

Welcome to  
**Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church**  
 Established 1869

*Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world*



**The Lord's Day, October 25, 2009**

We are grateful that you have chosen to worship God with us today. We invite you to join us on this incredible journey of following Christ as His disciples, striving 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.

*Join us each Sunday morning for these opportunities . . .*

- 8:45 A.M. - Food and Fellowship (Chapel)
- 9:00 A.M. - Celebration Worship (Chapel)
- 9:45 A.M. - Sunday School:
- Preschoolers (1<sup>st</sup> floor of educational wing)
- Children (in the "Upper Room")
- Small group Bible study for Youth and Adults (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the educational wing)
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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**Church Staff:**

- Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Senior Pastor (mark.gaskins@jhbc.org)
- Rev. Gilbert W. McDowell, Pastor Emeritus
- Rev. Ronnie Byrd, Associate Pastor for Music & Education (ronnie.byrd@jhbc.org)
- Rev. Mike Clements, Associate Pastor for Families (mike.clements@jhbc.org)
- Mr. David Webb, Church Administrator (david.webb@jhbc.org)
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- Mrs. Jo Ann Brickhouse, Organist
- Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, Pianist

**The Worship of God**  
**The Lord's Day, October 25, 2009**  
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 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)  
 Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM

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| Gathering to Worship                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |
| Ministry Opportunities                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Mike Clements       |
| Greeting                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |
| Music for Meditation                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | JoAnn Brickhouse    |
| Words of Welcome                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Mark Gaskins        |
| Call to Worship                        | Psalm 34:1-3 (NIV)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Mark Gaskins        |
| PASTOR:                                | I will extol the LORD at all times;<br>his praise will always be on my lips.                                                                                                                                                                                  |                     |
| PEOPLE:                                | <b>My soul will boast in the LORD;<br/>let the afflicted hear and rejoice.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |                     |
| PASTOR:                                | Glorify the LORD with me;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                     |
| PEOPLE:                                | <b>let us exalt his name together.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                     |
| Choral Response                        | "Come Christians Join to Sing"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Sanctuary Choir     |
| Invocation                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Belinda Bond        |
| Hymn 431                               | "Shine, Jesus, Shine"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Congregation        |
| Children's Sermon                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Mike Clements       |
| Scripture Lesson                       | Matthew 25:14-30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Hunter Bond         |
| Chorus Medley                          | 118, 160, 36 and 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Congregation        |
| Thanksgiving with Tithes and Offerings |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |
|                                        | <i>"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."</i> |                     |
|                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | (Malachi 3:10, ESV) |
| Offertory Prayer                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |
| Anthem                                 | "Find Us Faithful"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Sanctuary Choir     |
| Scripture and Sermon                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Mark Gaskins        |
|                                        | Revelation 3:7-13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                     |
|                                        | <b>"What the Spirit is Saying to the Churches:<br/>An Open Door"</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |                     |
| Hymn 508                               | "Love Lifted Me"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Congregation        |
| The Church at Prayer                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Mark Gaskins        |

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| Benediction           | Mark Gaskins |
| Business Meeting      | Jeff Brown   |
| Scattering on Mission |              |



*Join us for this week's evening services and activities . . .*

- **Sunday Evening, 6:00 P.M. (Conference Room) - Heather Webb leading discipleship study on the parables**
- **Sunday Evening, 7:00 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) - David Webb teaching about Judaism as a World Religion (part 1 of 2)**
- **Wednesday Mid-Week Worship, 6:15 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) - Mark Gaskins teaching on Baptist history and heritage**

**HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL (#118)**

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,  
 His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;  
 He is the mighty King, Master of everything,  
 His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.  
 He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He;  
 Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him;  
 His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

**ANTIPHONAL PRAISE (#160)**

We worship You, Almighty God; In You alone is our delight.  
 We worship You, O holy God, and lift our voice to sing Your praise.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**HE IS EXALTED (#36)**

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.  
 He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!  
 He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.  
 Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.  
 He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

**LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD (#18)**

Let's just praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
 Let's just lift our hearts to heaven and praise the Lord;  
 Let's just praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
 Let's just lift our hearts to heaven and praise the Lord!

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*The beautiful wreaths that adorn our sanctuary doors at all times are provided by Ann Wester in memory of her aunt, Mrs. Flonnie Leonard. We give our thanks to Ann for this ongoing tribute.*

**REMEMBERING OUR NATIONAL GUARD** - On November 8, Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes will be packed with cookies, brownies or some kind of homemade food items for our National Guard. We need 80 individually wrapped items (that would be one (1) item for each guard member). We can do more than 80 items, and I am sure you will. Please bring your baked goods to McDowell Hall on Sunday morning, November 8, and they will be delivered to the Armory. Show your appreciation to these gentlemen for their sacrifices for our safety and freedom. **REJOICE AND GIVE!**

**Our Mission**

*By the grace of God and the power of His Holy Spirit, we will embody the presence of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ to Sanford and the world through our worship, our witness, and our way of life as His disciples.*

**Our Values**

- ✦ *God-focused intergenerational worship*
- ✦ *Bible-centered life-impacting Bible study and Discipleship*
- ✦ *Hands-on relationship-driven missions*
- ✦ *An accepting and encouraging sense of family where everyone's voice counts*

**Becoming a Follower of Christ**

Being a Christian involves a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Every one of us is a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness. Only Christ can save us and set us right with God through His own life, death on the cross, and resurrection from the dead. Those who put their faith in Him and commit their lives to Him as their Lord experience His forgiveness and are set right with God. Those who have not put their faith in Him are separated from God by their sin, a separation that continues in eternity in hell if they die without Christ.

Trusting Jesus involves recognizing your need of Him, asking Him to forgive you, and committing yourself to Him as your Lord. The Christian life is about following Jesus, getting to know Him, and becoming like Him. Once you trust Christ, being baptized expresses your commitment publicly. Becoming a part of a local congregation helps you to know and serve Christ as a part of His people, the family of God.

We would be delighted to talk with you about making a commitment to Jesus Christ. Please see one of our pastors after the service or contact the church office (919-776-1541).

**Becoming a Member of Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church**

Becoming a member of a local congregation of believers is an important step in the Christian life. Through membership in a local church, we experience fellowship with other Christians, study God's word and learn together in worship and in small groups, and participate in our risen Lord's mission in the world.

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church gladly receives members who are followers of Christ and who believe that God is leading them to become a part of our church. New believers are received into the church through baptism. Members of other Baptist churches are received by transfer of membership. Persons coming from other Christian denominations are received by statement of their faith along with believer's baptism (if they have not already experienced believer's baptism.)

If you would like to become a member of Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church, you may come forward during the hymn of commitment following the sermon and present yourself as a candidate for membership. If you would like to discuss your decision prior to making it public or have further questions about membership in JHBC, please talk with one of our pastors after the service or contact the church office (919-776-1541).

**CHURCH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

|                              |                   |                                                                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, October 25</b>    | 8:45 AM           | Celebration Worship (Chapel)                                    |
|                              | 9:00 – 9:45 AM    | Church Library Open                                             |
|                              | 9:45 - 10:45 AM   | Sunday School (Children meet in Upper Room)                     |
|                              | 11:00 AM          | Worship Service (Sanctuary)<br>(Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5FM) |
|                              | 12: 00 – 12:15 PM | Church Library Open                                             |
|                              | 5:00 PM           | Handbell Choir                                                  |
|                              | 6:00 PM           | Discipleship Study (Conference Room)                            |
|                              | 7:00 PM           | Evening Worship (Bullock-Matthews Room)                         |
| <b>Monday, October 26</b>    | 6:00 – 7:00 PM    | Chrismon Class (Conference Room)                                |
|                              | 6:30 PM           | Baptist Men (Old Fellowship Hall)                               |
| <b>Tuesday, October 27</b>   | 7:30 AM           | Men's Prayer Meeting                                            |
|                              | 9:00 AM           | Breadbasket                                                     |
|                              | 6:30 PM           | Church Council (Conference Room)                                |
|                              | 7:00 PM           | Finance Committee                                               |
|                              | 7:30 PM           | Joyful Noise                                                    |
| <b>Wednesday, October 28</b> | 10:30 AM          | Staff Meeting (Conference Room)                                 |
|                              | 5:00 – 6:00 PM    | Mid-Week Manna (hamburgers, french fries and baked beans)       |
|                              | 5:30- 6:00PM      | Bible Drill (RA Classroom)                                      |
|                              | 6:00 – 6:15 PM    | Kid's Challenge (Upper Room)                                    |
|                              | 6:00 – 7:00 PM    | Acteens                                                         |
|                              | 6:15 – 7:00 PM    | Children's Choirs                                               |
|                              | 6:15 – 8:00 PM    | Church Library Open                                             |
|                              | 6:15-7:15 PM      | Ladies Discipleship Study (Conference Room)                     |
|                              | 6:15 – 7:15 PM    | Mid-Week Worship (Bullock-Matthews Room)                        |
|                              | 7:00 – 7:45 PM    | Mission Friends, RA's and GA's                                  |
|                              | 7:00 – 8:00 PM    | Youth Worship                                                   |
|                              | 7:15 – 8:45 PM    | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Bullock-Matthews Room)               |
| <b>Thursday, October 29</b>  | 10:00 AM          | Higher Heights Packing Shoeboxes (Old Fellowship Hall)          |
| <b>Friday, October 30</b>    | 8:30 – 3:00 PM    | Off-Site Staff Development Meeting (Church Office Closed)       |

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**If You Missed Signing** the framed anniversary board for Rev. Ronnie, you may do so today. It has been placed on the table in the main corridor. Go by and sign it so Ronnie will have a treasured memo of his 18 years of service to JHBC.

**Baptist Men** will meet on Monday, October 26 at 6:30 PM in the Old Fellowship Hall. The program will be Dr. Angela Bright Pearson from Bright Audiology, speaking on hearing loss. Norman Brickhouse will be the chef for the evening. Please sign up to reserve your plate.

**Sandy Creek Baptist Associational Fall Meeting** will be held on Monday, October 26 at Flat Springs Baptist Church, 4148 Deep River Road, Sanford. Registration begins at 6:30 PM.

**Sara Cummings – This Week's College Student** – Sara is the daughter of Jeff and Kaye Cummings. She is attending UNC Greensboro. Please send her a letter or card this week to let her know that she is not forgotten and that you are praying for her. Her address is 7635 UNC – G Station, Greensboro, NC 27401.

**Higher Heights** will meet in the Old Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 29. We will pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Come join us for good fellowship, a wonderful mission opportunity and light refreshments.

**Don't forget** to gather your family to discuss a family mission statement. It only needs to be 1-3 sentences that states the goals, values and priority of your family.

**New Men's Prayer Meeting** will begin on Saturday, November 7 at 8:00 AM. This will be in addition to the Tuesday morning men's prayer meeting. We will gather every Saturday to pray for our church, individual, and corporate needs. For more information, call Ken Smith at 718-9923.

**Hi Hat Knitters!!** Thanks for everyone who has already turned hats in. We currently have 311 hats which means we are 89 hats away from our goal of 400 hats for Operation Christmas Child!!! Way to go everyone! Keep up the good wood. We will meet together again in the Old Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 7 at 2:00 PM. Hope to see you all there!

**Seats Still Available for Higher Heights Trip** to the Rudy Theater on Thursday, December 10. All remaining money for this trip is due by November 1. If you would like to join us for this trip or need an update on the amount you still owe, contact Jean Walker at 775-2396.

**Christmas is coming...** and it's time to order poinsettias for the beautification of our sanctuary. Cost of each one is \$9.25 and you can honor a loved one by placing one in their memory or honor. Forms and envelopes can be picked up at the Greeters desk and also on the desk in front of the library. Place form and money in the envelope and drop in the box. Order by Sunday, November 22.

**Reminder** – If you are not attending Mid-week Manna, you are missing a good time of food and fellowship. Sign up by Monday afternoon each week to join us for a good meal. ALSO... if you are signed up on the permanent list, make sure you cancel by Monday afternoon if you are NOT eating that week.

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION**

The Deacons and Finance Committee are making a joint recommendation for Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church (JHBC) to purchase the Elizabeth R. Mann property at 2303 Woodland Avenue (adjacent to McDowell Hall parking lot).

JHBC will use the designated fund for land purchase (\$95,000.00) and \$25,000.00 from the general fund for this purchase.

The above recommendation will be voted on this morning immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: October 18, 2009 (Week 42 of 52)**

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| <b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>           |                    |                            |                      |
| Weekly Budgeted Needs                | \$10,941.61        | YTD Budget Goal            | \$ 459,547.62        |
| T/O Received                         | <u>\$42,222.51</u> | <u>YTD T/O Received</u>    | <u>\$ 403,760.30</u> |
| Over Budget This Week                | \$31,280.90        | YTD Difference             | (\$ 55,787.32)       |
| (2009 Budget: \$568,963.47)          |                    |                            |                      |
| (\$568,963.47/52 weeks= \$10,941.61) |                    | <b><u>TOTAL GIVING</u></b> | \$ 61,875.14         |
|                                      |                    | (Last Week)                |                      |
| <b><u>MISSIONS</u></b>               | \$ 80.00           |                            |                      |
| <b><u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u></b>      | \$ 3,000.00        | <b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>   |                      |
|                                      |                    | Sunday School              | 167 + 11 visitors    |
|                                      |                    | 9:00 AM                    | 34                   |
| <b><u>BUILDING FUND</u></b>          | \$16,572.63        | 11:00 AM                   | 191                  |
| Current Remaining Loan               |                    | 6 PM Pastor Appreciation   | 141                  |
| Balance is \$248,741.78              |                    |                            |                      |