

The Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church

ANNOUNCER

DECEMBER 2024

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Ms. Claire Cummings Ms. Evelyn Martinez Ms. Nya South "And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

Luke 1:46-49

As we celebrate advent and the 1st coming of Christ, we face the yearly question: "What areas of my life should change because of Christmas?" We listen to Christmas music, sometimes hymns that rejoice in the birth of Christ, sometimes songs that celebrate the love we share with the people around us, and some that deal with the hippopotamus that we want as a Christmas present.

As we reflect on this Christmas season, we reflect on the role that Mary played in the Christmas story. A young woman who, other than being "highly favored," didn't have a lot to bring to the coming of Christ. She was a woman of humble circumstances, but of incredible faith (imagine being told by an angel that you would bear the Messiah). But Mary immediately understands that her position is a privileged one. Like Abraham being told his descendants would bear the name "the people of God," Mary was told that her child would bear the name "Messiah."

Mary understood the significance of what was happening to her: that "all generations" would call her blessed. And now, as we celebrate the Messiah who came and will some day return, we reflect on the humble nature of the Messiah who came to deliver us from our sins, and we rejoice in the gift that was given to us in the birth of the Christ-child.

Upcoming Sermons: Advent

December 1 Romans 8:18-24 Waiting with Hope
December 8 John 16:31-33 Peace through Trials
December 15 Luke 2:8-20 Joy through Blessing
December 22 1 John 3:16-18 Love by Example
December 29 Isaiah 9:1-7 Light in the Darkness

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

Finding God's Will

Goy to the world



WORSHIP MATTERS

Pastor Scott

Have you got a ticket for SUI?

One of my favorite authors on the topic of worship and worship leadership is Bob Kauflin. And in his book TRUE WORSHIPERS, he is talking about the act of singing in worship, why we do it and should everyone feel compelled to do it.

As one of those (sometimes annoying) people who are known to some as singing all the time (and sometimes, surprisingly not), his question, "Does God want everyone to sing?" caught my attention. Every Sunday I look out from the platform to see most everyone participating in the singing I am leading. Sometimes it's less if it's a new song, and more if it's more well known. I get that. But I think his question is going deeper than whether we are merely going along with the crowd or are engaging in something much greater than just music, namely, worship.

God has gifted me to sing, something not everyone would claim for themselves. So, why not leave the singing to the gifted? In this book, Harold Best, a former Dean of Music at the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music said, "The human voice, given over to Jesus, and found in company with other voices given over similarly, produces a dignified and worthy song from storefront to cathedral. Singing is not an option for the Christian; no one is excused. Vocal skill is not a criterion." Bob follows up, "No one is excused. Not even those with zero musical ability. The critical question is not 'Do I have a voice?' but 'Do I have a song? And if you're a true worshiper, forgiven and reconciled to God through the atoning work of Christ, the answer is a resounding 'yes'".

So WHY do we sing? The first answer he gives, and I would echo, is that God tells us to. Over and over in his word, we are told to sing. Psalm 96:1-2 say,

"Oh, sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day." And as concisely and redundantly as possible in Psalm 47:6 -

"Sing praise to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!"

A second reason (and there are many more that I won't take time to get into, like how it helps us to remember God's Word, and others) is that I believe that God loves to hear us sing to Him. In Ephesians 5, we are told to "be filled with the spirit". It then describes what that can look like, "Addressing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart." It is said, with the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks. Here, I believe it is saying that with the overflow of the heart, the mouth SINGS. I said a few moments ago that I believe God loves to hear us sing. Not because we feel like we're supposed to, but because we want to bring Him joy in singing praise to Him.

A song that I love immediately came to mind when I read this chapter. It's a song by Phillips, Craig, and Dean called "Favorite Song of All". Here is a portion of it.

But His favorite song of all is the song of the Redeemed When lost sinners, now made clean, lift their voices, loud and strong When those purchased by His blood, lift to Him a song of love There's nothin' more He'd rather hear, nor so pleasin' to His ear As His favorite song of all

Singing, clearly is a way of showing love to God. So, I ask you, "Have you got a ticket for SUI? Singing Under the Influence (of the Spirit)? I hope the answer is 'yes'!



This is not the End of the Story

I love Christmas so very much, that sometimes I forget that this is not the end of the story. Over the past couple of years, I have

picked a song from my Christmas Music playlist to write on, and this year is no different. Sometimes, we can get so caught up in celebrating Advent (the season of celebrating Jesus coming to earth), we forget the need for Him to come. I pray that you can see this season of advent in a different light this year. I will actually have a 25-day Advent devotional book for you to use, whether you are single, married, with or without kids. This devotional by Matt and Lauren Chandler is great for all ages, and will help you possibly celebrate Advent in a different light this year.





Scan the QR Code to the left, or search "This Hope This Is Not The End" on Youtube, Spotify, or Apple Music to listen to this great Christmas Song!

The Lord Bless and Keep You. Pointon Mich Annetak





Week of	Verse of the Week					
December 1st	For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ~Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)					
December 8th	But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ~Micah 5:2 (ESV)					
December 15th	And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. ~Luke 2:20 (ESV)					
December 22nd	For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord ~Luke 2:11 (ESV)					
December 29th	"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)					



PARENTS AND KIDS, JOIN US FOR A



CHRISTMAS PARTY

FOOD. FUN. GIFT EXCHANGE

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

9:00 am in McDowell Hall

Kids will participate in a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift that costs no more than \$5.













Keep up with everything happening!

JHBCkids: www.jhbckids.org Youth: www.hsmweekly.org



Deacon's Corner

Submitted by John Hall

Twas The Night Before Jesus Came

Anonymous

Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house

not a creature was praying, not one in the house. Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care, in hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed, not once ever kneeling or bowing a head; And mom in her rocker with baby on her lap, was watching the late show while I took a nap;

When out of the East there arose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter; Away to the window I flew like a flash, threw open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The light of His face made me cover my head, it was Jesus returning, just like He said.

And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the book of life, which He held in His hand, was written the name of every saved man.

He spoke not a word as He searched for my name, when He said, "It's not here!" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love, He gathered to take to His Father above. With those who were ready He rose without a sound, while all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late:
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight.
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear, the coming of Jesus is drawing near.

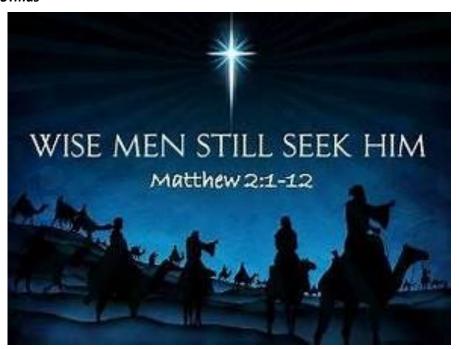
There's only one life and when the last name is called, we'll find that the **Bible was true after all.**

Isiah 9:6 For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And **He** will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through ME."

Let us not forget the true meaning of the birth our Savior. Jesus Christ, as we celebrate the hustle and bustle of what our modern culture calls the "Happy Holiday Season".

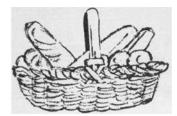
Have a "Blessed CHRISTmas"







We are excited about our partnership with Legacy Mission International and for the opportunity we will have to send a mission team to Honduras in February 2025. If you would like to give to support our mission team, please send a check made payable to JHBC and write "Honduras" on the memo line.



SERVE OPPORTUNITY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

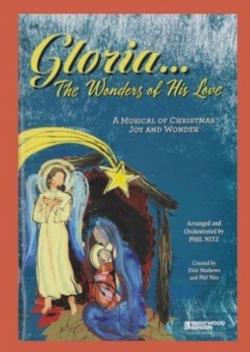
Time: 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Address: 140 E. Chisholm Street

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."







SAVETHE DATE!

JHBC Worship Choir

Christmas Musical Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4 PM

Reception following
You are invited to bring light snacks and desserts

COOKIES FOR LOTTIE

On December 7, 2024, we will have a Cookies for Lottie cookie swap and missions' moment to learn more about Lottie Moon and what our international missionaries do. All ladies and children are invited to this morning of cookies, cocoa and fun in McDowell Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For their children there is story time, making cards for missionaries and decorating cookies. If you are interested in participating in the cookie swap, bring 8 dozen cookies of your choice with the recipe. If you do not want to participate in the swap, bring a plate of cookies or other goodies to share. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Hawley Oates at 919-708-8369.





Mission & Outreach

Halloween Cups were filled with wrapped candy on Monday, October 28th. Those helpers were Amelia Yarborough, Cindy Jones, Judy Davis & Mary Laton. 90 + cups were delivered to J Glenn Edwards ES and 25 cups to Bayberry Retirement Inn with the assistance of Mary. A special thanks to Sheila Stevens for returning the trays back to church. An extra special thank you is extended to JHBC for supplying the candy for this annual event. Mission & Outreach - Sandy Brown

Card Ministry

Veterans Day, America paused to honor those who have served in the military. On November 10th 35 veterans were honored at JHBC with either a card and or a pin with a flag and cross. We thank you for putting your life on hold and for the sacrifices you made away from your family.

Card Ministry - Sandy Brown, Agnes Kelly, Jean Kelly and Mickie Rebello.

Bereavement Ministry

Bereavement Ministry Group 3 (Brenda Wicker & Catherine Mitchell) and Group 4 (Sheila Stevens & Angie Wood) served lunch to the Virginia Johnson family October 24th in McDowell Hall. Thanks to Carol Bowling, Ramona Bowling, Rachel Brown, Sharon Howell, Karen Lamm Hunter, Sharon Johnson, Gladys Kephart, Kathy Keye, Katie Rice, Kelly Perdue & Kathy Waters from Group 3 as well as to Sharon Carter, Barbara Cashion, Barbara Comer, Judy Davis, Sandy Lamm, Joy Scott, Rose Soldano, Jean Walker & Vickie Wilkins from Group 4. With two groups working together it takes extra work to serve. Thanks to each of you that assisted in set up & cleaning. Group 5 (Sylvia Thomas & Agnes Kelly) will be responsible for the next meal.

Red Box Ministry

For many incarcerated women, a shoe box full of toiletries may be the only Christmas gift they receive. WMU NC works with local churches and associations to gather items for that shoe box for the women in the state prison. As always, JHBC met and exceeded all requests for items to help fill this ministry need. JHBC members donated 200 bottles of shampoo, 145 bottles of lotion, 16 bars of soap and 15 bags of Jolly Rancher hard candies. We had ladies running all over the area, from Durham to Southern Pines and all-around town looking for the items needed for the boxes. You all are the best!

International Missions Emphasis through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The people in China were suspicious of missionary Lottie Moon. Lottie turned to a favorite Christmas activity to build relationships with her new neighbors — baking cookies. Children flocked around her to try the sweet treats. Soon, mothers within the community invited Lottie into their homes where she told them about Jesus. Our international missionaries today find ways every day wherever God has sent them to connect with the people in their communities, building relationships to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering go directly to those missionaries so they can make those connections. 100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon offering enable gospel transformation among the unreached.

Our JHBC Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal is \$11,000.

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Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Ms. Coldren and Lee County Schools:

McDowell County cannot express in words adequately, our gratitude for the amazing act of humanity and compassion poured out upon us last Thursday, October 24, 2024. We were so humbled and so grateful for the trailer packed with winter coats, gloves, hats, hygiene products, and even bedding. I understand that this quick response and collection of invaluable resources for the Old Fort Community and some of the other 130 displaced families and students in MCS, came primarily from the Central Office staff at Lee County and your Faith Based Organizations.

Mrs. McCartha and her student services team went right to work getting items laid out by sizes and in kind. By Monday, October 28, 2024 we were able to provide an effective way to distribute all the items and ensure needs were immediately met. The community and families receiving these items truly expressed Christmas had come early. Their smiles and tears spoke volumes as to what their hearts were feeling. We loved seeing students hug their new coats and yes, even be a little silly with the hats and gloves in the current spring like weather. Thanks to Lee County, when Winter does arrive, not one student will know what being cold feels like because he/she lost winter apparel to Helene.

I also want to express how much the impact of your prayers meant before you left Nebo Elementary School. The sincerity of knowing and understanding that sometimes situations call for divine help and support that only the Lord can provide was such a blessing to our soul and being.

Thank you for taking the time to load the trailer, drive to McDowell County, unload, and allow us a few moments to share some stories and triumphs. Lee County was hands extended in a real, tangible way and we will never forget your sacrifice and partnership through this difficult time.

With Sincere Appreciation,

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Michelle Baker, Director of Advanced Learning and Differentiation



Dear Church Family,

Words cannot begin to express how thankful we are for all the love and care you gave as we celebrated the life of our mom, Virginia Johnson. The stories and memories you shared reminded us of how blessed we are to have you as our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

With Love,

Tanya McDowell, Belinda Bond, & Duran Johnson

Dear Bereavement Groups of Sheila Stevens and Brenda Wicker,

Thank you for the wonderful meal you prepared for our family in the passing of our mother, Virginia Johnson. There was more than enough delicious food. Thank you for staying late to serve and care for our family. The beautiful blessing and all your comforting words will always be remembered. With Love,

Tanya McDowell, Belinda Bond, & Duran Johnson

Dear JHBC Choir,

God used each of you to bring light, and comfort to our family during the passing of our mom, Virginia Johnson. The music was perfect. Not only was it exactly what she would have wanted, but it was truly a worshipful experience. God was honored and our spirits were renewed. Thank you for your love and care as we celebrated the homecoming of our mom. You truly blessed everyone present.

With Love,

Tanya McDowell, Belinda Bond, & Duran Johnson

Operation Christmas Child 2024

It has been another amazing Operation Christmas Child season. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all those who packed a shoebox, donated items or funds, helped with setup, assisted with packing events, or offered any assistance that made our OCC season a success. Please continue to pray for the shoeboxes as they continue their journey in the coming weeks. Your love and generosity truly impact the lives of children and families around the world as they simple shoeboxes help spread the Gospel message. The final total for boxes packed was **605**.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of James Tolliver

<u>To the Tolliver Scholarship</u> >By Daphine Toliver

In Honor of Aaron & Shpresa Smith

<u>To Operation Mobilization</u> >By Anonymous

In Honor of Lauren Ferrara

To the Debt Reduction Fund
>By Anonymous

In Honor of Archie Dalrymple

To the Higher Heights Fund
>By Anonymous

In Honor of Scott Gross

To the Benevolence Fund
>By Anonymous

In Honor of Earl Murphy

To the Kitchen Team >By Anonymous

In Honor of Katie Potts

To the Nursery Fund
>By Anonymous

In Memory of Shirley Haddock

To the NC Baptist Children's Homes
>By Anonymous

In Honor of Terry Bowling

To the NC Baptist Hospital Fund
>By Anonymous

In Memory of Gene Kulaga

<u>To the Building & Grounds Fund</u> >By Anonymous



In Honor of Jordan Brown

To the Youth Fund
>By Anonymous

In Memory of Vernon Long

To the Library Fund
>By Anonymous

In Honor of David Brewer

To the Music Fund
>By Anonymous

In Honor of Rod and Kim Ashby

To Baptists on Mission
>By Anonymous

In Memory of Virginia Johnson

To General Fund
>By Trudy Beck

In Memory of Virginia Johnson

<u>To the Nursery Fund</u> >By Andy & Wanda Howard

In Memory of Virginia Johnson

To the General Fund >By Melissa Thomas

In Memory of Virginia Johnson

To the General Fund>By Bonnie Matthews

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Virginia Johnson

To the General Fund
>By Richard & Ana Deacon

In Memory of Virginia Johnson

To the General Fund
>By Lynn McCulloch

In Memory of Virginia Johnson

To the General Fund
>By Sylvia Thomas

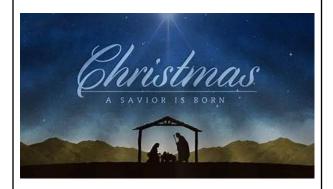
In Memory of Virginia Johnson

<u>To the General Fund</u> >By John & Tonya Rankin

In Memory of Virginia Johnson

To the Operation Christmas Child
>By Lee & Mary Sue Patterson





In Memory of Virginia Johnson

<u>To the Nursery Fund</u> >By Tony & Agnes Kelly

In Memory of Virginia Johnson

<u>To Mission & Outreach</u> >By Kathy & Glenn Edwards

In Memory of Eunice Fletcher

<u>To the General Fund</u> >By The Friday Carolina Lakes Ladies Bridge Group

In Memory of Scott Fowler

To the Higher Heights Fund
>By Juanita Neal

In Memory of James Kelly

To the Operation Christmas Child
>By Melba & Jennifer Kelly

In Memory of Madie Rhodes

To the Operation Christmas Child
>By Bob & Yvonne Tilley



December 1 - Roy Lowe

December 2 - Carolyn Elsey

December 4 - Rhonda Angel Richard Blakley

December 5 - Lorena Batchelor

December 7 - Sharon Howell
Rebekah Walters

December 8 - Christian Lee

December 9 - Kaye Cummings

December 10 - Roger Vance

December 14 - Patricia Brown

December 16 - Ann Laton

Elijah Stanley

December 18 - Shirley Holt

Claire Davis

December 20 - Lee Patterson

December 21 - Johnna Lawrence

December 22 - Carolyn Marsh

December 23 - John Musslewhite

Miles Bowen

December 26 - Gene Rouse

December 27 - Brady Whitney

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church Balance Sheet October 2024

Assets		Amount	
Current Assets Checking/Savings			
General Fund	\$108,539.46		
Designated/Restricted Funds	\$67,029.82		
Facilities Funds	\$62,222.91		
Money Market	\$101,850.10		
Total Checking/Savings	\$339,642.29		
Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed	\$11.059.94		
Investments/Endowments	\$856,662.67		
Total Current Assets		\$1,207,364.90	
Fixed Assets	\$3,098,522.97		
Contra Asset Account	(\$9,015.84)	\$3,089,507.13	Current credit card receipts not paid/reconciled
Total Assets		\$4,296,872.03	
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payroll Liabilities	\$2,933.06		
Facilities	\$0.00		Total facilities security deposits
Total Current Liabilities	\$2,933.06		
Mortgage Payable BB&T Loan Land	\$0.00		Loan has a zero balance.
Total Mortgage Payable	\$0.00		
Total Liabilities		\$2,933.06	
Consider			
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Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account)	\$4 205 741 95		Used by ACS as Find Principal closing account
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses)	\$12,378.20		Total revenue minus expenses for the year
Total Unrestricted	\$4,218,120.15		
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts)	\$75,818.82	\$4,293,938.97	
Total Equity		\$4,296,872.03	
Total Liabilities & Equity			
Income October 2024	\$52.399.85		
ω	\$51,637.57		
Net	\$762.28		
2024-2025 Total Income 2024-2025 Total Expenses 2024-2025 Net	\$106,146.40 \$93,768.20 \$12,378.20		



December 2024



SATURDAY	7	10 am Cookies for Lottie	14	4 pm Carols, Cookies, and Cocoa	21		28		4	2pm Choir Open House
FRIDAY	9	6 pm Spirit of Service Soirée	13	Office Closed	20	Office Closed	27	Office Closed	3	Office Closed
THURSDAY	2		12	Items for Announcer due to Kristina	19		26	Office Closed	2	
WEDNESDAY	4 11:30 am Senior Adult Luncheon	1:30 pm Staff Meeting 6 pm Band Rehearsal 5:30 pm AWANA & Youth Worship 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	71. pm Choir Keriedasai	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	18	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	25	Christmas Office Closed	1	* Company *
TUESDAY	3	6.20 mm Missions & Orthograph	10	6:00 pm Band Rehearsal 7 pm WISH	41		24	8:30 am Breadbasket Serve Opportunity 5 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service Office Closed	31	Office Closed
MONDAY	2		6	6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	91	6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team	23		30	
SUNDAY	1	9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service	&	9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Choir Lunch & Rehearsal 6 pm Honduras Team Meeting	15	9 am JHBCkids Christmas Breakfast 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 4 pm Christmas Musical & Reception	22	8:30 am Fidelis Class Sharing Christmas 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service	29	9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service

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RETURN SERVICE REQUEST



GREETERS

Ramona Bowling Barbara Comer

LOCKING & SECURITY

December 1 - Eddie Bowling December 8 - James Alverson December 15 - Belinda Bond December 22 - Ron Rouse December 29 - Lynwood Jones



Sunday, November 3, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School - 144 11 AM Worship Service - 195

Sunday, November 10, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School - 119 11 AM Worship Service - 170

Sunday, November 17, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School - 152 11 AM Worship Service - 222

Sunday, November 24, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School - 132 11 AM Worship Service - 195