



# *The Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church* **ANNOUNCER**

**FEBRUARY 2026**

Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

1 Thessalonians 2:8

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In a few short weeks, 10 people will depart from our church to go to the island of Roatan off the coast of Honduras. During that time, we plan on teaching, preaching, sharing our testimonies, visiting schools, visiting houses, and providing a men's event and a women's event for locals to attend. We also plan to bring medicine and school supplies to meet some of the physical needs the community and to enable the missionaries with Legacy Mission International to bring the Gospel to this group of people.

I am careful to mention what we "plan" to do. The truth is, we have no idea what we will end up doing. We have coordinated with the missionaries and planned and prepared. But at the end of the day, we go there knowing that God may choose to close some doors and open others. And that is ok. In fact, it's better than ok. That's the way it should be! But sometimes it can be a challenge for us when we don't know the path forward.

What we do know is that, if the Lord is willing to allow us to travel there and arrive safely, that we will be around about 41 thousand people who need to know Christ. Most of these people come from difficult backgrounds and have been affected in some ways by drug abuse.

The truth is what these people need is not programs, children's events, or classes. They don't need guest speakers. Their primary need isn't even food, medicine, or school supplies. First and foremost, their need is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But like many people who live near us, many of them have heard the Gospel before. What makes the gospel real to them and what helps them understand how much God loves them, is the people who bring it; the people who are willing to go and share the Gospel, not only with their words, but with their lives as well.

Paul shares this love with the Thessalonians. He spoke the Gospel to them, but he also lived it with them. This is the hope that we take to Honduras. We seek to bring the Gospel, not only in words, but also in love. And we appreciate your prayers and support as we travel to Roatan. Please pray that God will open the right doors and close the wrong ones. Pray that God will divinely intervene, giving us the opportunities and boldness to declare the Gospel to those who most need to hear it. Thank you for sending and supporting us in fulfilling the Great Commission in this part of the world.

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

# NOTES FROM

*Pastor Scott*

## Higher Heights 2.0

If you've attended one of the last few church business meetings, you may have heard me talk about a new strategy that's been implemented into Higher Heights, JHBC's Senior Adult Ministry. While not an official title, for the purpose of this article, I'll call it Higher Heights 2.0 (read "Higher Heights two point oh"). Don't you feel trendier just for saying that? I hope so. ☺

For the last eight years (when I began overseeing the ministry), and even before that, Higher Heights has been a vibrant and active group, with its monthly meetings, trips, ministry efforts, and college student support. If you stepped into one of our monthly meetings, you'd find a group of retired and senior adults meeting, encouraging one another, and being active in the life of the church (as much as possible). For the most part, not completely, but largely, those participating in Higher Heights were some of our older senior adults. Wonderful and kind, the epitome of those you would define as 'senior saints'. Just the people you want to be a part of your senior adult ministry.

I'm not sure where, but I think I saw some place where the recommended minimum age for participating in Higher Heights was 55. Whether or not that's true, I know our current Higher Heights Coordinating Team (HHCT) wouldn't discourage someone who was 53, or whatever age, from participating in Higher Heights activities if they wanted to. But there seemed to be a prevailing thought among those in our church who were, let's say 55-68 or so, that 'they weren't old enough to participate in Higher Heights yet'.

So, rather than thinking, "What can we do to attract 'those people'?", we invited three of 'them' to be a part of the HHCT and help us address this issue of including the totality of our 'older adult' range, not just the top half of it. Brenda Wicker, Linda Vance, and Eddie Bowling now serve alongside Avron Upchurch, Joy Scott, Freda Lowe, and me on that Team. Our hope is that by including leaders of all ages from that group and by reshaping our programming, we may see more of these 'younger' retired and senior adults be open to participating in our new, 'expanded' program. You may begin to see topics addressed and activities added to our program that we may not have considered doing before due to their relevance to younger seniors, driving distance (longer day trips or overnight events) or level of activity required (more walking or hiking).

It's very exciting to see this happen and I hope you will take note, particularly if you're one of those who may not have felt welcomed or that Higher Heights had anything to offer you. Let me offer two thoughts in response to that - "You are", and "It does". I hope to see you soon at one of our monthly meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 11 AM), the Cookie Caravan (supporting JHBC homebound), trip to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, the Coastal Retreat at Ft. Caswell, and trip to the NC Farmer's Market in Raleigh!





## Deacon's Corner – February 2026

Submitted by Phil Lawrence

### What is a New Life as a Christian

The January Deacons meeting was called to order by James Alverson, chairman of the Deacons. Deacons were present along with Pastor Brian. Jeff Brown presented a wonderful devotion on New Life in which he spoke on and the joy, emotion, love and fear of bringing a New Life into this world, as the same that could be said of Mary and Joseph who brought our Lord and savior Jesus Christ into this world with the same emotions and fears. The words **New Life** stuck in my head though, pertaining to the journey that we all are on, this raised a question in myself as a Christian.

#### What is a New Life as a Christian?

I believe God grants us a New Life when we accept his Son Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and embrace a fresh new start. God gives us a renewal. Also living in him, we are given a new identity in Christ through faith, gratitude, and trust, focusing on His provision rather than our past failures. Lamentations 3:22-23 reminds us of his mercies, they are new every morning, offering daily opportunities to start again with His love, wisdom, and forgiveness. Scripture reads, *“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are New every morning; great is your faithfulness”*. We also must look at ourselves as washing away the old you and being reborn in Christ Jesus. He grants us a New Life and a New Identity In Christ. You have a new nature, no longer bound by your old life; you are instead focusing on his truth, not our shortcomings. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, *“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old is gone, the new is here”*!

So, once we are granted this New Life in Christ where do we go from here? Do we just sit back and relax? How do we maintain and guard this New and wonderful Life we’ve been granted? **We adjust our gaze**. I know you are asking yourself, what do I mean by, adjust my gaze? Sounds like to me a lot of wishful thinking on my part or new wave hocus pocus right, but it’s a simple and not so simple process. When we adjust our gaze, we say yes to Jesus, and our old painful life is gone. Or is it? Not always, but normally what comes naturally to us is to choose the things that we are accustomed to choosing, and we want to feel good in the moment. Our thoughts and habits are often set on temporary joys and pleasures of this world. Instead, God wants so much more for us! To become more than just here and now, but to see the big picture! His Picture! We also have to do our part by fixing our eyes on Jesus, so that all the hardships of this world don’t continue to rob us of our New Life. What are we talking about? Turn my eyes to Jesus? We have to make him first in our life. Too often, this isn’t true for us. Jesus may be a big part of our lives, but not our whole (LIFE). Usually what happens is we ask Jesus to come into our hearts and to be our savior which allows us to spend eternity with him, but at this point we are not quite sure if we want him to be Lord and **ruler** over every aspect of our lives while here on earth. Often, we think just because we become Christians we should supernaturally change and everything in my life becomes right in the universe at that point. I asked Jesus to come into my life and without any effort on my part everything changes over night, right? While that can happen because our all-powerful God can do anything, we still have to be engaged in our own battle for our spiritual holiness and New Life. In the next few days and weeks ask yourself, as a Christian receiving a New Life from Jesus Christ for the redemption of my sin’s, where is my gaze set? What can I do to take my eyes off the temporary worldly pleasures and refocus on him? When you think about your New Life in Christ, do you invite Jesus into **all** aspects of your New God given Life or just part of it?

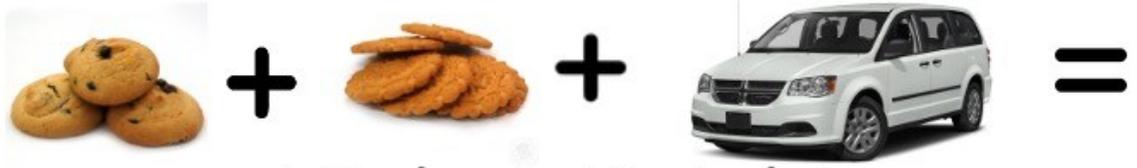
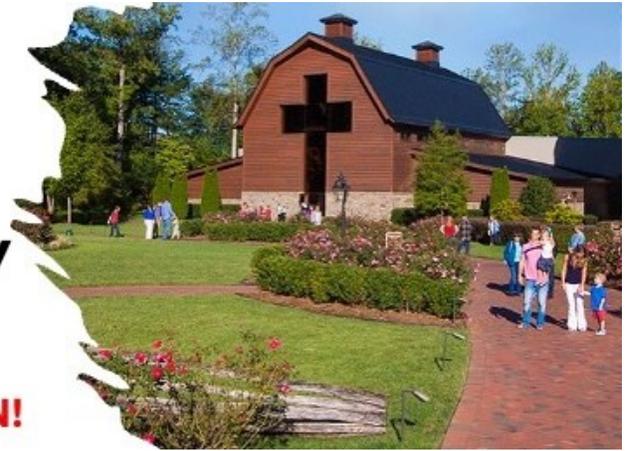
# EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Higher Heights Trip  
**Billy Graham Library**  
Thursday, March 12

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!**



## Higher Heights **COOKIE CARAVAN**

10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, 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 8**

# EVENTS

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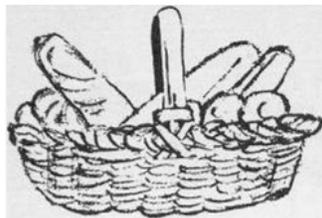
## Higher Heights

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 11 AM

McDowell Fellowship Hall

### "The Five Love Languages of Care Giving"

by Austin Decker, NCBAM



#### **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."

*Thank You!*

Dear JHBC Family,

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5). I am praying you experience greater intimacy with the Lord and see more His fruit in your lives in 2026.

Much love, Ariane



Dear Higher Heights,

I would like to thank you very much for your continuous support during my time at Campbell. Through the outpouring of love, generosity, kindness, but most importantly prayer, I have been able to continuously succeed as well as find myself a Godly group of people to surround myself with. Thank you again! Please continue praying for myself and so many others who are preparing to graduate and enter the next phase of our lives.

God bless,

Christian Desjarlais

# 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 Memory of Phillip Fields**  
*To Higher Heights*  
>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Terry Bowling**  
*To the Benevolence Fund*  
>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Linda Hall**  
*To the Kitchen Team*  
>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Jeff Cummings**  
*To the Nursery Fund*  
>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Addyson Godfrey**  
*To the NC Baptist Children's Home*  
>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Pat & Weldon Brown**  
*To the Baptist Children's Hospital*  
>By Anonymous

**In Memory of Kenneth Martin**  
*To the Building & Grounds Fund*  
>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Russ Stevens**  
*To the Youth Fund*  
>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Armelia Garren**  
*To the Library Fund*  
>By Anonymous

**In Honor of Amelia Yarborough**  
*To the Music & Choirs Fund*  
>By Anonymous

**In Memory of Kenneth Martin**  
*To the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*  
>By Anonymous

**In Memory of Billy Joe Cox**  
*To the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*  
>By Anonymous





February 1 - Rose Soldano

Sheila Stevens

February 3 - Joyce Smith

February 5 - Paige Brown

February 6 - Jamie Godfrey

Catherine Mitchell

February 7 - Linda Vance

February 8 - Cheyanne Warren

February 12 - Aliza Mluzan

February 13 - Terry Bowling

February 15 - Mary 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 26 - Carolyn Schultz-Hannah

February 27 - Joy Shockey

February 29 - Rachel Brown

A decorative border on the left side of the page features a vertical line of hearts of various sizes and colors (red, pink, white) connected by a thin, winding grey line. At the bottom of the page, a cartoon illustration of a brown dog is shown in profile, facing left. The dog is holding a pink heart-shaped vase in its mouth, which is filled with several red hearts on thin stems. A large red heart is also visible in the top right corner of the page.

## **WMU News**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for your love for people around the world and your generosity in giving \$16,351.70 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. This offering goes to support our missionaries all around the world.

Baptist Women's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, February 22, 2026. Our speaker will be Rebecca Sloan Lindhout from WMU NC. We will hear about how the ladies of JHBC are involved in missions. Cindy Hall with H3 Ministry will also tell us how the Bless Your Heart bags have impacted our homeless brothers and sisters that they serve through H3 and ways you can help right here in Lee County.

WMU learn about missions. We pray for missions, give (generously) to missions. Most importantly we do missions!

Mary Hawley Oates

## **Bereavement Group**

Freda Lowe and Mickie Rebello (Bereavement Group 1) served lunch for the family of Phillip Fields January 19, 2026. Those preparing food were Angie Wood, Ann Alford, Freda Lowe, Janice Coleman, Jean Kelly, Karen Hunter, Mickie Rebello, Sandy Lamm, Sheila Stevens, Vickie Wilkins and Wanda Howard. Helpers included Ann, Freda, Jean, Mickie, Sheila, Tony and Wanda. Bereavement Group 2 will serve next.

Bereavement Committee

## **Christianity Is Offensive!**

By Brian Humek

Christianity, to some, has come to be thought of as a religion of comfort. Christianity makes us feel good and should. The assurance of God's love should overwhelm us with joy! However, Christianity is offensive. Becoming a Christian is making a change in one's life. Being creatures of habit, change is naturally offensive. "How dare you tell me I need to change my lifestyle!" is an often heard lament from pre-Christian people.

A quick study of the Apostles and you'll notice they offended lots of people. Jesus even offended the traditionalists and legalists of his day, the religious leaders. We too have traditionalists and legalists in our own time. There are folks who declare today, "How dare you tell me we need to change how we do church and evangelism!"

Many folks overlook or misinterpret the calls for unity and evangelism found throughout God's word. God has one desire. He wants all people to be made right with Him. It is around this rallying point that the church should be united. The color of carpet, the style of songs, the delivery method of sermons, small group gatherings, and the ways in which we engage culture among other things, should not matter. Winning people to Christ is what matters!

The focus of any body of believers should be to win others to Christ. If we are not doing that, something is wrong! The Apostle Paul understood that desire to win others. In one passage, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, he mentions six times his desire to "win some" to Christ. Surrounding those words is his principle of accommodation. He stated that he became all things to all people so to win some. He didn't do that literally, but he did become "like" all people to win them to Christ. He understood their culture and entered it. He may not have been comfortable doing so. Rarely is a person comfortable at all with change. Sometimes, we find it downright offensive.

Jesus changed the world. He offended the traditionalists of his day. When told by his disciples that he had offended those leaders, Jesus didn't cower and say, "Oops! I don't want to offend anybody." Read his words and you'll find Jesus simply added insult upon injury. Jesus didn't go out of his way to offend people. In our verses today, Jesus offended those that could keep people from becoming his followers. God's desire is that all will be saved.

I wonder if I am personally holding on to some point of view or tradition that will keep others from following Christ? Are you? Have we made our opinions equal with those Holy Spirit breathed words of God we find in the Bible? Technically speaking, that is what many call legalism. We may just need to forsake our comfort for the sake of those pre-Christians or unchurched, among us. We have to put our love for those who don't intimately know Jesus Christ ahead of our love of being comfortable. That may mean a lot of different things to a lot of different people. I encourage congregations everywhere to begin this discussion with their members and start winning more people to Christ!



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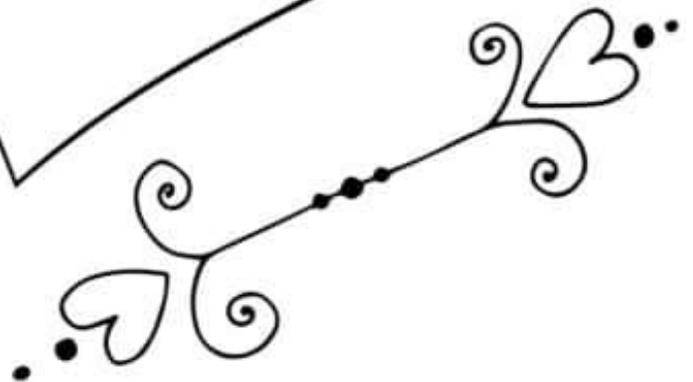
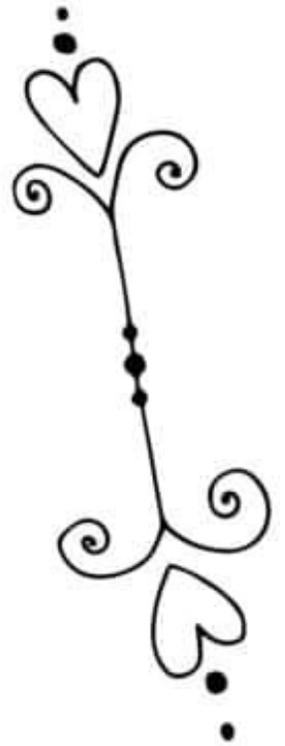
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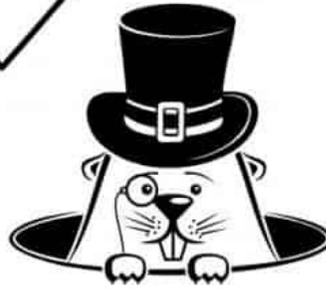
FAITH, HOPE,  
and LOVE

But the greatest  
of these is

LOVE

1 Corinthians  
13:13 NIV





# FEBRUARY

## WORD SEARCH

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 R U R A U Y M J P A A E K X T N A A  
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 CHOCOLATE  
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 FEBRUARY  
 FLOWERS  
 FRIENDS  
 GROUNDHOG DAY  
 KINDNESS  
 LEAP YEAR  
 LOVE  
 MARDI GRAS  
 NUTELLA  
 PARTY  
 PRESIDENTS DAY  
 SUPER BOWL  
 SWEETHEART  
 VALENTINES  
 WINTER

# FEBRUARY

## HOLIDAYS

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- 1-Start the 14 Days of Love Day
- 2- Groundhog Day
- 3-National Carrot Cake Day
- 4-National Homemade Soup Day
- 4-National Thank a Mail Carrier Day
- 5- World Nutella Day
- 6- National Frozen Yogurt Day
- 7-National Fettucine Alfredo Day
- 8-National Kite Flying Day
- 9-National Pizza and Bagel Day
- 10- National Umbrella day
- 11- National Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day
- 13- National Tortellini Day
- 14-Valentine's Day
- 17-National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 19-President's Day (3rd Monday)
- 21-National Sticky Bun Day
- 23-National Banana Bread Day
- 24-National Tortilla Chip Day
- 25-National Clam Chowder Day
- 27- National Polar Bear Day
- 28-National Tooth Fairy Day
- 29-Leap Year (every 4 years)

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church  
Balance Sheet  
December 2025

	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Accounts</b>	
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	\$152,720.17
Designated/Restricted Funds	\$98,713.89
Facilities Funds	\$74,680.82
Money Market	\$105,514.11
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$431,628.99</b>
Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed	\$18,442.56
Investments/Endowments	\$958,952.27
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$1,409,023.82</b>
Fixed Assets	\$3,098,522.97
Contra Asset Account	(\$5,154.07)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,093,368.90</b>
	<u><b>\$4,502,392.72</b></u>
	Current credit card receipts not paid/reconciled
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	\$3,175.78
Facilities	\$0.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,175.78</b>
Mortgage Payable	
BB&T Loan Land	\$0.00
<b>Total Mortgage Payable</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,175.78</b>
	Total facilities security deposits
	Loan has a zero balance.
<b>Equity</b>	
Unrestricted	
Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account)	\$4,250,849.78
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses)	\$122,930.79
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$4,373,780.57</b>
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts)	\$125,436.37
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$4,499,216.94</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$4,502,392.72</b>
	Used by ACS as Fund Principal closing account
	Total revenue minus expenses for the year
<b>Income</b>	December 2025
<b>Expenses</b>	December 2025
<b>Net (Loss)</b>	<b>\$81,971.18</b>
	\$91,308.54
	\$9,337.36
	<b>\$234,667.35</b>
	2025-2026 Total Income
	2025-2026 Total Expenses
	2025-2026 Net
	<b>\$111,736.56</b>
	<b>\$122,930.79</b>



# February 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Nursery Library Day 11:00 am Worship Service 3:30 pm Handbell Choir	2 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	3 10:00 am Womens Bible Study 6:00 pm Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm Budget & Finance 6:30 pm Missions & Outreach	4 10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:45 pm AWANA 5:45 pm Youth Worship 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 3:00 pm HHCT 6:30 pm BMCT	6	7
8 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 3:30 pm Handbell Choir 6:00 pm Honduras Team Lords Supper Souper Bowl Sunday	9 6:30 pm Building & Grounds 6:30 pm Youth Team Meeting	10 10:00 am Womens Bible Study 6:30 pm WISH 7:00 pm Family Ministry Team	11 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	12 10:00 am Cookie Caravan	13 <i>Office Closed</i>	14 Honduras Mission Team Departs 
15 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 3:30 pm Handbell Choir <i>Items for Announcer due to Kristina</i>	16 	17 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Band Rehearsal 6:00 pm Nursery Committee 7:00 pm Children's Ministry	18 10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:45 pm AWANA 5:45 pm Youth Worship 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 2:00 pm Pearl Johnson Group	20 <i>Office Closed</i>	21
22 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 3:30 pm Handbell Choir	23 6:30 pm Baptist Men	24 8:30 am Breadbasket Serve Opportunity 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	25 11:00 am Higher Heights 1:30 pm 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	26	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28

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Sanford, NC 27332

**RETURN SERVICE REQUEST**



**GREETERS**

Brian & Amy Barnes

**LOCKUP & SECURITY**

February 1 - James Alverson  
February 8 - Phil Lawrence  
February 15 - Lynwood Jones  
February 22 - Roger Vance



**Sunday, January 4, 2025**

9:45 AM Sunday School - 153  
11 AM Worship Service - 195

**Sunday, January 11, 2025**

9:45 AM Sunday School - 126  
11 AM Worship Service - 217

**Sunday, January 18, 2025**

9:45 AM Sunday School - 125  
11 AM Worship Service - 155

**Sunday, January 25, 2025**

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