



The Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church

ANNOUNCER

MAY 2026

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Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand or marked off the heavens with the span of his hand? Who has gathered the dust of the earth in a measure or weighed the mountains in a balance and the hills in the scales?

Isaiah 40:12

The past couple days I was able to attend a retreat for Chaplains in Myrtle Beach. While there, I was able to attend several classes and meet up with some other chaplain friends who I have not seen. However, if I told the truth, I don't really get excited about going to the beach. I would much rather go to the mountains. The air feels fresher there. I love the feeling of being out in nature, driving curvy mountain roads, hiking, and taking part in all the mountain activities. However, the one part of the beach I enjoy is the view. I love to look out at the horizon, to see water as far as the eye can see. This view reminds me of how great our God is. Isaiah speaks out saying "Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand or marked off the heavens with the span of his hand." When I look at the ocean, I realize my own insignificance in the grand scheme of things. But I recognize the supremacy of the God I worship, who placed every drop of water in the ocean and decided how far the heavens would extend.

Even the sand (which I am not a fan of) reminds us of God's magnificence. I can't fathom how many grains of sand are on the beach. But the God I worship is the one who "gathered the dust of the earth in a measure" and "weighted the mountains in a balance and the hills on the scales." The God who created all these things is magnificent, surely beyond anything our minds can comprehend.

Isaiah takes this foundation and applies it to the wisdom of God. He says, "Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or who gave Him His counsel? ¹⁴ Who did He consult with?

Who gave Him understanding and taught Him the paths of justice? Who taught Him knowledge and showed Him the way of understanding?" Isaiah 40: 13-14.

When we consider the God who created the oceans, the sand, the mountains and the hills, how can we believe that we can advise Him? So often we think we know better than He does, that God should do things the way we think they should be done. But when we do that, we have forgotten who God is. We know that the God of the universe will do what is right. We can trust Him, even when we don't have all the answers, even when we have questions, even when we don't understand. He is still faithful.

Pastor Brian

NOTES FROM

Pastor Scott

The Gift of Fellowship: Strengthening Our Church Family

In a world that often feels hurried and disconnected, your church stands as a place of belonging—a spiritual home where relationships are nurtured and faith is shared. Fellowship is more than casual conversation or friendly greetings on Sunday morning; it is a vital part of our walk with Christ. It is through fellowship that we encourage one another, bear each other's burdens, and grow together in love and purpose.

Scripture reminds us of this calling in Hebrews 10:24: *“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”* This verse captures the heart of Christian fellowship. We are not meant to journey alone. Instead, we are invited into a community where we actively uplift and inspire one another to live out our faith.

Fellowship creates space for encouragement. Life brings challenges—moments of doubt, grief, or uncertainty. In those times, being part of a caring church family can make all the difference. A kind word, a shared prayer, or simply sitting beside someone in silence can be a powerful reminder that we are not alone. God often works through people, using our connections to bring comfort and hope.

It also fosters spiritual growth. When we gather together—whether in worship, small groups, or informal conversations—we gain new perspectives and a deeper understanding of how God has worked in others' lives, and how He could work in ours. Fellowship provides opportunities to ask questions, share testimonies, and learn from one another's journeys. If you're not a part of a Sunday School class or a Small Group, you're missing out on a great opportunity to connect with other individuals, couples, or families who are all trying to move forward together, and at times, just survive.

Additionally, fellowship strengthens unity within the body of Christ. Each member of the church brings unique gifts, backgrounds, and experiences. When we come together in love and humility, these differences become strengths rather than divisions. Groups like the Worship Choir, Prayer or Mission Group, or a mission team are not only places to serve, but to build relationships that can help you grow and find your purpose in Christ's body.

Participating in events like Bowl-a-palooza, a marriage or senior adult retreat, packing shoe boxes that will go around the world carrying the gospel of Christ to children and places that may have never heard the name of Jesus, or helping repair a family home destroyed by a natural disaster are all ways that we can experience life-changing, life-building fellowship with others in and outside of our church family.

Importantly, fellowship is not confined to Sundays between Sunday School and Worship. Too many go through their week and even their month, never receiving an invitation to just have a friendly conversation, go for a walk, or to grab lunch. It's worth the effort (for you and for them) to just pick up the phone or walk a few steps across the sanctuary to invite someone to do something you both will enjoy and benefit from.

May our church continue to be a place where fellowship flourishes—a community marked by compassion, unity, and genuine care. Together, we will grow stronger in faith, shining God's light both within our congregation and beyond.





Deacon's Corner – May 2026

Submitted by Ramona Bowling

The scripture focus of my devotion is two-fold... Mathew 25:40 *"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"* and Hebrews 13:2. *"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."*

As a church that seeks to "Embody the presence of Christ to Sanford and the world," we strive to live in such a way that people can see and experience what Christ is like through us. The Great Commission calls believers to go and make disciples, but sharing the gospel with others can sometimes feel intimidating. What can we do as Christians to reflect Christ's love and compassion to others in our everyday lives?

One way is to "walk the talk." We can do this by living out our faith genuinely since actions often speak louder than words. By demonstrating the love of Christ through kindness, generosity and compassion, others may come to see the light of Christ in us and become curious and open to hearing more about our faith.

For example, imagine you're standing in line at a restaurant, and you notice a homeless person quietly counting coins, clearly unsure if they have enough for a meal. You feel that nudge — the gentle whisper of compassion. You step forward and say, "I've got it." It's a small act. It doesn't make the news. No one applauds, but heaven notices.

One of my favorite things to do is going to the beach. Before every trip I pray for safe travels and for God to give me an opportunity to be a blessing to someone. This past New Year's Chase and I went to the Outer Banks to celebrate with a friend of mine. We left early the morning of our departure date planning to drive straight through because the travel time was four plus hours. About half-way there though, Chase wanted something to eat, so I agreed to find a Bojangles and go through the drive through.

I passed by several exits on the freeway before I finally took that right hand exit to find a Bojangles. While I was pulling into the parking lot I slowed down for two men who were walking away from the parking lot exit. I realized by this time that I needed a break, so we went inside to eat.

Chase and I got our food and proceeded to find an empty table. While we were eating, I happened to notice the two guys from the parking lot sitting behind me in a corner table poorly dressed and shivering from the cold. It was clear that they were homeless and hungry. As I continued to eat, I kept feeling that "nudge" telling me to go over there so I finally did.

I asked the men if they had eaten and they both said no so I proceeded to ask what I could get them. They said coffee and a cheddar biscuit. When I went to order the combos, the cashier remarked that I must really be hungry. I laughed and said no it's for the two men behind me.

Deacon's Corner – May 2026 (cont.)

Submitted by Ramona Bowling

She nodded and smiled. As I handed the men their food I smiled and simply said “Jesus loves you.”

As we walked out of that Bojangles, I was overcome with emotion and gratitude that God had heard my prayer and not only given me an opportunity to be a blessing to someone, but He paved the way. I could have driven straight through to the beach. I could have exited way sooner. I could have used the drive through window. I could have ignored the “nudge,” but I didn't. God always has a plan doesn't He!

I may never know if my actions changed anything within these men, but I do know that moments like this reveals something profound - God often hides opportunities to show his love inside ordinary moments. Jesus didn't say, “Love the people who can repay you.” He said, “*In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*” When you do something for someone else, you're honoring Christ Himself. Generosity doesn't just change the receiver. It changes the giver. It softens the heart, quiets the ego, and reminds us that everything we have is borrowed grace.

Demonstrating Jesus's love through our actions is one of the most effective ways to share Jesus with others. Where might God be inviting you to “buy a meal” - not necessarily literally, but in spirit? Maybe it's time, patience, forgiveness, or encouragement. Whatever it is, may our prayers be that God opens our eyes to the people He places in our path, gives us a heart that responds quickly with compassion and a willingness to give without expecting anything in return. May our small acts of kindness reflect His great love.

WMU

JHBC you are an amazing body of believers who support missions at home, across North America and around the world! You gave over our goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions and once again you have given generously to support our missionaries spreading the Gospel in North America. Our final total for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions is (drumroll please): \$10,198.31. Your generous giving will go 100% to support the missionaries serving in North America. Your continued support of everything missions is one of the things that makes JHBC the Place To Be!!

Keep October 2-3, 2026 in your calendar. JHBC will be hosting the annual WMU NC IGNITE Missions Conference. This conference is always an exciting time to learn about mission opportunities but also wonderful ideas for mission projects for our church. We will need LOTS of volunteers to help show the hospitality and missions focus of JHBC during this conference to the people of North Carolina. If you have questions please contact Mary Hawley Oates.

In WMU we learn about missions, pray for mission, give and then do missions!

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Class of 2026

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Are you graduating or have a graduate this spring?
Please let us know by **May 3rd**!

SCAN ME!



HIGHER HEIGHTS



WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 AT 11:00 AM
COME FOR GAMES, FUN, AND FOOD!

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Higher Heights

“NC Farmer’s Market” Trip

Thursday, May 14. 9 AM departure.

Join us for a trip to the amazing NC Farmer’s Market in Raleigh, followed by lunch at the Farmer’s Market Restaurant next door. Back around 2 pm.

Register on Sign-Up Sheet on the bulletin board

Fun Fishing Day



Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.

John Hackney's - 1805 Buckhorn Rd, Sanford
Carpool from JHBC Woodland Parking Lot (8:45 a.m.)

Fun fishing, prizes, devotional, and hot-dog lunch.
Everyone is welcome! Sign up on the bulletin board.

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Baptist Men

Summer Kick-Off

Monday, May 18 at 6:30 pm

BBQ Dinner (\$6) & Manly Contests!

- Axe Throwing
- Chipping Challenge
- Corn Hole
- Putting Challenge

VBS 2026
JUNE 15-19

SHINING GOD'S LIGHT
IN DARK PLACES

SONSHINE



CAVERNS



[JHBC.ORG/VBS-VOLUNTEER](https://jhbc.org/vbs-volunteer)

VBS VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

TRAINING SESSIONS ON MAY 17 & 31
NEED TO ATTEND ONLY ONCE. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Jamaica Hurricane Relief Fundraiser

Date: Saturday May 30th, 2026

Cost: \$15 (Tickets sold April 26th-May 17th)

Focus: All donations will go to support church and community rebuilding in Jamaica.

Sponsors: This event is sponsored by the JHBC Deacon Board.

Menu: Grilled Chicken, 2 sides, bread and desert.



JHBC Prayer Walks

Our Plan: Visit housing developments within 5 miles of our church every other month (May, July, September).

During this time we will:

- Pray for residents
- Introduce ourselves
- Provide information about our church and let them know about upcoming events
- Invite them to join us

Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM. We would love for you to join us! (Please check the bulletin in the coming weeks for exact dates).

For more information, see a member of the Mission and Outreach Team or call the church office.

"...Open your eyes and look at the fields, because they are ripe for the harvest" John 4: 35

JHBC BOWL-APALOOZA



2026 Winners



- 1st Place Men – James Alverson (153)
- 2nd Place Men – Jamie Bowen (140)
- 1st Place Women – Addy Charland (131)
- 2nd Place Women – Carol Alverson (123)
- 1st Place CRAZY FRAMES – Terry Bowling (131)
- 2nd Place CRAZY FRAMES – April Charland (117)



Thank You!

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Thank you for your prayers. I know God hears our prayers and I can feel those prayers lifting me up. The chemo pills and monthly chemo shot seems to be working. During Feb-March my chemo number came down 1060 points. I have a way to go to get to normal which is 38. Please pray for the bad reactions of an upset stomach and low energy level. I appreciate your continued prayers!

Sincerely,
Mary Edwards

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

We thank each of you for your continued support to Meals On Wheels of Sanford. Your generosity and that of other churches has enabled many people to receive a hot noon-day meal who can't provide for themselves. May each of you be blessed as you have been a blessing to others.

Sincerely,
Deb Egbert
Corresponding Secretary
Meals On Wheels of Sanford

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

On behalf of The Breadbasket and our team I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation to help feed the hungry in Lee County. Your support enables us to continue our mission of serving the community, and we would not accomplish this without your help.

With Appreciation,
Sue Vester
Treasurer
The Breadbasket of Lee County

Dear JHBC,

Thank you for your donation to Family Promise of Lee County. Your donation is a great help to those in our program. During their time in our program, participants are provided shelter, meals, and case management. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Tamara Brogan
Family Promise of Lee County

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you for your gift to Operation Mobilization's work. Thanks to your support, our teams are working to change the reality by catalyzing groups of self-sustaining, locally led, multiplying groups of Jesus followers in the hardest, darkest places. Together we will continue this mission until all have heard.

Andrew Ginsburg
President and CEO, Operation Mobilization

Dear JHBC Family,

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your generous gift. It brings me great joy knowing that you are taking part in giving people the opportunity to hear the Good News who have never heard it before. Because of generous gifts like yours, I am able to not only continue being a light on the university campus, but also travel to the least-reached parts of the country during my school breaks for prayer walking and sharing. May God continue to bless you and use you for the expansion of His Kingdom!

-Ariane

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 Ed Byrd
To Higher Heights
>By Anonymous

In Honor of Beverly Coleman
To the Benevolence Fund
>By Anonymous

In Memory of JoAnn Vance
To the Kitchen Team
>By Anonymous

In Honor of Ann Wester
To the Nursery Fund
>By Anonymous

In Memory of Kenneth Martin
To the NC Baptist Children's Home
>By Anonymous

In Honor of Garry Long
To the Baptist Children's Hospital
>By Anonymous

In Honor of Terry Bowling
To the Building & Grounds Fund
>By Anonymous

In Honor of John Henry Rice
To the Youth Fund
>By Anonymous

In Memory of James Pilsen
To the Library Fund
>By Anonymous

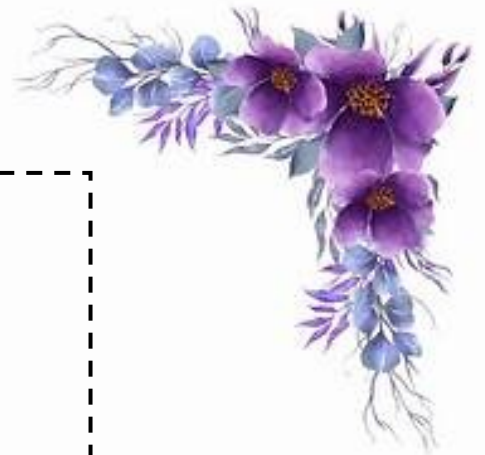
In Honor of Dallas Harper
To the Music & Choirs Fund
>By Anonymous

In Memory of JoAnn Vance
To Baptist on Mission Disaster Relief
>By James Wallace

In Memory of JoAnn Vance
To Outreach & Missions
>By Steven Fetty

In Memory of Peggy Gaines
To Higher Heights
>By Tony & Agnes Kelly





- May 5 - Carol Alverson
May 6 - Cara Graham
May 8 - Mary Katherine Bright
May 9 - Stewart Tyner
May 12 - Shane Perkins
May 16 - Sandy Lamm
Meredith Mitchell
Christian Desjarlais
May 17 - Denise Bost
May 18 - Wanda Howard
May 19 - Sonja Lawrence
May 21 - Daphine Tolliver
Mary Cox
May 22 - Mary Laton
Christopher Martinez
May 29 - Patricia Buchanan



Group Schedules May 2026

Greeters for May

Brian & Amy Barnes

Bakers and Shakers

Date	Baker	Shaker
May 3	Patricia Buchanan	Alice Gilchrist, Sharon Howell, Diane Smith
May 10	Sylvia Thomas	Mike & Ruth Bundy
May 17	Carol Bowling	Randy & Carolyn Marsh
May 24	Mary Hawley Oates	Kenny & Sandy Lamm
May 31	Sheila Stevens	Alice Gilchrist, Sharon Howell, Diane Smith

Security and Lockup

May 3	Lynwood Jones
May 10	Roger Vance
May 17	Ray Carter
May 24	Tom Janysek
May 31	Jamie Bowen

First Responders

May 3	Team C
May 10	Team D
May 17	Team A
May 24	Team B
May 31	Team C

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
Balance Sheet
March 2026

Accounts	<u>Amount</u>
Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$137,747.96
General Fund	\$110,014.13
Designated/Restricted Funds	\$59,180.82
Facilities Funds	\$105,693.48
Money Market	\$412,636.39
Total Checking/Savings	\$1,423,895.03
Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed	\$20,011.57
Investments/Endowments	\$991,247.07
Total Current Assets	\$3,091,915.19
Fixed Assets	\$3,098,522.97
Contra Asset Account	(\$6,607.78)
Total Assets	\$4,515,810.22
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	\$3,303.87
Facilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$3,303.87
Mortgage Payable	
BB&T Loan Land	\$0.00
Total Mortgage Payable	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$3,303.87
Equity	
Unrestricted	
Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account)	\$4,251,386.75
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses)	\$148,179.82
Total Unrestricted	\$4,399,566.57
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts)	\$112,939.78
Total Equity	\$4,512,506.35
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$4,515,810.22
Income	
March 2026	\$60,003.19
Expenses	
March 2026	\$41,264.17
Net (Loss)	\$18,739.02
	2025-2026 Total Income
	\$379,170.71
	2025-2026 Total Expenses
	\$230,990.89
	2025-2026 Net
	\$148,179.82

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



May 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Nursery Library Day 11:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Business Meeting</p>					1	2
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<p>10  9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service</p>	<p>11 6:00 pm Missions & Outreach 6:30 pm Building & Grounds 6:30 pm Youth Team Meeting</p>	<p>12 6:00 pm Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm WISH 7:00 pm Family Ministry</p>	<p>13 10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:45 pm AWANA Grand Prix 5:45 pm Youth Worship 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 9:00 am HH to Farmers Market 6:30 pm Associate Pastor Search Committee 6:30 pm Baptist Men Coord. Team</p>	<p>15 <i>Office Closed</i> Items for Announcer due to Kristina</p>	<p>16 10:00 am Fun Fishing Day </p>
<p>17  9:45 am Membership Class 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm VBS Training</p>	<p>18 6:30 pm Baptist Men</p>	<p>19 6:00 pm Nursery Committee 7:00 pm Children's Ministry</p>	<p>20 11:00 am Higher Heights 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Band Rehearsal 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 11:00 am J. Glenn Edwards Graduation 2:00 pm Pearl Johnson Group</p>	<p>22 <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service</p>	<p>25 </p>	<p>26 8:30 am Breudbasket Serve Opportunity 6:00 pm Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 11:00 am Higher Heights 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Jamaica Fundraiser</p>
<p>31 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm VBS Training 2:00 pm Mary Stevens' Baby Shower</p>						

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RETURN SERVICE REQUEST



GREETERS

Brian & Amy Barnes

LOCKUP & SECURITY

May 3 - Lynwood Jones
May 10 - Roger Vance
May 17 - Ray Carter
May 24 - Tom Janysek
May 31 - Jamie Bowen



Sunday, April 5, 2026

9:45 AM Sunday School - 143
11 AM Worship Service - 259

Sunday, April 12, 2026

9:45 AM Sunday School - 126
11 AM Worship Service - 154

Sunday, April 19, 2026

9:45 AM Sunday School - 146
11 AM Worship Service - 165

Sunday, April 26, 2026

9:45 AM Sunday School - 135
11 AM Worship Service - 179