best, to be sure. He taught multiple generations of families in our small town in southern Iowa over his thirty-five years of teaching there, literally filling the walls of the band room with trophies and plaques of exceptional bands and musicians. All the while teaching students to love music, not just play notes. His engagement with music didn't stop at the band room door either. Our family was very involved in the life of our church, the First Baptist Church of Corydon. Mom and dad both took on many roles, but dad's favorite role was clearly the Choir Director. He led the choir in that church for thirty-nine years as a volunteer, planning cantatas and special programs, always with my mom in the soprano section, as well as me and my four siblings in our places from the time we were probably in jr. high till we moved away from home. I've been told by my brothers and sisters that when they have seen me conduct a choir, they are reminded how dad would direct. No better compliment could a conductor receive.

From the time I was a little kid to now, God has used music to shape my life. More than just playing and singing beautiful music, God has helped me to know Him better through music. My life has been filled with music that declares the glory and goodness of God. I have to imagine that having the messages of God in music always rolling around in my head and out of my mouth has been one of the things that has kept me close to Him throughout my life.

Many of our traditional hymns, as well as our modern worship songs have their roots in the Psalms. Two of my favorites are Psalm 33 and 34. Psalm 33 begins, "Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully and shout for joy." And Psalm 34:1, 3, "I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together."

For me, communicating through music is natural. Maybe it's the same for you. So, as we prepare to regather, whether you choose to join us at 316 W. Main St. or hold off a little while longer, let me encourage you to follow the leading of Psalm 150 (NLT).

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heaven!

Praise him for his mighty works; praise his unequalled greatness!

Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn; praise him with the lyre and harp!

Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals.

Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Thank You Notes

Thanks to All Members of JHBC,

My daughters and I want to thank everyone for all calls, cards, donations, and food in memory of Dane. I appreciate all the prayers more than you know. They kept me going. We love you all!

Jeanette, Donnie & Jenan

Dear JHBC,

We want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during my recent illness. I am still undergoing treatments, but I am doing fine just a little tired. Thanks again. Carolyn and I miss coming to church and worshipping with everyone. Take care and may God bless.

Jim and Carolyn Elsey

Dear Church Family,

Please accept our thanks to everyone who visited in the yard and sang to Willard on his 90th birthday. To all those that gave cards, food and birthday cake we say a special thank you. You made a "locked in" birthday wonderful!

Willard Garren and Family

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

It has been a blessing to know the Lord is walking with us through these difficult times. We are thankful for the messages of hope and joy brought by Pastor Cal.

Daryl and Leah Perry

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,



OCTOBER 1
Sarah Griffin

OCTOBER 4
Angie Wood

OCTOBER 5
Karen Holt

OCTOBER 6
Patricia Johnson & Jo Ann Vance

OCTOBER 8
Jeanette Al-Habib & Belinda Bond
Brenda Wicker

OCTOBER 11
Phillip Fields & Erika Vargas

OCTOBER 12
Mike Jones

OCTOBER 13
Mickie Rebello

October 17
Yvonne Wood & Emily Perkins

OCTOBER 18
Mackenzie Holly

OCTOBER 21
David Chestnut & Reagan Davidson

OCTOBER 26
Ryan Pilson & Cal Sayles

OCTOBER 27
Shirley Hoskins

OCTOBER 31
Jewel Baker & Bryan Sturm

DEACON'S CORNER

Submitted by Belinda Bond

The Deacons met September 14, 2020. In our ever changing world that can be so topsy turvy, the burden is heavy as we strive to keep our worship strong and our relationships among our brothers and sisters in Christ united. When the Deacons meet, we usually spend the first hour and thirty minutes in devotion, praying and discussing congregational needs. Then, we move into the business of the church. Two areas of need continued to be most important; ongoing worship through radio, webcast, and facebook, during the pandemic and considerations for reopening our church. Our devotion this month was, "Making Controversial Decisions In Biblical Ways." The Bible tells us that some decisions will bring controversy within the church, due to fear, lack of communication, and uncertain times, as well as paradigms or perceptions that seem true. The decisions we are making today, fall into all those categories. Being made in the image of Christ we long to be connected with each other. Afterall, that's why God created us; to have a loving relationship with Him and with each other. So as the weeks turned into months, our congregation stayed strong while we gathered together virtually and through the radio, to pray, sing, laugh, cry, and worship our Heavenly Father. We were bold as we gave our tithes and offerings and catered to the needs of each other. However, rumblings of reopening remained in our thoughts and discussions daily. As we make the decision to reopen, of course, there will be conflict. What else should we expect? Everyone is affected differently. Many long to come back and worship "normally" again. However, the "normal" they long for, will not come quickly as masks and social distancing will be required. But the longing to worship together will be fulfilled and true worship will take place. Others will feel left out and hurt, as their brothers and sisters go back to the House of the Lord, and they are forced to stay home due to underlying illnesses. Still others will cry out, "We must not go back!" Their concern for the safety of fellow members, creates a sense of responsibility that only a true leader of God can possess. Many will return with directions of how our reopening should take place, while others will say, " Why should I wear a mask?" "This is not real!" And finally, there will be some, who will linger in the words; "I told you so.." if we falter or make mistakes. But one thing is certain, as a church body, we have always relied on God in everything we do. So even though the world around us touts freedom in the words *me, myself, and I*. The Congregation Of Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church will persevere as we follow His lead. We believe. We trust. We are confident in Our God. Let's try to look through the eyes of each other while we keep our focus on God, in reopening Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church.

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT?

We have just what you are looking for!

Our JHBC Cookbook commemorating 150 years
or
Our JHBC Ornament

Each one is \$20 and can be purchased by contacting our church office.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF **KEITH DAVIS**

(Friend of Marva Lee Roush)
To The World Hunger—SBC Fund
> By An Anonymous Donation

IN MEMORY OF **GLEN EDWARDS**

(Uncle of Bill Davis)
To the Benevolence Fund
> By An Anonymous Donation

IN MEMORY OF **SYLVIA HOWARD**

To the Music and Education Fund
> By Terry and Kim Bowling

IN MEMORY OF **LOIS MARTIN**

(Mother of Libby Ragland)
To the NC Mission General Fund
> By An Anonymous Donation

IN MEMORY OF **JAMES TOLLIVER**

To the Tolliver Scholarship Fund
> By Daphne Tolliver

IN HONOR OF **AUDREY DAIL**

To the Property Debt Reduction Fund
> By An Anonymous Donation

IN HONOR OF **JHBC BAPTIST MEN**

To the Building and Grounds Fund
> By An Anonymous Donation

IN HONOR OF
AARON & SHPRESA SMITH
To the Operations Mobilization Fund
> By An Anonymous Donation

Thank You Note

To JHBC Sunday School Classes,

Your prayers and ours were answered because we got to spend time with Sylvia for 3 years after her cancer diagnosis. Our family truly appreciated your calls, text messages, food and support (hugs, music, quality time encouraging us). She was our Sylvia Joy and we all miss her. She would remind us that in heaven, there is no cancer.

Sylvia Howard Family

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To Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

On behalf of the Breadbasket Board of Directors, I would like to express our thanks for your generous contribution to help feed the hungry in Lee County. It is through the faithful gifts of people like yourselves who take to heart Jesus' call to care for those in need among us that we are able to maintain this ministry.

The Breadbasket

Pat Cronmiller, Treasurer

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Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Helping Hand Clinic. Our goal is to provide quality medical care to those who need us most.

Franceine Atiebrah, Executive Director
Helping Hand Clinic, Inc.

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Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your continuous love, support and generosity. We truly appreciate the acts of love and service you recently shared with us in the school supply bags and the Chick-fil-A gift cards. We are so thankful to be surrounded by a supporting community and church. You all are making a difference in our school and in the lives of our students and staff and we thank you!

Love,

J. Glenn Edwards

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Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you for your recent monetary gift. Whether you typically give to support a specific missionary, to supply food and hygiene packs to refugees, or to advance OM's global mission, I hope you know what a remarkable impact YOU are making every day.

Andrew Scott, President
Operation Mobilization, USA



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **SHOEBOXES AVAILABLE FOR PACKING**



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are now available for you to pick-up from the church displays at JHBC. The National Collection Week is November 16 through 22, and it is more important than ever for you and your family to pack personal shoeboxes in 2020. We are fortunate to have already received a number of handcrafted or purchased items for our church shoeboxes. All donations are greatly appreciated and will help bring the Gospel message to children around the world. We will be sharing more information on packing events in November as we are able to gather in a safe manner. Please contact Alice Gilchrist at 919-770-1510 with any questions pertaining to the Operation Christmas Child ministry.

The spread of this horrible virus will not prevent the spread of the Gospel.

OCTOBER FOCUS ITEMS

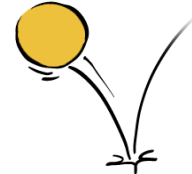
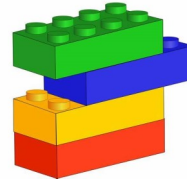
WASHCLOTHS



BAR SOAP



SMALL TOYS (such as yoyos, blocks, balls)



MISSIONS & OUTREACH UPDATE

Submitted by Sandy Brown

*Jesus loves the children.
All the children of the world.
Every color, every race, all are covered by His grace.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church loves all the children at J Glenn Edwards Elementary. Mission and Outreach and WMU assembled over 450 school supply bags for K-5 students. A special thanks to our church members that contributed monetary gifts, purchased school supplies, assisted with the assembling and delivering of the bags on September 9th. Children are the ❤️ of the world.

THANK YOU NOTE

Hello All—

Just wanted to drop you a note and update. Thank you all for the prayers and support it makes a difference. I have finished all my treatments and I will be going back to work this month!

Thanks Again,

Paula James (niece of Agnes Kelly)

*2 Timothy 1: 17 - For God hath not given me the spirit of fear;
but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

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
August 2020

Accounts

Assets

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$75,058.39
General Fund	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$83,277.74
Designated/Restricted Funds	\$54,117.48
Facilities Funds	\$212,583.61
Total Checking/Savings	\$944,892.54
Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed	\$14,246.37
Investments/Endowments	\$718,062.56
Total Current Assets	\$4,039,692.12

Current credit card receipts not paid/reconciled

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	(\$16,108.74)
Facilities	\$2,305.00
Mortgage Payable	\$192,194.10
250,000.00 - BB&T Loan and prev Credit Line	\$192,194.10
Total Mortgage Payable	\$178,322.69
Total Current Liabilities	\$4,039,692.12

Total facilities security deposits

Equity

Unrestricted	
300,000.00 - Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account)	\$3,760,517.80
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses)	\$89,212.03
Total Unrestricted	\$3,849,729.83
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts)	\$12,359.54
Total Equity	\$4,039,692.12

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

Total Liabilities & Equity

Income	August 2020	\$45,392.48
Expenses	August 2020	\$38,848.37
Net		\$6,544.11

General Fund	2019-2020	Total GF Income	\$577,134.55
	2019-2020	Total Expenses	\$535,363.66
	2019-2020	Net 2019-2020	\$41,770.89

JHBC - OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 2 PM Pearl Johnson	2 Office Closed	3 7:30 AM Baptist Men's Golf Tournament
4 11:00 AM Worship Service and Lord's Supper	5 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting (Conference Room)	6 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting	7 8AM—6 PM Come to the Cross and Pray 10:30 AM Staff Zoom Meeting 6 PM On-Line Prayer Meeting—Facebook Live (Streaming)	8	9 Office Closed	10
11 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Special Business Meeting (Sanctuary)	12 12:00 PM Marjorie Spence/ Brown Bag 6:30 PM Building & Grounds (Conference Room)	13 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting 1:00 PM Virginia Oliver 6:00 PM Band Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM WISH (Library)	14 8AM—6 PM Come to the Cross and Pray 10:30 AM Staff Zoom Meeting 6 PM On-Line Prayer Meeting—Facebook Live (Streaming)	15 9:00 AM Announcer Articles due to Marva Lee 15th of the month	16 Office Closed	17
18 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Discipleship	19	20 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting	21 8AM—6 PM Come to the Cross and Pray 10:30 AM Staff Zoom Meeting 6 PM On-Line Prayer Meeting—Facebook Live (Streaming)	22	23 Office Closed	24 9:30 AM New to the Community Visits (Biscuitville)
25 9:30 AM Starting Point (New Guests Class) 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Service 5:30 PM Association-al Meeting	26 6:30 PM Baptist Men	27 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM Band Practice (Sanctuary)	28 8AM—6 PM Come to the Cross and Pray 11 AM Higher Heights 1 PM Staff Zoom Mtg 6 PM On-Line Prayer Meeting—Facebook Live (Streaming)	29	30 Office Closed	31

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RETURN SERVICE REQUEST



GREETERS

Parking Lot - Tommy Matthews
Door 2 - Donna Rouse
Welcome Desk - Vicky Matthews

LOCKING & SECURITY

October 4 - Tommy Matthews
October 11 - Lynwood Jones
October 18 - Tony Rebello
October 25 - Bill Davis



Sunday, August 24, 2020

All Services and Activities Cancelled

Sunday, August 31, 2020

All Services and Activities Cancelled

Sunday, September 6, 2020

All Services and Activities Cancelled

Sunday, September 13, 2020

All Services and Activities Cancelled