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#### From the Desk of Our Senior Pastor

PS 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined to me and heard my cry. PS 40:2 He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. PS 40:3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will see and fear and will trust in the LORD.

When I was in seminary I learned about a group of people called *The Desert Fathers*. This was a group of men, and a few women, who desired to draw close to God. Seemingly, they found intimacy with God difficult in large communities and the hubbub of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century AD. (Perhaps every age thinks theirs is the most chaotic!) Anyway, these men and women chose to sell everything they owned, give the proceeds to the poor, and move to the desert to be alone with God. They chose a life of extreme asceticism, renouncing all the pleasures of the senses, rich food, baths, rest, and anything that made them comfortable. They would gather only on Saturdays or Sundays to worship God together. Other than that, they lived like hermits, alone with God.

As I first read about these men and women I found myself respecting their desire to draw close to God through isolation and asceticism and of course wondering what it would be like. Would God speak to me in new and deeper ways? Would isolation help me to become more like Jesus? What would I experience, what would I become, that might never be possible without the isolation of the desert?

More than ever, I'm certain I was romanticizing the life of the Desert Fathers. Because over the last five months of COVID isolation, which in reality is nothing compared to the Desert Fathers, I have discovered I am not a fan of isolation at all.

In our church staff meeting this morning I shared that nothing feels quite right to me – although in many ways, little has changed. Even so I often feel an unease that I have a hard time shaking. Am I doing enough? Am I doing the right things? Can we do better? But as I write this, I wonder if the agitation I feel is actually a holy unease, not to DO but to simply BE.

Psalm 131:2 says, 'Surely I have composed and quieted my soul; like a weaned child rests against his mother, my soul is like a weaned child within me. The author of the Psalm, David, enjoyed his walk with God in which he "stilled" himself and "quieted" his soul. This is a picture of true contentment, based on his wonderful relationship and walk with the Lord.

I wonder if in great part, this is what God is doing in this time of COVID isolation. He surely is forcing us to turn away from business; the hubbub and constant noise of culture. To stop deluding ourselves with our self-sufficient plans and take our lives off of auto-pilot...to stop doing and simply be the children of our heavenly Father and rest in Him.

Psalm 37:7 says, '**Rest** in the LORD and wait patiently for Him.' The words of Jesus say much the same; Matthew 11:29 'Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND **REST** FOR YOUR SOULS. MT II:30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.'

Rest; which sounds so much better than unease. Rest; which we don't have to run to the desert to find. We just have to stop doing for a moment and simply be. May you find rest, joy, peace and a quiet soul in your walk with Jesus.

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

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

#### "Everybody Needs a Friend"

Just a couple weeks back, a group of men (ages 14-78) got together to do something I'm not sure any of us had ever done before... build a picnic table. The JHBC Missions and Outreach Committee had been made known of a need by Outreach Mission, Inc. (OMI), for four picnic tables for their mission homes, two for the men's home and two for the women's home. The need was then presented to the Baptist Men Coordinating Team, which quickly took action to plan the work day project. Outreach Mission is a faith-based ministry to Sanford's homeless men and women and is just one of at least ten local ministries that JHBC supports in our annual budget.

It was a good day (it started with donuts from Sandra's Bakery!). God blessed us with good weather, and while I know everyone would have been much more comfortable without them, all the men wore their masks the whole time (other than a couple brief moments to take a picture). And just a little after noon, the tables were completed, loaded up on a trailer, and delivered to the ministry locations where the prayer was that they would be well used and many lives would be changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.





As easy as it would be to make this article about the various ministries that JHBC supports through your offerings, the point I really wanted to make is the need that people have (men, in this case) to connect with others. So, while I continue to relate this to men specifically, women, feel free to listen in. Because, in spite of the common assumption that women already have this down and are the masters of deep friendships, I periodically become aware that loneliness and disconnection are issues faced by both genders.

One of the unfortunate by-products of this COVID epidemic is that people have been forced to separate themselves from one another and the normal routine of face-to-face contact (Sunday worship, Sunday School, choir practice, prayer meeting, etc.). Email, phone calls, and Zoom meetings are good, and may come close to meeting the biblical admonishment to "encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (I Thess. 5:11).

But they don't quite satisfy the need for a real physical shoulder to lean on. Ecclesiastes 4 talks about the benefits of having a friend, someone to help you up if you fall down, or watch your back in times of trouble. That verse doesn't mention having a buddy to go fishing or golfing with, or sit in a deer blind with, or hold the end of a 2 x 6 while cutting it to length, but those can be just as valuable and necessary for maintaining a healthy man-spirit.

I hope each of you are doing well, and that you have a life-strengthening partner or group of people that not only speak spiritual truth into your life, but also make you laugh, comfort you when times are hard, and keep you going, even when the fish aren't biting. If not, take the first step (or two). Pray about it, then give someone a call to hang out, go get some coffee/ice cream/wings or something, and see if you can be a friend.

Soon, we will again have the opportunity to gather together again. Let's make the most of it. Love one another well, pray for each other, ask someone to go fishing (or whatever) and when needed, remember this - "opportunities for grace abound", for others and for ourselves.

#### Thank You Notes

Dear Pastor,

The Breadbasket and I want to express our deepest appreciation for your generous monetary 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 Board of Directors

Dear Friends in Christ,

Once again we thank you so very much for your kind and generous donation to Highway to Healing. As I told you in a recent letter, our mission is "on hold" until we can once again transport patients safely. Please pray for that time to come soon. Again, may God bless each of you as we go through this most difficult time.

Brad

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you very much for your monetary donation to Family Promise of Lee County. Your donation will be a great help to families in the program as they strive to find stable safe housing.

Thank you,

Tamara Brogan, Executive Director Family Promise of Lee County

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Dear Members of JHBC,

Thank you so very much for your continued support of Meals on Wheels of Sanford. You are helping so many receive a warm, hot meal that are in need during this very difficult time for many. May each of you be blessed as you have blessed so many.

Sincerely,
Deb Egbert
MOW Corresponding Secretary

Dear JHBC,

Thank you for giving so generously to Reach Out Crisis Pregnancy Center! We appreciate your faithfulness!

Peace,
Dianna Andrews
Executive Director
Reach Out Crisis Pregnancy Center



SEPTEMBER 1 - Scott Griffin & Van Holly

SEPTEMBER 2 - Kaleb Griffin

SEPTEMBER 5 - Bill Davis, Jim Elsey, Doug Johnson & Bob Tilley

SEPTEMBER 6 - Sam Wornom

SEPTEMBER 11 - Marlen Whitney

SEPTEMBER 13 - Tony Rebello

SEPTEMBER 14 - John Baxley

SEPTEMBER 15 - Belinda McGugan

SEPTEMBER 18 - Tommie Angel & Jamie Bowen

SEPTEMBER 19 - Marie Burge, Gene Griffin &Y Lori Rouse

SEPTEMBER 22 - Emma Graham

SEPTEMBER 23 - David Bond Lauren Brown & Patrick Snipes

SEPTEMBER 24 - Megan Wood

SEPTEMBER 25 - Richard Brown, James R. Kelly & Hudson Walters

SEPTEMBER 26 - Rebecca Meisel

SEPTEMBER 27 - Stephen Graham

SEPTEMBER 28 - Robin Newman Bennett Walters

SEPTEMBER 29 - Debbie Dail

SEPTEMBER 30 - Jo Anne Batten, Norma Jean Randolph & Lucas Walters

#### **Building the Wall and Growing the Church**

Serving in the Fellowship of Deacons this year has been both rewarding and challenging, as we are working hard 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." Through the prophet Nehemiah, we see examples of the rewards and challenges of serving God. Nehemiah was called to lead the Jewish people in rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. He faced opposition, but he did not fail in his obedience. Here at JHBC, we are faced with the challenge of building a different kind of wall. We are faced with the challenge of growing the church.

Pastor Cal has expressed a sincere desire for the church to grow, and it shows. The staff is working together. The deacons and committee members are working with the staff. Sunday School classes, groups, and individuals are reaching out and ministering to the needs of the congregation and community. Meaningful worship services where visitors feel welcome and where the messages and music focus on evangelism and discipleship convey the vision of building God's kingdom.

After reading the book of Nehemiah, I can see how his leadership in rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem can also apply to another situation at JHBC. We, too, need to make repairs and face the challenges as Nehemiah did. God has blessed us with beautiful facilities, some dating back almost 150 years. God is so good, and He is still working. Through Vision 2017, we now have an inviting children's wing and youth center. Our doors are open to all, but there is more work to do, other "walls to build."

The called business meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> revealed some specific challenges with regard to our facilities. Repairs are needed for roofs, HVAC systems, the parking lots, and columns at the main sanctuary, to name a few. In addition to repair needs, other challenges involve safety and security. Making repairs and implementing safety measures calls for working together as the body of Christ and giving of ourselves and our resources. Nehemiah did not build the wall by himself, and neither can we. It takes a cooperative effort.

Following Nehemiah's example, let us commit to pray for wisdom and discernment in prioritizing the needs and financing the projects. Let us earnestly seek God's will and be sure that our plan is God's plan for us. Let us be generous in our giving. Let us all be a part of the building.

The wall of Jerusalem was completed in 52 days. God's hand was upon Nehemiah, for without Him, the work could not have been accomplished (See Neh. 6:15-16). We serve the same God that Nehemiah served, and He is still in control.

May we at Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church be faithful to embody the presence of Christ to all the world. May we be His servants, committed to seeing His kingdom grow. May we be His good and faithful stewards, enjoying the rewards and facing the challenges. May we pray, work, and give so that we may accomplish all that He desires for us, for His glory only. May His hand be upon us as it was with Nehemiah.

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

#### IN MEMORY OF SYLVIA HOWARD

To the Benevolence Fund > By Sylvia Thomas

To The Music & Education Fund
> By JHBC Hattie Faulk Sunday School Class
> By Maxine and Gilbert Matthews

# IN MEMORY OF LAMES TOLLIVER

To the Tolliver Scholarship Fund
> By Daphine Tolliver

#### IN HONOR OF WILLIAM (ED) BYRD

To the Property Debt Reduction Fund > By An Anonymous Donation

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

<u>To the Benevolence Fund</u> > By An Anonymous Donation

#### **IN HONOR OF JHBC YOUTH**

<u>To the Youth Missions Fund</u> > By An Anonymous Donation

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

*To the Operations Mobilization Fund* > By An Anonymous Donation

The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Psalm 29:11

#### Thank You!

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association, the Powell River Baptist Association and the Shoe Fair Mission Team would like to thank everyone who participated in the shoe ministry this year. This has been a year never to forget and it has affected everyone in a great way.....but we serve a great and awesome God and even though our team could not travel to Jonesville, Virginia this year those children will still be blessed with a new pair of shoes because of your generosity. We thank you if you bought shoes, or socks, we thank you if you gave money so the team could purchase needed sizes and we thank you for your prayers during this difficult time. What was a blessing!!

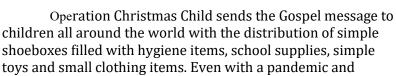
We thank the team members who helped sort, tag and bag the shoes, those people who prepared hygiene kits and all of you who brought supplies for the kits. A total of 472 pairs of shoes, dozens and dozens of socks, 100 hygiene kits and extra soaps, washcloths and shampoo were sent this year.

Much gratitude goes to Susan & Mike Douglas from Moncure Baptist Church for their willingness to travel to Jonesville, Virginia and deliver the shoes, socks and hygiene kits.

Our "fervent prayer request" is that you pray for the members of Powell River Baptist Association as they figure out how they can safely distribute the shoes to the school children.

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

#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE**





| shutdowns still occurring, OCC is determined to continue this important ministry. Our packing and collections may look different this year due to the implementation of essential safety protocols, but we will trust in the Lord for a successful shoebox season. Your OCC team will keep our congregation informed of ministry specifics as we move forward toward National Collection Week, November 16-23. **The spread of this horrible virus will not prevent the spread of the Gospel.** 

Please help with this ministry in the ways you have faithfully witnessed for so many years by packing your own family boxes and by purchasing additional items for our JHBC boxes.

#### **SEPTEMBER FOCUS ITEMS**

**WASHCLOTHS** 

**BAR SOAP** 

CHILDREN FACE MASKS

ADULT FACE MASKS









ife is not measured

by the Breaths we take

but by the Moments
that take
our breath away

#### Constant in Change

From Draw Near to God Devotional by Broadstreet Publishing

A furious squall came up, and the waves broke
Over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.
Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion.
The disciples woke him, and said to him,
"Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"
He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the
Waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died
Down and it was completely calm.
He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid?
Do you still have no faith?"
Mark 4:37-40 NIV

It takes time to adjust to changing situations. Sailors need time to get their "sea legs," mountain climbers rest in order to adjust their lungs to altitude changes, and scuba divers surface slowly to regulate pressure. Even adjusting to daylight-savings can take some time.

During their time with Jesus in his ministry on earth, the disciples had to adjust quickly to radical situations. A daughter was raised from the dead, a boy's meager lunch multiplied to feed a crowd of 5,000, a demon was cast into a herd of pigs that threw themselves off a cliff. Could they have woken up in the morning and sufficiently prepared for such things? Then one day, they get in a boat and their limited faith is tested.

It seems as though the disciples never really adjusted to the unpredictability of life with Jesus. Have you? If they struggled while in his very presence, how can we have faith to walk confidently into the unknown? We have his Word and the assurance that his presence is all we need; he is constant in the face of change.

As his son or daughter, we are always in his presence. No matter what we are facing, we can walk confidently. It may take some time, but he is prepared for everything and he will prepare you too.

God, I admit that change makes me feel uneasy.

Help me to trust you in the storm.

You are steady and you do not change.

I believe in that promise today.

# Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church Balance Sheet July 2020

# Accounts

**Assets** Current Assets

\$73,864.09	\$100.00	\$84,806.60	\$66,535.20	\$225,305.89	\$13,278.55	\$690,651.25	\$929,235.69	\$3,098,522.97	(\$2,341.30)	\$4,025,417.36
General Fund	Building Fund	Designated/Restricted Funds	Facilities Funds	Total Checking/Savings	Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed	Investments/Endowments	Total Current Assets	Fixed Assets	Contra Asset Account	Total Assets

Current credit card receipts not paid/reconcilec

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Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	(\$15,470.82)
Facilities	\$2,655.00
Mortgage Payable	
2500000 - BB&T Loan Land prev Credit Line	\$192,194.10
Total Mortgage Payable	\$192,194.10
Total Current Liabilities	\$179,310.61

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Unrestricted	
3000000 - Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account,	\$3,760,517.80
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses,	\$66,008.50
Total Unrestricted	\$3,826,526.30
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts	\$20,300.39
Total Equity	
Total Liabilities & Equity	

Income Expenses **Net** 

\$38,399.48 \$42,409.73 <b>(\$4,010.25)</b>	\$531,732.07 \$494,975.40 \$36,756.67
	2019-2020 Total GF Income 2019-2020 Total Expenses 2019-2020 Net 2019-2020
	2019-2020 2019-2020 2019-2020
	General Fund
July 2020 July 2020	
vs.	

Total facilities security deposits

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

# Names for Jesus

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Alpha and Omega	Jesus	Rabbi
Bread of Life	King of Kings	Rabboni
Chief Cornerstone	Lamb of God	Savior
Chief Shepherd	Lord	Son of David
Christ	Lord of Glory	Son of God
Good Shepherd	Lord of Lords	Son of Man
High Priest	Mediator	Word
Immanuel	Prophet	

#### DO YOU LONG FOR FRUIT?

I don't know about you, but this time of year I love fresh fruit—especially watermelon, But when God talks about fruit in Galatians 5:22-23, He is talking about a whole different kind of fruit, the fruit of the spirit. The fruit that should be a part of our every day lives. Let's take a look at each part of the Fruit of the Spirit and how we can apply it to our lives today since we find ourselves dealing in these uncertain times.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

<u>LOVE</u> — Definition of Love — an intense feeling of deep affection Matthew 22:37-39 says: *Jesus replied:* "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

<u>JOY</u> - Definition of Joy - a feeling of great pleasure and happiness, delight, rejoice I Thessalonians 4:16-18 says: *Be joyful always, pray, continually give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* 

<u>PEACE</u> - Definition of Peace - freedom from disturbance; quite and tranquility Matthew 5:9 says: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

**FORBEARANCE** - Definition of Forbearance - a refraining from the enforcement of something that is due. Forbearance can also be known as patience.

Colossians 3:13 says: "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

<u>KINDNESS</u> - Definition of Kindness - the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate. 2 Peter 1:5-7 says: "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

<u>GOODNESS</u> - Definition of Goodness - the quality of being morally good or virtuous Romans 15:14 says: "I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

<u>FAITHFULNESS</u> - Definition of Faithfulness - the quality of being faithful. Faithfulness is the concept of unfailingly remaining loyal to someone or something, and putting that loyalty into consistent practice regardless of extenuating circumstances.

Lamentations 3:22-23 says: "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

<u>GENTLENESS</u> - Definition of Gentleness — the quality of being kind, tender, or mild-mannered. Philippians 4:4-5 says: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

<u>SELF-CONTROL</u> - Definition of Self-Control - the ability to control oneself, in particular one's emotions and desires or the expression of them in one's behavior, especially in difficult situations. Titus 2:11-14 says: "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

# JHBC - SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM Band Practice (Sanctuary)	2 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Community Outreach Meal (McDowell hall and Kitchen)	3 2:00 PM Pearl Johnson	4 Office Closed	رح ا
6 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Service 6 PM Discipleship 6:00 PM JHBC Business Mtg (Bullock- Matthews Rm)	7 Office Closed	8 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting 1:00 PM Virginia Oliver 7:00 PM WISH (Library)	9 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM WMU Council Meeting (Old Fellow- ship hall)	10	11 Office Closed	12
13 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Service 6 PM Discipleship	14. 12:00 PM Marjorie Spence/Brown Bag 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 6:30 PM Building & Grounds (Main Conference Room)	15 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Mtg 9 AM Announcer Articles due to Marva Lee today 6 PM Band Practice (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM Missions and Outreach Meeting (ZOOM)	16:30 AM Staff Meeting	17	18 Office Closed	19
20 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6 PM Discipleship	21	22 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Mtg	23 11:00 AM Higher Heights 2:00 PM Staff Meeting (Main Conference Room)	24	25 Office Closed	26 9:30 AM New to the Community Visits (Biscuitville)
9:30 AM Starting Point (New Guests Class) 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Service 6 PM Discipleship	28 <b>6:30 PM</b> Baptist Men	7:30 AM Men's Prayer Mtg 6 PM Band Practice (Sanctuary)	30	1	2	3

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#### RETURN SERVICE REQUEST



Services may be cancelled due to COVID-19

#### **GREETERS**

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

#### **LOCKING & SECURITY**

September 6 - Tommie Angel September 13 - Belinda Bond September 20 - Jamie Bowen September 27 - Eddie Bowling



#### **Sunday, July 26, 2020**

All Services and Activities Cancelled

#### Sunday, August 2, 2020

All Services and Activities Cancelled

#### Sunday, August 9, 2020

All Services and Activities Cancelled

#### **Sunday, August 16, 2020**

All Services and Activities Cancelled