

Welcome to
Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
Established 1869

Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world

The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, December 20, 2009

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)  
Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5 FM

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Gathering to Worship  
Ministry Opportunities Mike Clements  
Greeting

Music for Meditation Kimberly Davidson  
*"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior . . ."*  
(Luke 1:46b-47, NIV)

Words of Welcome Mark Gaskins

Call to Worship "We Wait in Hope"  
*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Choral Introduction

LEADER: Advent is a time to praise.  
CONGREGATION: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

LEADER: During Advent we remember God's past faithfulness.

CONGREGATION: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

LEADER: During Advent we remember God's present goodness.

CONGREGATION: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

LEADER: During Advent we remember God's future promises.

CONGREGATION: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

The Four Candles Lauren and Paige Brown  
Refrain (see insert - verse 4 only) Congregation  
Prayer

Worship in Song "Jesus Messiah" Joyful Noise

Hymn 253 "Silent Night! Holy Night!" Congregation  
Children may exit for Children's Worship (Chapel)

Old Testament Lesson Micah 5:2-5a Jeff Brown

Worship in Song "Call Him Jesus" Sanctuary Choir

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 10:5-10 Rachel Brown

Hymn (see insert) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Congregation

Thanksgiving with Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Prayer  
Anthem "So Much God" Sanctuary Choir  
Trio - Brenda Price, Karen Wood and Roger Vance

Scripture and Sermon Luke 2:1-20 Mark Gaskins  
"Good News!"

Worship in Song "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Ronald Byrd

Hymn 262 "Away in a Manger" Congregation

The Church at Prayer Mark Gaskins

Benediction Mark Gaskins

Scattering on Mission



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

- **Sunday Evening, 7:00 P.M. (Bullock-Matthews Room) -**
- **No Wednesday evening services or activities**
- **Thursday evening, 5:00 P.M. (Sanctuary) - Christmas Eve Service of Lessons, Carols, and Communion**

**Jesus Messiah**

He became sin, who knew no sin.  
That we might become, his Righteousness.  
He humbled himself, and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

**Chorus:**

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood the wine.  
Broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.  
(Chorus)

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You.  
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.  
(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, Lord of All  
The Lord of All, The Lord of All

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**The Lord's Day, December 20, 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)
- Mrs. Marva Lee Roush, *Administrative Assistant* (info@jhbc.org)
- Mrs. Jo Ann Brickhouse, *Organist*
- Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, *Pianist*

**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**

**Sunday, December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 9:00 – 9:45 AM Church Library Open
- 9:45 - 10:45 AM Sunday School (Children meet in Upper Room)
- 11:00 AM Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary) (Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5FM)
- 11:00 AM Children's Worship (Chapel)
- 12: 00 – 12:15 PM Church Library Open
- 7:00 PM Evening Worship (Bullock-Matthews Room)

**Monday, December 21**

**No Nell Smith / Mary Herring Group  
No Pearl Johnson Group**

**Tuesday, December 22**

- 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 PM Joyful Noise

**Wednesday, December 23**

Church Office Closed  
**NO Mid-Week Worship or Activities**

**Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

- 5:00 PM Church Office Closed
- Christmas Eve Service of Lessons, Carols, and Communion (Sanctuary)

**Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

Church Office Closed

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Katie Vance, College Student of the Week** – Katie is the daughter of Roger and Linda Vance. 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. Katie's address is 205 South Franklin Drive, Sanford, NC 27330.

**JHBC New Pictorial Directory** – Sign up today while there is still a good selection of appointments (photo schedule listed below), either at church or online at [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com). If you sign up online, you will receive a confirmation e-mail soon afterwards. Each household that comes for photography and portrait viewing will receive a complimentary directory and a 8x10 custom color portrait. Additional portrait options will be available for purchase. Please participate – it won't be complete without you!

- Friday, January 15 – 3:00 PM – 9:30 PM
- Saturday, January 16 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Thursday, January 21 – 3:00 PM – 9:30 PM
- Friday, January 22 – 3:00 PM – 9:30 PM
- Saturday, January 23 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Capt. Mark McDowell Memorial Fund** – This fund has been set up in memory of Capt. Mark McDowell designated for the sole purpose of installing lights on the windows in McDowell Hall. These lights would allow the beautiful windows to be seen at night when the church is dark. This fund will be open for donations until January 31, 2010. If you would like to make a donation, please do so by making your check payable to the church with a memo of Capt. Mark McDowell Memorial Fund.

**2010 JHBC Directory** is in the final stages of completion. If you would like to have your email included in this 2010 directory, please call the church office with this information as soon as possible. This directory is different than the pictorial directory.

**Mark Your Calendars – So You Won't Miss These Events!**

**Today, December 20 – 11:00 AM**  
Combined Worship Service

**Wednesday, December 23**  
No Mid-Week Worship or Activities

**Thursday, December 24 – 5:00 PM**  
Christmas Eve Service of Lessons, Carols and Communion

**Sunday, December 27**  
No Evening Worship Service

**Wednesday, December 30**  
No Mid-Week Worship or Activities

**Sunday, January 3, 2010**  
11:00 AM – Children's Worship  
7:00 PM – Business Meeting

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010**  
Mid-Week Manna, Worship and All Activities Resume

**Saturday, January 9, 2010**  
Youth – Winter Jam at Fayetteville

**BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE: December 13, 2009 (Week 50 of 52)**

**GENERAL FUND**

|                                      |               |                     |                |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Weekly Budgeted Needs                | \$10,941.61   | YTD Budget Goal     | \$ 547,080.50  |
| T/O Received                         | \$ 8,488.00   | YTD T/O Received    | \$ 496,439.24  |
| Difference                           | \$ (2,453.61) | YTD Difference      | (\$ 50,641.26) |
| (2009 Budget: \$568,963.47)          |               |                     |                |
| (\$568,963.47/52 weeks= \$10,941.61) |               | <b>TOTAL GIVING</b> | \$ 13,173.00   |
|                                      |               | (Last Week)         |                |

**MISSIONS** \$ 640.00

**MCDOWELL MEMORIAL** \$ 75.00

**OTHER** \$ -0-

**BUILDING FUND** \$ 3,970.00

Current Remaining Loan  
Balance is \$225,229.09

**ATTENDANCE**

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday School            | 162 +8 Visitors |
| 9:00 AM                  | 25              |
| 11:00 AM                 | 227             |
| PM Sanctuary Choir       | 397             |
| Saturday Sanctuary Choir | 362             |

