



# The Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church

# ANNOUNCER

**FEBRUARY 2025**

*Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.  
Matthew 11:28*

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About 13 years ago April and I were blessed with our first child. Addy was born in June 2021, and she was beautiful. However, that first night in the hospital was a rough one. April and I both stayed in that room and prepared to try to get a good night's sleep. However, as we were preparing to sleep an alarm went off throughout the hospital regarding a "Code White". That alarm went off about every 20 minutes for half the night. In the early morning that alarm was replaced by a new alert saying, "This is **NOT** a code white". This second alarm lasted through the rest of the night, resulting in a very long night and very little sleep for April and me.

As we got home, we were grateful to get some rest. However, we soon found out that Addy had a terrible sleep schedule. She slept all day long (when I was at work) and was up all night. Worse, she would continually cry unless she was being carried. This resulted in me working all day and walking her most of the night, pacing up and down the hallway trying to keep her quiet and giving April some time to sleep before we rotated, and April walked her the rest of the night. I'm not sure if I have ever been more tired than I was in those days before we could get Addy on a sleep schedule.

In this passage, Jesus speaks to a tired people; not necessarily to people lacking in sleep, but to people who were burdened, people who were weighed down with the weights that the world had placed on them. When Jesus spoke to the Pharisees, he rebuked them for their legalism and their abuse towards their own people. But when Jesus spoke to the common people, the people who were drowning in their sin and following Jesus because in Him they saw a glimpse of truth, he was filled with compassion. He spoke to them of a "rest," a concept that the Jewish people were well acquainted with in regard to their "Sabbath rest". When their religious leaders continually burdened them with legalism, Jesus offered them rest.

The New Year is a time of anxiety, stress, and frustration. As we recover from the holidays we try to make up for the money we spend on food, trips, and presents and readjust once again to school and work schedules, it is easy to feel burdened and run down. My prayer for you today is that whatever you're going through, that you will find the rest that comes in the person of Jesus Christ.

#### **Sermon Schedule**

Sermon Series: "Commission for Mission" from Matthew 10

1/26	Faithful in Mission	Matthew 10:5-15
2/2	Fearless in Persecution	Matthew 10:16-31
2/9	Bold in Service	Matthew 10: 32-42

2/16	Mission Team in Honduras (Sermon by Pastor Nick)
2/23	Baptist Women's Day (Guest Speaker: Phyllis Watson)

# WORSHIP MATTERS

*Pastor Scott*

During the most recent NC Baptist Singers and Orchestra concert that I participated in, I was struck by the message of one of our most well-loved hymns, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". It's not that I had never sung the words before, of course I had, many times. But for whatever reason, God chose for me to hear them in a new way at that moment.

Born out of sorrow and love for his mother, who was facing a time of sorrow, Joseph Scriven wrote these words in 1855, never intending for anyone other than her to read them. However, as mothers are keen to do, she shared his message with someone else, which led to it quickly becoming the text to a growing hymn in Ireland.

I invite you to read these words, slowly and somewhere you aren't distracted. See if you, like me, are reminded of the unique and powerful gift we have, to be able to speak with God, who loved us so much that He sent His one and only Son to die in our place, so that we could have this sweet fellowship with Him.

## What A Friend We Have in Jesus

### Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer

### Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations, Is there trouble anywhere  
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share  
Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer

### Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care  
Precious Savior still our refuge, Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do thy friends despise forsake thee, Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there

What do I take away from this? Just a few things.

1. Prayer is a blessing from God that we need to take advantage of.
2. God doesn't want us to carry our burdens. He will take them away.
3. He is a friend that can carry us when we are weak... if we let Him.
4. When life is hard, we can find refuge in the arms of God.

It's an interesting thing, how different it is, sometimes, to just read the words of a song that we sing, rather than just sing it. It must use a different part of our brain, or something. Whatever it is, I hope that one thing we take away from this is the importance of knowing and understanding what we sing. It can prove to be a completely different experience and understanding to our heart and mind.



# family @ JHBC

## By This...

Some of my favorite verses to use when we talk about how we should live as Christians is John 13:34-35. "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." What are some ways we love each other like Jesus loves us? Here's just a few thoughts I had:

- Worship together with your church family.
- Show care for those around us (within and outside the family).
- Give sacrificially of time and resources.

*Let your family see how you live out these verses.*

*Teach your family what it means to love others like God loves us!*

*The Lord Bless and Keep You.*

*Pastor Nick Arnetak*



## Souper Bowl of Caring Love Offering

We will be taking up a special love offering for the Souper Bowl of Caring on **Sunday, February 9th**, after the Worship Service. Kids will be at the entrances to the sanctuary with pots to collect the offering. This offering will be going to the BreadBasket of Sanford to aid in their efforts of Tackling Hunger in America.

## Valentine's Bags for JHBCkids!

Drop a note, card, candy, or some sort of goodie in the Valentine's Bags outside the offices in the main hallway. Let's show our kids just how much their church loves them! A list of names is available on the tables.

We will be handing these bags out at AWANA on Wednesday, February 12th, and Sunday School on February 16th.



## A NEW AND IMPROVED CHURCH WEBSITE IS COMING!

We have been in the process of building a brand new JHBC website, and we will be launching it this month! We hope this website will be easier to use, welcoming to visitors, and better for communicating information about what is happening and coming up!

*The website will remain [www.jhbc.org](http://www.jhbc.org)... the website is just getting a face lift! :) Look for it to launch around February 20th.*





CREATION  
MUSEUM



## Ark Encounter and Creation Museum Trip Interest Meeting

Interest Meeting: Sunday, February 2nd, 2025  
at the end of service in Bullock-Matthews

Proposed dates for the trip: July 28-August 1st  
3 Days between the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, with some  
wonderful concerts from artists like Triumphant, Truesong, and more!

*Contact Pastor Nick for more details at [nick.smetak@jhbc.org](mailto:nick.smetak@jhbc.org)*



This trip will occur at the start of the 40  
Days of Christian Music Festival. Admission  
to the concerts will be included in the cost.

# Deacon's Corner

Submitted by Jeff Brown

For the last 3 months the deacons have set aside a significant time during our monthly meeting to discuss how God is leading us for future spiritual growth and expansion of his kingdom. We've reflected on the feedback provided by you through congregational survey and discussed what we believed to be our strengths and weaknesses as a congregation as well as what opportunities God may be opening for us in our congregation and community. It is an exciting time to be a part of JHBC and I am looking forward to seeing where God will be leading us.

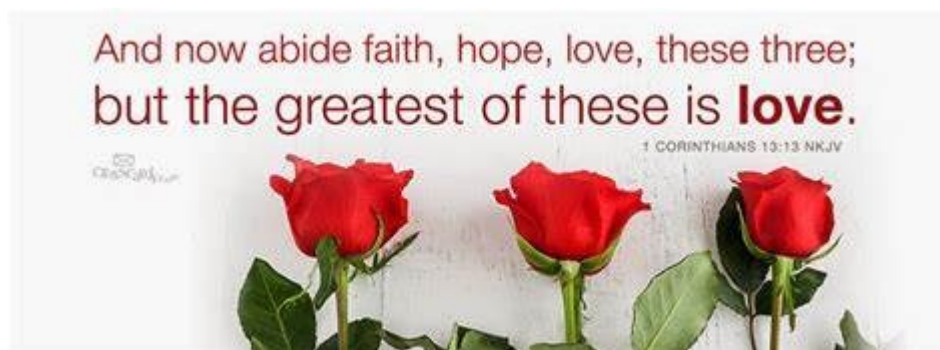
Discussing strategy is not a topic exclusive to businesses, nor is it new to JHBC. It's a gift given to God's people to look ahead and plan for the future. When I discuss strategy at work, I often refer to Nehemiah's strategy to rebuild the wall in Jerusalem as an example of leadership and strategic planning. When Nehemiah heard that the walls of Jerusalem were still broken down, he was deeply moved and began to formulate a plan. His strategy can be summarized in several key steps:

1. **Prayer and Planning:** Nehemiah began by praying and fasting, seeking God's guidance and favor. This spiritual preparation was crucial as it laid the foundation for his subsequent actions.
2. **Securing Permission and Resources:** Nehemiah, who held the influential position of cupbearer to the Persian King Artaxerxes, used his position to secure the king's permission to rebuild the walls. He also obtained letters of safe passage and resources such as timber for the construction.
3. **Assessing the Situation:** Upon arriving in Jerusalem, Nehemiah conducted a thorough inspection of the walls at night to assess the extent of the damage. This allowed him to develop a realistic and detailed plan.
4. **Mobilizing the People:** Nehemiah effectively mobilized the people of Jerusalem, assigning specific sections of the wall to different families and groups. This not only distributed the workload but also fostered a sense of ownership and community.
5. **Overcoming Opposition:** Throughout the rebuilding process, Nehemiah faced significant opposition from surrounding enemies. He implemented safety measures, such as stationing guards at vulnerable points and encouraging the workers to be vigilant. Nehemiah's leadership and determination helped the people stay focused and motivated despite the challenges.
6. **Completion and Dedication:** The wall was completed in a remarkably short time of 52 days. Nehemiah's strategic planning, effective leadership, and reliance on prayer and community cooperation were key factors in this success.

Nehemiah's story is a powerful example of how strategic planning, combined with faith and community effort, can lead to remarkable achievements.

The deacons ask that you join us in praying for God to reveal His plans for us as we dream about the future of JHBC.

If you have any questions about the ongoing discussions the deacons are having, feel free to ask!



# upcoming EVENTS

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## Ride the Bus to Raleigh!

Meet at 3:45 pm  
Leave at 4:00 pm  
Return by 9:30 pm

**Sign up on Bulletin Board**  
(limited seating)

The group will stop for  
supper at North Hills  
(Chick fil-A, Five Guys, BBQ  
Lab) before the concert.  
Bring \$.

*Join us for a*  
**WORSHIP CONCERT**

NC BAPTIST  
**SINGERS &  
ORCHESTRA**

Monday | 10 February 2025 | 7:00 pm  
Orchestra prelude begins at 6:45 pm

Trinity Baptist Church  
4815 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC



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## Higher Heights **COOKIE CARAVAN**

10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 13, McDowell Hall

### ***What is it?***

Bring a bunch of cookies, make plates,  
then deliver to home-bound JHBC members

**SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD BY FEBRUARY 9**

# upcoming EVENTS

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## Baptist Men Meeting Monday, Feb. 24, 6:30 pm

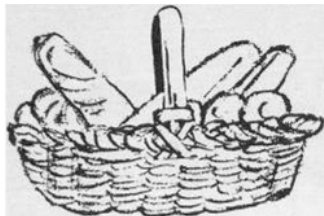
Speaker: Mark Folks  
New Wilderness Adventures

## Higher Heights

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 11 AM

Barry Murry

Great Commission Catalyst, BSCNC



### **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."

# upcoming EVENTS

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03/13/25

TRUESONG - LIVE IN CONCERT



TRUESONG

## COMMUNITY CONCERT

TrueSong, the resident band for the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky, will be performing a **free** concert open to the community at Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church.

The concert is March 13th, 2025 at 6pm in the Main Sanctuary. For details, contact Nick Smetak at [nick.smetak@jhbc.org](mailto:nick.smetak@jhbc.org)



## Women's Bible Study

### 'The Life and Times of Elijah'

Tuesdays, 10 - 11:30 AM  
JHBC Conference Room  
Led by Sharon Carter



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**VBS 2025**  
**JUNE 16-20**

**BE WATCHING FOR MORE INFO!**



*Thank You!*

Dear JHBC,

This year we celebrate 75 years of caring for older adults! Although many things have changed over the years, our commitment to providing outstanding care to those in our homes and the communities we serve has been unwavering. Thank you for your support! We look forward to thriving in 2025 and prayer you will continue to be part of our journey. May God continue to bless you in this new year, and may you continue to bless others as you share the love of our Savior.

Grace and Peace,

Stephanie Shaffer

Faith and Community Engagement Manager

Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation

Dear JHBC,

I want to thank the church for the cards, call, flowers, and all that was done to make this very difficult time better for us. I especially want to thank the church for their prayers for Carolyn. We nearly lost her 3 times. James 5 tells us that the prayers of God's people are powerful. I believe she is alive today because God heard the prayers of His people and honored them. We, as a family, thank you for your prayerful concern for her. She is getting better every day.

Randy & Carolyn Marsh

& Family

Dear JHBC,

I just wanted to let you know that I am remembering you with thanksgiving and joy, and praying for you all. It's a blessing to know that you are supporting me in prayer too. I continue to be encouraged by how much God is at work making Himself known to this people. We live for an awesome and merciful God!

Love,

Ariane



# *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 Ron & Mae Simpson**

*To the Debt Reduction Fund*

>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Carolyn Elsey**

*To the Higher Heights Fund*

>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Linda Hall**

*To the Benevolence Fund*

>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Bob Tilley**

*To the Kitchen Team*

>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Joann Vance**

*To the Nursery Fund*

>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Johnny Lyckowski**

*To the NC Baptist Children's Homes*

>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Greg Bowling**

*To the NC Baptist Hospital Fund*

>By Anonymous



**In Honor of Wayne McElveen**

*To the Building & Grounds Fund*

>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Clawson Patterson**

*To the Youth Fund*

>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Steven Ollerman**

*To the Library Fund*

>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Shirley Johnson**

*To the Music Fund*

>By Anonymous

**In Memory of Linda Holder**

*To the Flower Fund*

>By Andy & Wanda Howard

**In Memory of Mickie Rebello's Aunt**

*To the General Fund*

>By Sandy Brown

**In Memory of Linda Holder**

*To the Library Fund*

>By Sandy Brown

**In Honor of Hudson Walters**

*To the Children's Activities Fund*

>By Bob & Mary Laton

**In Honor of Tony & Mickie Rebello**

*To the Lottie Moon Fund*

>By Gene & Betty Griffin

**In Honor of Bob & Yvonne Tilley**

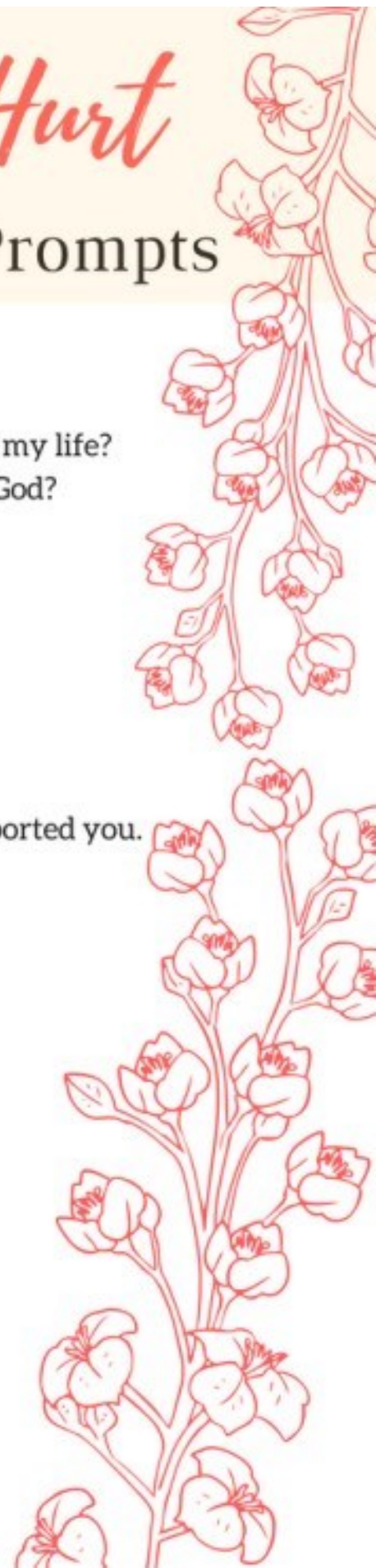
*To the Lottie Moon Fund*

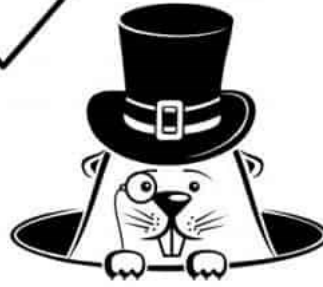
>By Gene & Betty Griffin

# Healing for the Hurt

## February Faith Journal Prompts

1. Is there someone in my life that I need to forgive?
2. How do I deal with hurt and pain?
3. How have I made pain, bitterness, and anger an idol in my life?
4. What is preventing me from pouring my heart out to God?
5. What does Scripture say about forgiving others?
6. Write a letter to someone who is hurting.
7. God heals by...
8. I want to live in freedom because...
9. I feel God's embrace the most when...
10. Lord, steady my anxious heart when...
11. What God told me lately...
12. The people in your life who have comforted and supported you.
13. God is GOOD because...
14. Scripture that comforts me.
15. God has manifested Himself in me through...
16. The differences I see when I pray vs. when I don't.
17. Something beautiful I saw today...
18. I find encouragement in..
19. Bible character I admire for their strength.
20. A strong and faithful person I know.
21. I can show Christ's love to someone today by...
22. I saw God today in...
23. Ways the Lord has provided for me.
24. Ways I can stop having self-pity.
25. I feel empowered when...
26. How can I use pain and hurt for God's glory?
27. Write an encouraging letter to yourself.
28. Write a prayer of worship to God.





# FEBRUARY

## WORD SEARCH

S C H O C O L A T E F R W D L O C Y  
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ARROW  
 CHILI DAY  
 CHINESE NEW YEAR  
 CHOCOLATE  
 CUPID  
 FEBRUARY  
 FLOWERS  
 FRIENDS  
 GROUNDHOG DAY  
 KINDNESS  
 LEAP YEAR  
 LOVE  
 MARDI GRAS  
 NUTELLA  
 PARTY  
 PRESIDENTS DAY  
 SUPER BOWL  
 SWEETHEART  
 VALENTINES  
 WINTER



February 1 - Rose Soldano  
Sheila Stevens

February 5 - Paige Brown

February 6 - Jamie Godfrey  
Catherine Mitchell

February 7 - Linda Vance

February 12 - Aliza Mluzan

February 13 - Terry Bowling

February 15 - Laura Duval  
Mary Hawley Oates

February 16 - Elaine Tyner

February 18 - Donald Desjarlais  
Kelly Perdue

February 20 - Rowan Perdue

February 21 - Weldon Brown


February 22 - Michael Wicker

February 23 - Amelia Yarborough  
Russ Stevens

Cameron Bond

February 29 - Rachel Brown

# February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Ark Encounter Interest Meeting	27 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	28 10 am Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm Missions & Outreach	29 10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AWANA & Youth Worship and Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	30 3 pm Higher Heights Coordinating Team 5:45 pm Baptist Men Coordinating Team	31	1
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9 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service	10 3:45 pm NCBSO Concert Trip to Raleigh 6:30 pm Building & Grounds	11 10 am Ladies Bible Study 7 pm WISH	12 10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AWANA & Youth Worship 6:00 pm Band Rehearsal 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 10 am Higher Heights Cookie Caravan	14 <i>Office Closed</i>	15 <i>Items for Announcer due to Kristina</i> <i>Honduras Mission Trip</i>
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<b>Honduras Mission Trip</b>						
23  <b>BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service	24 6:30 pm Baptist Men 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team	25 8:30 am Breadbasket Serve Opportunity 10 am Ladies Bible Study 7 pm Family Ministry Team	26 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	27	28 <i>Office Closed</i>	1 <i>Office Closed</i>

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church  
Balance Sheet  
December 2024

<b>Accounts</b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	\$202,193.29
Designated/Restricted Funds	\$76,834.17
Facilities Funds	\$62,857.44
Money Market	\$102,116.19
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$444,001.09</b>
Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed	\$11,682.66
Investments/Endowments	\$866,735.23
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$1,322,418.98</b>
Fixed Assets	\$3,098,522.97
Contra Asset Account	(\$10,793.87)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$4,410,148.08</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	\$4,479.89
Facilities	\$0.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$4,479.89</b>
Mortgage Payable	
BB&T Loan Land	\$0.00
<b>Total Mortgage Payable</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$4,479.89</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Unrestricted	
Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account)	\$4,205,898.82
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses)	\$105,359.30
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$4,311,258.12</b>
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts)	\$94,410.07
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$4,405,668.19</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$4,410,148.08</b>
<b>Income</b>	
December 2024	\$116,207.69
Expenses December 2024	\$43,306.02
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$72,901.67</b>
<b>2024-2025</b>	
Total Income	\$263,764.85
Total Expenses	\$158,405.55
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$105,359.30</b>

Current credit card receipts not paid/reconciled

Total facilities security deposits

Loan has a zero balance.

Used by ACS as Fund Principal closing account  
Total revenue minus expenses for the year

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Sanford, NC 27332

**RETURN SERVICE REQUEST**



**GREETERS**

Ramona Bowling  
Barbara Comer

**LOCKING & SECURITY**

February 2 - Tony Rebello  
February 9 - Roger Vance  
February 16 - Preston Perdue  
February 23 - Phil Lawrence



**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

9:45 AM Sunday School - 109  
11 AM Worship Service - 169

**Sunday, January 12, 2025**

9:45 AM Sunday School - 125  
11 AM Worship Service - 153

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

9:45 AM Sunday School - 120  
11 AM Worship Service - 157

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

9:45 AM Sunday School - 109  
11 AM Worship Service - 150