



The Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church **ANNOUNCER**

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"Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We hope for light, but there is darkness; for brightness, but we live in the night." Isaiah 59: 9

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness." Isaiah 7: 2

When I was young, growing up in New England, one of the very real possibilities each winter was the possibility of losing power. When we lost power, it was sometimes due to wind, or a falling tree. But most of the time it was when we would have an ice storm. The freezing rain would land on the power lines and instantly freeze. As the storm continued, more and more ice would gather on the power lines, adding an incredible amount of weight to the line, eventually causing it to fall, leaving neighborhoods without power.

I actually thought it was kind of cool when we lost power. It added some excitement. But that was only because I didn't understand the danger of losing power in the winter. I didn't know the danger of not having a secondary heat source (we had a generator), or flashlights ready to go, or food that didn't need to be cooked. I took for granted the fact that we were ok during those power outages, only because my parents had prepared for them.

Now as a father we prepare our family for those types of outages. Even though we live in the South where cold is not nearly as serious a threat, we still plan for the darkness. We know where there are flashlights, batteries, and battery packs to recharge our phones. We prepare so that, if the darkness comes, we will be ready.

As we enter the season of Advent, leading up to Christmas, we are reminded of the spiritual darkness before Christ. In Isaiah 59, Isaiah spoke of people "walking in darkness," not physical darkness, but spiritual darkness. He speaks of the lack of justice and righteousness and that even though they desire the light, it is far from them.

But God speaks of the coming hope in Isaiah 7. He says that "the people walking in darkness have seen a great light." This light would be the Messiah. John would describe the Christ saying, "Life was in Him, and that life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, yet the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:4-5).

Isaiah prophesied of the hope that would come to the people of God, specifically, in an age of darkness, the light would come in the form of the Messiah, Immanuel, "God with us."

As we celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas, we rejoice in the light that has come into our lives, and we reflect on the many people who still walk in darkness as we seek to reflect God's light into the lives of people who are hurting this Christmas season.

Pastor Brian Charland

WORSHIP MATTERS

Pastor Scott

Mind Tricks... for good

You know how sometimes you're riding in your car, not really paying attention to what's on the radio. But then, some song comes on. Maybe you haven't heard it for a while, maybe decades, but you start singing along. Somehow you can recall the words. You don't know how or why, but you do. Then the song is over, but you can't get it out of your head! You think it's gone, then BAMM! there it is again! You think, maybe if you think about a different song, it will go away, but NOOOOO, maybe a few minutes or a few hours, then it's back!

One thing that teaches us is that what we put in our minds is there to stay. Some things only take once to get locked in. Others, like that song you listened to 50 times one, five, or 30 years ago, and it's embedded deep in the recesses of your mind. Those things could be positive memories, or they could be negative memories. Let's see, was there a song way back when that said something like "Oh, be careful little mind what you think."?

Well, I have an idea. In the month of January, I'd like to utilize this concept for good. Each Sunday in January, we will read this brief passage of scripture that I hope will take root in your mind, so that whenever you need it or the Holy Spirit wants to bring it to your memory, it's right there, ready to help you.

The passage is Psalm 100. It's only 5 verses, and you will remember it by its four action words and a number (Scott's way of remembering).

Psalm 100

- ¹ **Shout** for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² **Worship** the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
- ³ **Know** that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ **Enter** his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- ⁵ **For** the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

My hope is this. On those days that you couldn't find your keys, the alarm clock didn't get turned on, you're walking into work or church, and you just remembered you had volunteered to bring doughnuts. Or it could be the best day ever - it doesn't matter. What's important is that you have something planted in your mind, available to remind you who you are (a child of God), that He knows you intimately and loves you anyway, and that however your day is going, we not only have the great privilege, but are commanded to 'shout for joy to the Lord'.

Oh, and one more thing... "Father Abraham, had many sons..."

Gotcha!





Deacon's Corner – December 2025

Submitted by Roger Vance

Your deacons met On Nov. 3.

After an opening prayer, our devotion time was led by Tom Janysek on Spiritual Leadership. He spoke from Phil. 2: 1-4 which tells us that we are to be united and encouraged with Christ. We have comfort from His love, fellowship with the Spirit. This will bring us joy and completeness by being like-minded with tenderness and compassion. Nothing in life works for long when done with selfish ambition or conceit, but with humility, consider others better than yourselves. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ.

During the meeting, we:

1. Started the forming of the search committee parameters as it pertains to the future ministerial position outlined by the Personnel Committee.
2. Discussed the "Ignite JHBC" vision conference we facilitated with some of the teachers and leaders of the church on Sat. Nov.1st.
3. Discussed what it looks like to Connect, Grow, Serve and Go into the community and around the world as a church. This includes each one of us as members of the congregation. We are looking at how each of us can find a place of service.
4. Received input from the members present on all prayer concerns and requests provided from the congregation.

Each month we spend time hearing “congregational feedback.” We care about you and strive to make JHBC a place where everyone can worship. Your deacons need to hear from all of you when you have concerns, ideas, prayer requests, needs and the good things going on as we grow as a group of believers.

Thank you.

Roger Vance





Thank You!

Dear Mike Wilkins and the JHBC Scholarship Committee,
I am writing to sincerely thank you for selecting me as a recipient, and I greatly appreciate your generosity and support toward my education.
This scholarship is especially meaningful to me because it will help ease financial burdens, allowing me to focus more on my studies. This will ultimately support my pursuit of long-term goals, such as one day working for NASA on electrical components of spacecraft and scientific equipment.
Your generosity has not only provided me with financial assistance but also with encouragement to continue striving for success. I am truly grateful for your support, and I hope to honor your investment in me through my future achievements.
Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.
Sincerely,
Connor McIlvoy

Dear JHBC,
Thank you for putting together the wonderful emergency bags for our homeless patients. The items included have been so helpful in making them feel loved. We invite anyone who is interested to stop by one of our clinics. You can find the schedule under events at www.h3streetministry.org.
Sincerely,
Dr. & Mrs. Bill Hall

Dear JHBC,
Thank you for your continued generosity supporting Operation Mobilization. Together we will continue the mission until all have heard about the hope in Christ.
Sincerely,
Andrew Ginsberg, President and CEO
Operation Mobilization



MEMORIAL GIFTS



In Memory of James Tolliver

To the Tolliver Scholarship

> By Daphne Tolliver

In Honor of Aaron & Shpresa Smith

To Operation Mobilization

> By Anonymous

In Honor of Russ Stevens

To Higher Heights Fund

> By Anonymous

In Honor of Jim & Carolyn Elsey

To the Benevolence Fund

> By Anonymous

In Honor of Robin Hampton

To the Kitchen Fund

> By Anonymous

In Honor of Ann Wester

To the Nursery Fund

> By Anonymous

In Honor of Tammy Whitney

To NC Baptists Children's Home

> By Anonymous

In Honor of Jane Cook

To Baptist Children's Hospital

> By Anonymous

In Honor of Phillip Fields

To the Building & Grounds Fund

> By Anonymous

In Honor of Alexandra Johnson

To the Youth Fund

> By Anonymous

In Honor of Kristie McNeill

To the Library Funds

> By Anonymous

In Honor of Tom Johnson

To the Music & Choirs Fund

> By Anonymous

In Memory of Willard Garren

To Baptist Men's Fund

> By Armelia Garren





SATURDAY, DEC. 6 AT 4 PM

Carols & Cocoa

*Spread the Spirit of Christmas
to JHBC friends and homebound,
followed by cookies and cocoa in
McDowell Hall.*



CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Service

Dec. 24, 5 pm



Lottie Moon

This is a busy time of year for missions and giving. When we think of the Christmas season, we often think of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

While living in China, Lottie wrote letters to the Foreign Mission Board (now the International Mission Board) and to Baptist women. She asked for more missionaries and for money to grow her work among the Chinese. Because of Lottie's determination, WMU collected a Christmas Offering to give to the Foreign Mission Board. In 1918, on Annie Armstrong's suggestion, WMU named the offering for Lottie Moon.

Today, we still give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor of her work and sacrifice to keep our missionaries on the field. We will begin our celebration of Lottie Moon and our emphasis on International Missions November 30. Our emphasis and collection for the Lottie Moon Offering goes through December 31. The JHBC goal is \$12,000.

Start praying now for how you can help us meet this goal. 100% of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering enables gospel transformation among the unreached. If you have any questions about WMU please see Mary Hawley Oates (919-708- 8369). We love to learn about missions, pray for and give to missions but most importantly DO MISSIONS!!



A CELEBRATION OF
CHRISTMAS



*Light of Christ,
Born for Us*

**FREE ADMISSION
RECEPTION FOLLOWING**

DEC 14 SUN
4PM

**WORSHIP CHOIR
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
HANDBELL CHOIR**

**JONESBORO HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
316 W MAIN ST, SANFORD, NC
JHBC.ORG**

Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for persons who are committed, hard working and excited for the Christmas season.



*This Holiday Season
(November and December)
We need your Help:*

- Bell Ringers & Musicians (2hs Shifts)
- Drivers for Food Pickups
- Sorting Food Donation

*If you have time available and would like to help us
continue to support our community and its needs
please contact us at our office.*

To schedule please visit: Registertoring.com
Call/text 919-351-2291
Email: elizabeth.colebrook@uss.salvationarmy.org



DOING THE
MOST GOOD



JHBC Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon

- Wed. Dec. 10, 11:30 am
- McDowell Hall
- \$5 Suggested Donation at the door
- Sign up by Wed., Dec. 3
- Music by Michael McKnight





December 1 - Roy Lowe

December 2 - Carolyn Elsey

Brenda McLean

December 3 - Bob Smith

December 4 - 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 11 - Michael Charland

December 14 - Patricia Brown

December 16 - Ann Laton

Elijah Stanley

December 18 - Shirley Holt

Claire Davis

December 20 - Lee Patterson

December 21 - Brianna Hubbard

Johnna Lawrence

December 22 - Carolyn Marsh

December 23 - Miles Bowen

December 26 - Gene Rouse

December 27 - Brady Whitney

December 28 - Joan Luellen

Christmas from the Holy Bible

I M G X R T K V B I Z V Y P D S Q T G O E P J M
M B M J J V C C I Z D I E C A Z P S Q F U B D U
M E H E L H T E B Z X R C J I J E S U S E M R G
K S K K Q F A V V M D G I T Q I N U G A V K V H
J D F I Z D O G X N N I O B F K N O R S V I N T
Y R X N H P N H I A W N J N U F H T D I G O N Y
J E M G D C B K C N J T E G L P H D T L J A Q J
M H Y O G S Q R Q L S T R O E V L G L O O D K L
T P R A B E W I H I I Z C S Y A G Q Y R G G A D
B E R H H T R I B V K K O V M X X Q T N T U T A
T H Y I A E A G P M S J Z B T F Q T H S Y Y T F
P S H K C H O A P D E U V L E U N A M M E S R V
R K D B R A T S F F K D M M A R Y O E E E A P J
F H A L L E L U J A H N U V Y J R V C Q N N K B
G W A Z D G P M W K H S H U A H N P J K F Q Y Z
L Y C E Y A H J P O A X L E N B Q K I Z R W J R
Y E S H X Q T N L V K L O P Q W L N Z H I P L W
S K H H N K F Y I C N R X S T Q C P H G I M S R
L N J R U X S O Y I P L S T K E K W A H A O J L
E O L E P P R E Q W N B M R N V Z M S N A P Q M
G D F O I C H R I S T M A S X F G R G Z X R T K
N X G R I Y J Y U R C A E V F T O E D Q L Y G T
A U I K R E T A L U C A M M I W R D D J Y Q Z A
W T F W C O N F C Z Y E J H Q T K N O Q S K I E

Frankincense
Christmas
Angels
Myrry
Jesus
Mary

Holy Spirit
Shepherds
Donkey
Savior
Gold
Star

Hallelujah
Emmanuel
Flocks
Virgin
King
God

Immaculate
Rejoice
Joseph
Birth
Lamb
Inn

Bethlehem
Worship
Manger
Earth
Magi
Joy

HANDMADE

GINGERBREAD COOKIES

Ingredients

wet

- 3/4 c. butter
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 egg *
- 3/4 c. molasses

dry

- 4 cups flour *
- 2 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 3/4 tsp. ground cloves *
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Mix wet ingredients
into dry ingredients

Refrigerate dough
overnight

Roll dough 1/4"
thick and cut with
cookie cutters

Bake at 350 for 8-10
minutes



Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
Balance Sheet
October 2025

Accounts		Amount	
Assets			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
General Fund		\$100,542.68	
Designated/Restricted Funds		\$66,240.28	
Facilities Funds		\$68,654.82	
Money Market		\$104,714.29	
Total Checking/Savings		\$340,152.07	
Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed		\$17,590.14	
Investments/Endowments		\$935,528.55	
Total Current Assets		\$1,293,270.76	
Fixed Assets		\$3,098,522.97	Current credit card receipts not paid/reconciled
Contra Asset Account		(\$7,830.83)	
Total Assets		\$3,090,692.14	
		\$4,383,962.90	
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payroll Liabilities		\$3,045.27	Total facilities security deposits
Facilities		\$0.00	
Total Current Liabilities		\$3,045.27	
Mortgage Payable			Loan has a zero balance.
BB&T Loan Land		\$0.00	
Total Mortgage Payable		\$0.00	
Total Liabilities		\$3,045.27	
Equity			
Unrestricted			Used by ACS as Fund Principal closing account Total revenue minus expenses for the year
Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account)		\$4,250,849.78	
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses)		\$40,877.37	
Total Unrestricted		\$4,291,727.15	
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts)		\$89,190.48	
Total Equity		\$4,380,917.63	
Total Liabilities & Equity		\$4,383,962.90	
Income		\$55,553.60	
Expenses		\$18,075.38	
Net (Loss)		\$37,478.22	
		\$101,016.48	2025-2026 Total Income
		\$60,139.11	2025-2026 Total Expenses
		\$40,877.37	2025-2026 Net



December 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Nursery Library Day 11:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Christmas Choir Lunch and Rehearsal 3:30 pm Handbell Choir 6:00 pm Honduras Team Meeting	1 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	2	3 10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:45 pm AWANA 5:45 pm Youth Worship 6:00 pm Band Rehearsal 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5 Office Closed	6 4:00 pm Carols and Cocoa 
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14 9:00 am Children's Christmas Party 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 4:00pm Christmas Musical	15 Items for Announcer due to Kristina	16 6:00 pm Nursery Committee 7:00 pm Children's Ministry	17 5:45 pm AWANA 5:45 pm Youth Worship 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	18	19 Office Closed	20
21 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am March To The Manger	22 6:30 pm Baptist Men	23 8:30 am Breadbasket Serve Opportunity 6:00 pm Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm Family Ministry Team	24 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service 	25	26 Office Closed	27
28 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	29	30	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR 		Office Closed	

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RETURN SERVICE REQUEST



GREETERS

James & Jean Kelly

LOCKUP & SECURITY

December 7 - Ray Carter
December 14 - Tom Janysek
December 21 - Lynwood Jones
December 28 - Preston Perdue



Sunday, November 2, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School - 141
11 AM Worship Service - 190

Sunday, November 9, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School - 139
11 AM Worship Service - 166

Sunday, November 16, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School - 157
11 AM Worship Service - 216

Sunday, November 23, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School - 130
11 AM Worship Service - 171

Sunday, November 30, 2025

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