

Welcome to
Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
Established 1869

Embodying the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world



The Lord's Day, December 27, 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 (1st floor of educational wing)
Children (in the "Upper Room")
Small group Bible study for Youth and Adults
(1st, 2nd, 3rd floors of the educational wing)
11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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Mrs. Kimberly Davidson, *Pianist*

The Worship of God
The Lord's Day, December 27, 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                   |                                | Kimberly Davidson                 |
| Words of Welcome                       |                                | Mike Clements                     |
| Call to Worship                        | "A Stable Prayer"              | Sanctuary Choir                   |
| Invocation                             |                                | Dan Wood                          |
| Hymn 270                               | "Joy to the World!"            | Congregation                      |
| Children's Sermon                      |                                | Ariane Smith                      |
| Scripture Lesson                       | Isaiah 51:12-16                | Terri Clements                    |
| Hymn 250                               | "O Little Town of Bethlehem"   | Congregation                      |
| Thanksgiving with Tithes and Offerings |                                |                                   |
| Offertory Prayer                       |                                |                                   |
| Special Music                          |                                | Gracie Clements and Victoria Wood |
|                                        | "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" |                                   |
| Scripture and Sermon                   |                                | Mike Clements                     |
|                                        | Luke 2:8-11                    |                                   |
|                                        | "Tidings of Comfort and Joy"   |                                   |
| Hymn 258                               | "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"  | Congregation                      |
| The Church at Prayer                   |                                |                                   |
| Benediction                            |                                | Mike Clements                     |
| Scattering on Mission                  |                                |                                   |



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

- **No Sunday Evening services or activities**
- **No Wednesday evening services or activities**

**Blessings**

I knelt to pray when day was done  
And prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone,  
Lift from each saddened heart the pain  
And let the sick be well again."

And when I woke another day  
And carelessly went on my way,  
The whole day long I did not try  
To wipe a tear from any eye.  
I did not try to share the load  
Of any brother on the road.

I did not even go to see  
The sick man just next door to me.  
Yet once again when day was done  
I prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone."

But as I prayed, into my ear  
There came a voice that whispered clear,

"Pause now, my son, before you pray.  
Whom have you tried to bless today?"

Gods sweetest blessing always go  
By hands that serve him here below."  
And then I hid my face and cried,  
"Forgive me, God, I have not tried,  
But let me live another day  
And I will live the way I pray."

*Author Unknown*

**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 27**

- 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)  
(Broadcast live on WFJA 105.5FM)
- 11:00 AM Children's Worship (Chapel)
- 12: 00 - 12:15 PM Church Library Open
- No Evening Worship**

**Tuesday, December 29**

- 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 9:00 AM Breadbasket
- 6:30 PM Building & Grounds Meeting
- 7:30 PM Joyful Noise

**Wednesday, December 30**

**NO Mid-Week Worship or Activities**

**Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve**

**Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day**

Church Office Closed

**Saturday, January 2**

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Jeffrey Gaskins, College Student of the Week** - Jeffrey is the son of Mark and JoAnn Gaskins. Please send him a letter or card this week to let him know that he is not forgotten and that you are praying for him. Jeffrey's address is 227 Loxley Lane, 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!**

**Tonight, 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 20, 2009 (Week 51 of 52)**

**GENERAL FUND**

|                                      |                    |                            |                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Weekly Budgeted Needs                | \$10,941.61        | YTD Budget Goal            | \$ 558,022.11        |
| T/O Received                         | <u>\$13,110.64</u> | YTD T/O Received           | <u>\$ 509,549.88</u> |
| Over Budget This Week                | \$(2,169.03)       | YTD Difference             | (\$ 48,472.23)       |
| (2009 Budget: \$568,963.47)          |                    |                            |                      |
| (\$568,963.47/52 weeks= \$10,941.61) |                    | <b><u>TOTAL GIVING</u></b> | \$ 15,575.64         |
|                                      |                    | (Last Week)                |                      |

**MISSIONS** \$ 925.00

**MCDOWELL MEMORIAL** \$ 70.00

**OTHER** \$ 100.00

**BUILDING FUND** \$ 1,370.00

Current Remaining Loan  
Balance is \$225,229.09

**ATTENDANCE**

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Sunday School         | 175 +11 Visitors |
| 9 AM & 11 AM Combined | 278              |
| 7 PM Evening          | 12               |