



The Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church **ANNOUNCER**

APRIL 2025

Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ... But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

1 Corinthians 6: 12-13

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As we read this passage in 1 Corinthians, we find Paul encouraging believers at the church of Corinth to reflect on their relationship with Christ. He reminds them that they weren't always followers of Christ, saved by His blood, and children of the Most High God. In fact, at one point they were the opposite. They were enemies of Christ. They were the recipients of wrath and judgment. But now they are recipients of mercy and grace.

Sometimes I like to reflect on my relationship with Christ. I like to imagine what my life would be like if I had never accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. What kind of person would I be? It's a scary thought. I certainly would have a different job. I would have gone to a different school and would never have met my wife. While I can't imagine my life with these differences, even more important are the spiritual changes. Without Christ, where would I find hope, peace, and joy? What would guide my views of morality? I would be a slave to sin and death, living contrary to the law of God, lacking the abundant life that God has promised me.

This is exactly what Paul wants to remind the Christians of Corinth. Sometimes we forget the incredible impact God's mercy has on our lives. But when we remember the difference that Christ makes, the hopelessness of life before receiving His grace, in contrast with the life He gives us through the Gospel, then our views of God's goodness grows immensely.

As we prepare to celebrate Easter this month, let us not forget the incredible mercy of God in calling us "out of darkness, into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

Sermon Schedule

4/6	Baptist Men's Day	Rev. Jason Golden
4/13	Preparing for Victory	John 12: 12-16
4/20 (Sunrise)	Victory Through Death	Matthew 10: 32-42
4/20 (Easter Sunday)	Victory Through Life	Matthew 28: 1-10
4/27	Victory Through Presence	Matthew 28:16-20

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Obadiah





WORSHIP MATTERS

Pastor Scott

Higher Heights - JHBC's Senior Adult Ministry



It struck me, particularly since there have been a good number of individuals and families starting to attend JHBC in the last couple of years, that we have to be careful about using terminology that not everyone understands. It's not unusual. You run into this in restaurants (what is a 'Bubba's Special pizza?'), when you travel, lots of places. At JHBC, it could be "WMU" (if you don't have a Southern Baptist background), Bullock-Matthews (if you're not familiar with our building layout), and the one I'd like to focus on now - 'Higher Heights'.

Higher Heights is a term that eventually was applied to a group of folks that had been meeting in the church parsonage during the time that Pastor Gilbert McDowell was leading the church, but eventually outgrew that space, and decided to begin meeting in the church facilities. It was determined that the group should have a name, and out of a committee the name 'Higher Heights' was selected. This term came from a phrase that Pastor Gilbert used in his prayers at that time... "lead us to higher heights and deeper depths of Your love" he would pray. And it's been that way ever since.

Higher Heights, or the senior adult ministry, is something that I work with as part of my role as Associate Pastor here at JHBC. And shortly after arriving, I developed a concept for a team to assist me in that effort. Generally speaking, I have attempted to enlist 6 senior adults (3 men and 3 women) to form what I call the Higher Heights Coordinating Team (HHCT). This group meets monthly and prepares the ministry strategy for each year, including what happens at the monthly meetings, which are designed to focus on the unique needs and interests of those who are retired or generally referred to as 'senior adults'. The majority of the meetings are centered on spiritual themes (i.e. - prayer, missions, discipleship), but on occasion the theme is something specifically directed to those of this age group (social security updates, scams targeting older adults, etc.). This group (HHCT) also plans the various special events that are calendared, which are generally a mix of fellowship and ministry-focused events. These recently have included trips to the NC Farmer's Market in Raleigh or Southern Supreme (nut-cake factory) or the Cookie Caravan, which delivers cookies to the JHBC homebound, or our SOCS Drive (Support Our College Students), which encourages our college students and sends them a nice gift this time of year.

One concern that the HHCT has identified is the need to include 'younger' senior adults. There is a new phrase that, I think, comes into play here. "70 is the new 60". I'm not retired, nor do I consider myself a 'senior adult', and yet, I'm 61 years old. There is a broad spectrum of abilities and interests for those who are retired, whether they are 60, 70, 80, 90, or more. Some are active, traveling, involved in golfing, sailing, fishing, doing really anything they want, and whatever needs to be done. On the other end of the spectrum, there are those who find it difficult to leave their home often, particularly at night, but find great fulfillment in meeting their friends in their Sunday School class, worship, or the monthly Higher Heights meetings. And this difference can happen at any age. I challenge anyone to keep up with Avron Upchurch for a week, and he's 95!

Higher Heights is a wonderful ministry. September through May, the group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month in McDowell Fellowship Hall at 11 AM for a wonderful program, great fellowship, and a tasty lunch. It is our hope that the ministry of Higher Heights will be able to meet the needs and desires of all those who fall in the category of retired or senior adults. If you're one of those, please don't hesitate to let me know what you'd like to see as part of this ministry. Thank you.



family @ JHBC

Find a Little Jesus at JHBC this Easter

A while back, I had someone share a Facebook Reel with me, which showed a church youth group that had bought these little Jesus figures and had hidden them all around the church. On Sunday morning, members from the church walk in, and find these little Jesus figures. It brings a smile to folks faces, and then the challenge is presented... you need to share your little Jesus with someone, because “everyone needs a little Jesus.”

I thought that was such a great idea! As I was considering how to utilize this idea here at JHBC, I began to discuss it with a few different folks. As we began to plan out the calendar for the Church Council in our Children’s Ministry Team, we came to the topic of Easter plans. One of the decisions to be made was, “are we doing the Easter Egg hunt again this year?” Ultimately, we took feedback from the Sunday School teachers that they really wanted more time with those who showed up to Sunday School on this Holy Day, and would like to have it moved to a different time other than the Sunday School hour.

Then, it hit me. We can invite folks to “find a little Jesus at JHBC this Easter!” On Easter Sunday, we encourage kids, youth, and adults to hunt for and find a little Jesus at JHBC. These little Jesus figures will be hidden throughout the church. Once you find one, you can come find me, show me your little Jesus, and receive a full-sized candy bar! You will also receive a second Little Jesus, so that you can share a little Jesus with a friend.

Kids will receive a goodie bag following Sunday School, which will include a few toy-filled and candy-filled Easter Eggs, an Easter coloring book and crayons, and information about upcoming exciting events!

The Lord Bless and Keep You.

Pastor Nick Anetok





*Easter
Blessings*

Visit www.jhbc.org/easter for information about all of these events!

12th

*JHBCkids and all are invited to
this FREE movie day!*

*12 noon at Regal Crossroads Cary
Scan the QR Code for information!
Only 50 tickets total available!*



16th



**A Passover Experience
led by Sharon Carter**

*Wednesday, April 16th
6:15 pm in McDowell Hall*

18th



JHBCkids Good Friday Event

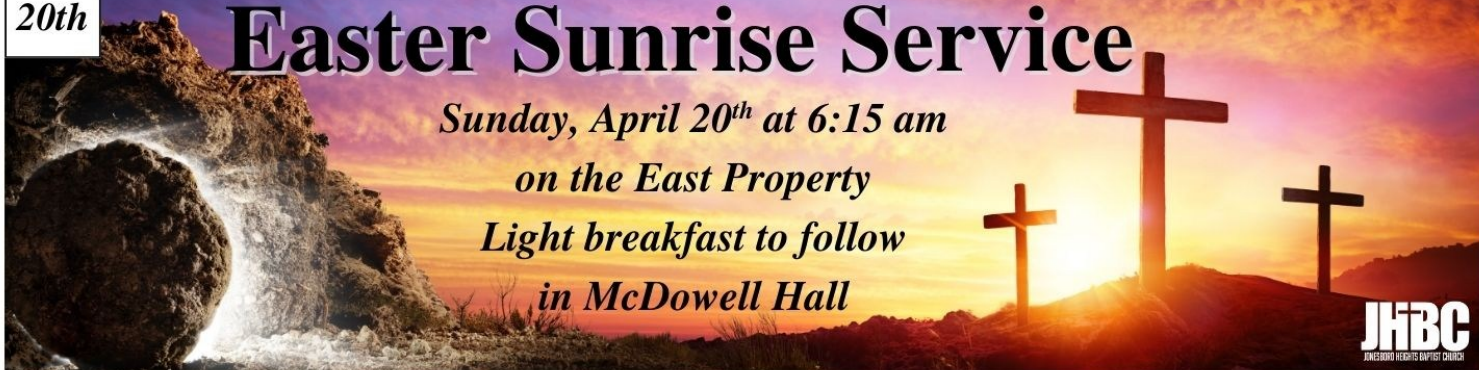
*Friday, April 18th
6:00 pm-7:30 pm in McDowell Hall*



20th

Easter Sunrise Service

*Sunday, April 20th at 6:15 am
on the East Property
Light breakfast to follow
in McDowell Hall*



JHBC
JAMES HEBERT BAPTIST CHURCH

20th

Easter Worship Service

Sunday, April 20th at 11 a.m.



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FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

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BBQ DINNER PLATE

DETAILS

Plates only available through pre-order tickets.

Pickup will be Sunday, April 27th between 4:30 pm and 6 pm in the parking lot of BS BBQ (1600 Tramway Road, Sanford, NC)

Plates include BBQ, hushpuppies, baked beans, slaw and dessert*.

**The desserts with your meal are being donated by a generous friend of the Heights Student Ministry, and are not being prepared by the Brannan Schlitz crew.*

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

- Online by scanning the QR Code to the right
- From a Youth or Pastor Nick in the main hallway after church services beginning April 6th
- Calling Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church (919) 776-1541 by 4 pm Thursday, April 24th.



Profit from this fundraiser will help sponsor students of Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church to attend summer camp at Fort Caswell this June.





Deacon's Corner



Submitted by Tom Janysek

“Opportunities to Serve”

In Mark 10:45, Jesus said “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

I sometimes think back to days of my youth and especially around any holiday. Christmases of past years take me back to those times and relatives now long gone. Toys no matter how big or small, I always have fun with them. But I remember having an aunt who always gave me socks. Every year, socks! It turned out to be the one gift I used “the most!” Which leads me to ask the question “what gifts do we have within us that we can use for the advancement of God’s Kingdom?” What is your gift that can be used “the most?” The goal of any church is to let God work and build His kingdom as we obediently submit to His Word and Spirit.



Because Jesus Christ, the Son of God, took upon Himself the role of a servant while He was on earth, so must we. The one who could have been or done anything, consciously and voluntarily chose to be one who served, one who gave. Soon, we will be handing out a list of opportunities for ministries and committees to serve here at JHBC. We should all take it to heart and be in prayer to where we can serve if we truly believe we are here to do God’s will for our church.

Paul taught, “We have different gifts, according to the grace given us... let us use them in proportion to our faith,” Romans 12:6. The spiritual gifts are found in three separate passages in the New Testament (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12-14; and Ephesians 4). A spiritual gift is a God-given ability, distributed to individual Christians by the Holy Spirit that allows us to work through our lives to help the church execute its mission. Satan himself does not want you to serve, and lack of “time” seems to be our excuse!

And we know Satan does not want us to succeed!

In Dr. David Jeremiah’s sermon “Identifying the Enemy,” he tells us:

“Satan was telling his demons.... As long as Christians are close to God, we have no power over them, so do these 12 things to gain victory over Christians.”

1. Keep them busy with non-essentials.
 2. Tempt them to overspend and go into debt.
 3. Make them work long hours so that they can maintain empty lifestyles.
 4. Discourage them from spending family time for when homes disintegrate, there is no refuge from work.
 5. Overstimulate their minds with televisions and computers so they can’t hear God speaking to them.
 6. Fill their coffee tables and nightstands with magazines so they have no time to read the Bible.
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Deacon's Corner (cont.)

Submitted by Tom Janysek

7. Flood their mailboxes with sweepstake promotions and get rich quick schemes—keep them chasing material things.
8. Put glamorous models on TV and magazine covers to keep them focused on outward appearances that way they will be dissatisfied with themselves and dissatisfied with their mates.
9. Make sure couples are too exhausted for physical intimacy—that way they are tempted to look elsewhere.
10. Emphasize Santa and the Easter Bunny, that way you will divert them away from the real meanings of these holidays.
11. Involve them in good causes so that they will not have time for eternal ones.
12. Make them self-sufficient, keep them busy working in their own strength so they will never know the joy of.

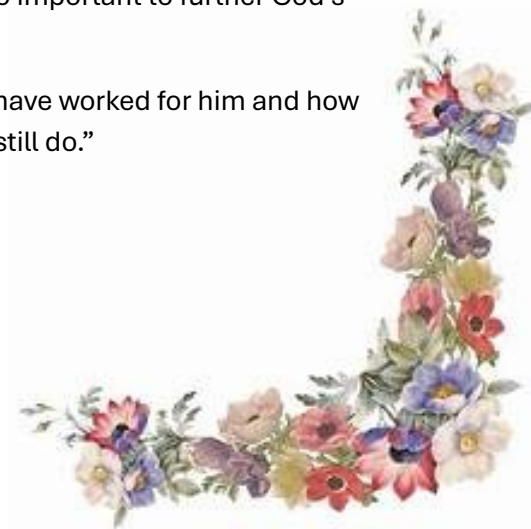

In Colossians 3:23-24, Paul wrote, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

1 Peter 4:10 says, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.”

In a recent article by Pastor Chuck Swindoll, he teaches “Serving God by serving others definitely has rewards, and they are numerous. They far outweigh the consequences. When we think about them, they motivate us to keep going. One of the great doctrines of Christianity is our firm belief in a heavenly home. Ultimately, we shall spend eternity with God in the place He has prepared for us. And part of that exciting anticipation is His promise to reward His servants for a job well done. I don't know many believers in Jesus Christ who never think of being with their Lord in heaven, receiving His smile of acceptance, and hearing His “well done, good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:21).

Each believer should, therefore, exercise his or her gifts accordingly. Take time to pray and be open to serve our church in the many committees and ministries that are so important to further God's kingdom.

Hebrews 6:10 “For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.”





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Higher Heights

Wednesday, Apr. 23, 11 AM
McDowell Fellowship Hall

Theme: 'Preparing for Departure'

Anna Phillips

Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home

JONESBORO HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

316 W. Main St., Sanford

YOU'RE INVITED!



BOBBY SHRINER
UNC WRESTLING
CHARACTER COACH

GABE WILLIAMS
DUKE FOOTBALL
CHARACTER COACH



MONDAY, APR. 28 AT 6:30 PM
JHBC FELLOWSHIP HALL
DINNER (\$6) AND PROGRAM
(STUDENTS - FREE, BUT MUST REGISTER)

REGISTER NOW



Trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum

Proposed dates for the trip: July 28-August 1st, 2025

For information, visit www.jhbc.org/other/ark2025

upcoming EVENTS

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HEIGHTS STUDENT MINISTRY PRESENTS

First Friday Fellowship

April 4th, 2025, 6:30 pm til 8:30 pm

Invite your friends to come hang out in the Youth Center!
We will have snacks, board games, video games, and more.
Come join us in the fun!

For more information, see Pastor Nick, or contact him at (803) 757-9648.



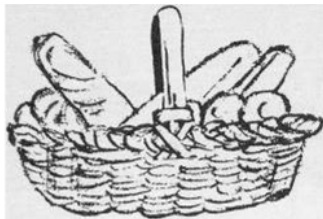
Powell River Shoe Fair 2025

We again will have a mission team traveling to Jonesville, Virginia to participate in the annual Shoe Fair for school aged children and youth. The team will be departing on Thursday, July 31, 2025, and returning on Saturday, August 2, 2025. This is an associational mission project which is led by our church as a project coordinating church (PCC). Your participation is encouraged either by...going with the team, donating shoes, socks, school supplies, hygiene items or monetary donations in support of this mission.

This year we are in great need of the following shoe sizes: MENS – Sizes (7) (7-1/2) (8) (9-1/2) (10-1/2) (12) (13) (14) (15) LADIES - (5-1/2) (6-1/2) (7-1/2) (8) (11) (12). Any size GIRLS and BOYS - sturdy shoes or boots.

Shoe Collection Date - Monday, July 28, 2025 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in McDowell Hall

Please contact Wanda Howard, 919-818-3476, howardwp1@gmail.com or Alice Gilchrist 919-770-1510, bronco5205@windstream.net for additional information.



SERVE OPPORTUNITY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us on the 4th Tuesday each month at The Bread Basket of Sanford

Time: 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Address: 140 E. Chisholm Street

Contact Freda Lowe for more information - 919-356-8765

Isaiah 58:10 "If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday."

PASSION WEEK

Scripture Reading List

Below is a sample Passion Week Scripture Reading List beginning the Sunday before Easter. Each day includes a main Scripture reading, plus additional verses for further study as you are able. Some of the extra verses are the same events recorded in a different gospel, and some are different verses with more thoughts on the Easter events.

Day 1 (Palm Sunday): Read Matthew 21:1-11.
(for more reading: Luke 19:29-44 Mark 11:1-11, John 12:12-50)

Day 2: Read Matthew 21:12-20 and John 12:1-14.
(for more reading: Mark 11:11-33)

Day 3: Read Matthew 21:20-27.
(for more reading: Matthew 21:28-23:39, Mark 11:20-12:44)

Day 4: Read Luke 22:1-6 and Mark 14:1-11.
(for more reading: Matthew 24-25, Matthew 26:17-30)

Day 5 (Last Supper): Read John 19:1-16 and Isaiah 54:7.
(for more reading: Luke 22:7-52, John 13-17, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, Mark 14:12-72)

Day 6 (Good Friday): Read Mark 14:53-15:41, Isaiah 53:5-6, and 1 Peter 1:18-21.
(for more reading: Luke 22:47-53, 23:39-43, John 19:1-37)

Day 7: Read John 19:38-42 and Romans 6:22-23.
(for more reading: Mark 15:42-47, Matthew 27:57-66)

Day 8 (The Resurrection): Read Mark 16:1-7 and Matthew 28:1-20.
(for more reading: John 20:1-21:31, Acts 1:9)

For more resources, visit Do Not Depart and view this post: <http://wp.me/plSu7F-2nh>.



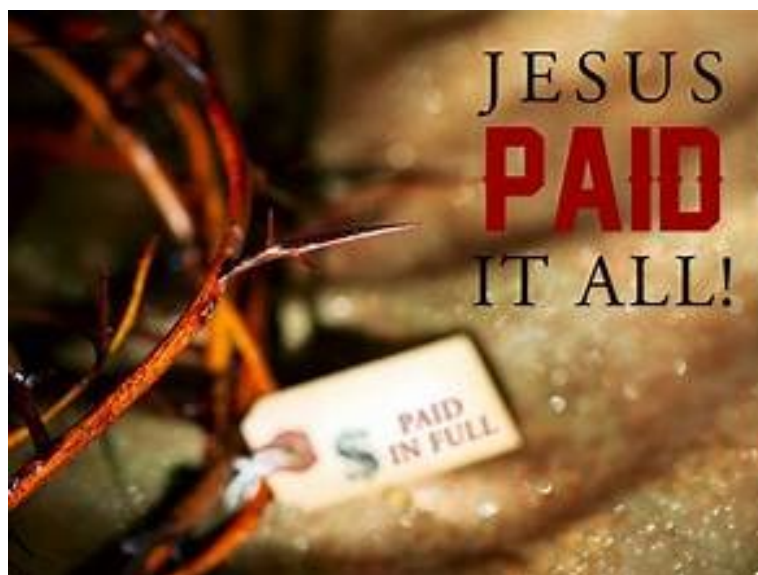
Thank You!

Dear Baptist Men on Mission,
God bless each of you Baptist Men for the good works you do for others in the name of the Lord our God!
Thank you so much!
Melba Kelly

Dear JHBC,
On behalf of the Breadbasket Board of Directors, I sincerely thank you for your generous donation to help feed the hungry of Lee County. Your support improves the lives of those we serve and we are grateful for your contribution. Thanks to your kindness we can fulfill our mission and continue serving the community.
With heartfelt gratitude,
W.R. Jones III
President - Breadbasket of Lee County

Dear JHBC,
Thank you for your support! Our focus continues to be on supporting our clients who live in the city limits of Sanford. We are blessed to be able to minister to those who have limited ways to receive meals. Thank you for being part of the Meals on Wheels team!
Sincerely,
Meals on Wheels Board of Directors

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,
Thank you for your contribution to the Helping Hand Clinic. Your caring heart and generosity in return will help us to continue to provide quality medical services to the low income and medically uninsured residents of Lee County. By helping keep our doors open, your generous donations truly helps save lives.
Sincerely,
Gwendolyn Lee-Cooper
Executive Director



MEMORIAL GIFTS



In Memory of James Tolliver

To the Tolliver Scholarship

>By Daphne Toliver

In Honor of Aaron & Shpresa Smith

To Operation Mobilization

>By Anonymous

In Honor of Lunette McCollough

To the Higher Heights Fund

>By Anonymous

In Honor of Tommy Scott

To the Benevolence Fund

>By Anonymous

In Honor of Katie Rice

To the Kitchen Team

>By Anonymous

In Honor of McKenzie Harding

To the Nursery Fund

>By Anonymous

In Honor of Clawson Patterson

To the NC Baptist Children's Homes

>By Anonymous

In Honor of Joshua Harding

To the NC Baptist Hospital Fund

>By Anonymous

In Honor of Bill and Judy Davis

To the Annie Armstrong Fund

>By Anonymous

In Honor of Nicholas Hazard

To the Building & Grounds Fund

>By Anonymous

In Honor of Lillian Watterson

To the Youth Fund

>By Anonymous

In Honor of Billy Joe & Mary Cox

To the Library Fund

>By Anonymous

In Honor of Scott Davis

To the Music Fund

>By Anonymous

In Honor of Ray Carter

To the Baptist Men on Mission

>By Melba Kelly

In Honor of Tony Rebello

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April 1 - Billy Cox

Phillip Lawrence

April 2 - Hunter Bond

April 3 - Rev. Gilbert McDowell

April 5 - Freda Lowe

April 8 - Jean Walker

Tammy Whitney

April 12 - Colby Johnson

April 14 - Sharon Carter

Barbara Comer

April 16 - Art Coleman

April 19 - Marshall Harding

April 23 - Jay Mitchell



April 24 - Beth Malloch

April 26 - Joy Hackney

April 27 - Katie Warren

April 28 - Ed Byrd

April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 10 am Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm Missions & Outreach 6:30 pm VBS Team Leads Meeting	2 10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AWANA & Youth Worship 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	3 3 pm Higher Heights Coordinating Team 5:45 pm Baptist Men Coordinating Team	4 6:30 pm Youth First Friday Fellowship <i>Office Closed</i>	5 9 am Strides for Stronger Families
6  <i>Baptist Men's Day</i> 8:45 am Men's Breakfast 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 6 pm Bowl-apalooza	7 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	8 10 am Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Budget & Finance 7 pm WISH	9 10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AWANA & Youth Worship 6 pm Band Rehearsal 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 <div>Caswell Senior Adult Retreat</div>	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12 12 noon Movie Day: "The King of Kings" at Regal Crossroads-Cary jhbckids.org
13 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Family Ministry Vision Forum	14 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team 6:30 pm Building & Grounds	15 <i>Items for Announcer due to Kristina</i> 10 am Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Band Rehearsal 6 pm Nursery Committee 7 pm Children's Ministry Team	16 10:30 am Staff Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 2 pm Pearl Johnson Group	18  6 pm JHBCkids Good Friday Event <i>Office Closed</i>	19
20 6:15 am Sunrise Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service <div><i>He is Risen</i> + EASTER</div>	21	22 8:30 am Breadbasket Serve Opportunity 10 am Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Budget & Finance 7 pm Family Ministry Team	23 11 am Higher Heights 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AWANA & Youth Worship 6 pm Band Rehearsal 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26
27 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 4:30 pm Youth Camp Fundraiser - BS BBQ	28 6 pm SCBA Spring Gathering 6:30 pm Baptist Men	29 10 am Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Band Rehearsal	30 10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AWANA & Youth Worship 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	31	1 6:30 pm Youth First Friday Fellowship <i>Office Closed</i>	2 <div>Caraway Men's Outdoor Retreat</div>

February 2025

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RETURN SERVICE REQUEST



GREETERS

Sandy Lamm
James & Jean Kelly

LOCKUP & SECURITY

April 6 - James Alverson
April 13 - Belinda Bond
April 20 - Ron Rouse
April 27 - Lynwood Jones



Sunday, March 2, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School - 150
11 AM Worship Service - 221

Sunday, March 9, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School - 124
11 AM Worship Service - 150

Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School - 121
11 AM Worship Service - 146

Sunday, March 23, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School - 135
11 AM Worship Service - 193

Sunday, March 30, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School -
11 AM Worship Service -