

## The Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church ANNOUNCER

#### NOVEMBER 2024

<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is near. Therefore, be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. <sup>8</sup> Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of November and that in two months we will be celebrating the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025. However, the month of November is often viewed as a month of giving thanks, culminating, of course, in the national celebration of Thanksgiving. We take November as an opportunity to reflect back on our lives, especially over the last year, and recognize the many reasons we have to be thankful.

This year, we have an extra special reason to do this. Most recently, we reflect on our brothers and sisters in Christ from the western side of North Carolina and other states who have lost property, possessions, and even loved ones. We mourn for so many people who still don't know where their loved ones are or even if they are alive.

We also prepare for the election in the next couple of days which will decide our next president and vicepresident of the United State (among many other positions of authority that will have a significant impact on our country, state, and community). We see division on a there that most of us have never seen before, knowing that there will be disunity and possibly even violence regardless of who wins the election.

Apart from these national events, we each have personal events that have impacted the last year, for better or worse. Whether they be health conditions, relationship changes, marriage, divorce, a new child, death in the family, financial blessing or hardship, emotional trauma, salvation, baptism, or so many other things that could impact our lives. And yet, we look back and see that God has brought us through each of these. And while we give Him thanks for what He has brought us through and for the ways He has provided for us through our need, we also recognize that He calls us to more. He calls us to serve. We don't all serve in the same way, because we don't all have the same gifts or experiences. But we look for ways to use our gifts, experiences, and passions to build up the body of Christ, to help those who are hurting, and to bring peace to those who are experiencing hardship and turmoil.

As we reflect on the many reasons that we have to be thankful this November, let us also remember to look for ways to build up those around us, to "comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God" (2 Cor 1:4). Use the gifts God has given you, to reach the lost with the gospel and to build up the hurting and those in need with the love of God.

#### **Upcoming sermons:**

November 3	Genesis 39: 1-20	Joseph the Tempted
November 10	Genesis 40:1-41:36	Joseph the Prophet
November 17	Genesis 41: 37-57	Joseph the Exalted
November 24	1 Chronicles 16:7	Give Thanks (Thanksgiving Service)

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## WORSHIP MATTERS

Pastor Scott

#### **Golfing for God**

After months of preparation, publicity, and prayer, the 2024 JHBC Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Quail Ridge Golf Course. I always look forward to this day. First, because it's a great tool to reach out to men (primarily), some who may not attend church regularly or be exposed to the gospel or men who believe in God and trust Him to guide them in their lives. Second, it's because that's one day I know I will get to play golf. Note: the last round of golf I played before this year's tournament was last year's tournament (if you don't count the Lost Mine Mini-Golf in Pigeon Forge

where my lovely wife Ann beat me a month ago!). (somewhere in the 40's), by afternoon, temps had risen to the low 70's, with the sun shining brightly and only a light breeze. While the day began with brisk temperatures **2024 JHBC Golf Tourname** 

Forty-six men arrived before 7:45 a.m. to check in and pay their fees. They were welcomed, given their instructions and prayed over before being given the opportunity to warm up, hitting a few balls on the driving range and doing a little putting on the practice green. Then, around 8:45, the twelve teams of four each headed out on their carts to their designated hole to start their round of golf. I'd have 2024 JHBC Golf Tournament

to say I heard more groans echoing over the course than cheers, but nonetheless, from all reports, everyone had a great day of golf and fellowship.

Following the round, the group met again at the shelter house for lunch, served by a team of volunteers, led by Lynwood and Cindy Jones, including Kim Bowling, Tommie Angel, and Heather Smetak. Pastor Nick manned the smoker/grill (thanks Ray Carter) where the chicken was finished up

and slathered with BBQ sauce. When lunch was winding down, I gave away several door prizes and followed that by awarding trophies to the top two teams, as well as those who won our specialty contests.

1st Place Team - Stan, Steve, and Bert McDowell and Tom McCurdy

2nd Place Team - Todd Gilmore, Chris Puryear, Robin Castleberry, and Jared Gibson Longest Drive - Cameron Bond (under 60 years), Stan McDowell (over 60 years) Closest-to-the-Pin - Owen Bond

Once those things were done, I introduced the group to our guest speaker, Korky Kemp, the Eastern Director for College Golf Fellowship, a ministry organization that uses the platform of golf to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ in college golf, professional golf, and beyond. A former golfer for NC State who went on to play 6 years of professional golf, he also serves as the chaplain for the Korn Ferry Tour, which feeds into the PGA Tour. In his talk, he used the testimony of Bernhard Langer, a very successful German professional golfer, to drive home the importance of knowing Christ. Bernhard noted that after winning his first Masters Championship and seemingly ascending to the top of his career that he thought he would be completely fulfilled... but



he wasn't. It was only after that, after he was introduced to Christ and developed his own faith as a Christian believer that he won his second Masters Championship, and noted that it meant more, because his life was already fulfilled by his faith in God. Korky shared the gospel through the scriptures of the Roman Road, challenging those there to consider whether their lives were based on the pursuit of worldly prizes (wealth, fame, success, knowledge), or the pursuit of the living God. It was the perfect way to wrap up the tournament.

Thanks to all those who helped make this a wonderful day!



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ALL FOR JESUS WITH JHBC

## Hallelujah Harvest is this week, and we need your help!

Hallelujah Harvest, our church-wide Fall Family Outreach, is happening this Satruday, November 2nd, 1-4 pm (split into two shifts, 1-2:30, 2:30-4), and we need your help! There are all sorts of areas where we need help, including:

Praver Table

- Setup and Tear Down (12-1pm, 4-5pm)
- **Running the Cake Walk Bounce House Supervisors**
- Cotton Candy Machine Operators
  - Hot Chocolate and Cookie Table Hosts All Shifts Filled!

We also need Sunday School Classes and families to ...

- Donate Baked Goods for the Cake Walk
- Host a Carnival Game

Carnival Games Ideas include:

- **Ring or Bean Bag Toss** 
  - Mini Bowling
- "Knock 'em Down" (baseball toss at bottles/cups)
  - Plinko
  - Egg Spoon Race

The church has all of these carnival games already, we just need hosts!

#### Signup on the Bulletin Board in the Main Hallway!

Questions? See or contact Pastor Nick (nick.smetak@jhbc.org)

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## Keep up to date with everything at hsmweekly.org





#### Summer Camp 2025

Early Registration is now open! Save \$25 on deposit (normally \$75) by registering by October 30th.

Dates: June 23-27, 2025 Where: Fort Caswell Who: All current 6th-12th graders Unlimited Spots available until October 31st. Full Details at hsmweekly.org/camp2025



A friendly competition between the small groups, promoting spiritual disciplines and community. Find out more at the <u>hsmweekly.org/olympics24</u>

## Want to help our Student Ministry, but don't have a clue how?

Text Pastor Nick at (803) 757-9648 or call the church office, and let's talk about how YOU (yes, YOU! We have a place for everyone!) can help the Heights Student Ministry succeed in our mission!



## Join us for Friendsgiving at HSM during Youth Worship on November 20th



## Keep up to date with everything Kids at jhbckids.org





## **Special AWANA Nights for November**

November 13th is our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party for AWANA!



## NO AWANA on November 27th Happy Thanksgiving!

### Want to help with Sunday School, AWANA, or other Kids stuff?

Find the requirements at childsafetyjhbc.org





### Marriage Nights at JHBC

Next Session is Saturday, November 23rd

Join us for this transformative resource, designed to help you explore new levels of intimacy, communication, and connection with your spouse.

Meal (\$5/person, family max \$15) and children's event provided. RSVP by scanning the QR code.

## FRIENDSGIVING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD 5-7 pm







By Belinda Bond

God's Word calls us to "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15, NIV) - especially in these days of uncertainty. So of course, evangelism is discussed, studied, and implemented in a variety of ways throughout our lives. Naturally, "evangelism" appears on the agenda of the fellowship of deacons (as it should) continuously. The question that always seems to creep into our midst is "How can we show the love of Christ by sharing the gospel and winning the lost more effectively?" The truth is sharing the gospel can come with many little "glitches" when we set out to physically go and share with strangers. Afterall, what if they find us intrusive or have different beliefs, or accuse us of trespassing? **Rejection** is an intimate weapon of the devil. Last Monday night, at the deacon's meeting, I heard someone say, "Evangelism is easy if you simply keep Him in the forefront of your mind, always ready for the right moment to share how God is faithful in your life." This is nothing new! We know this! We strive to live for Christ. Sharing His faithfulness, sovereignty, and saving grace is natural. But for some reason there are times when we hesitate even when opportunities are placed before us like the "yellow brick road". Sadly, society changes, coupled with spiritual warfare, creates the perfect inner storm when we feel the nudge to witness. Guess what; I have good news! We can be ready to evangelize!

**Deacon's Corner** 

- Pray that God will fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we will be bold and free to share our faith.
- Prepare to answer questions about what God has done in your life.
- Look for ways to help others and then share your faith or simply pray for them.
- Study the word. The better we know God's word, the more effective we will be.
- Remember, let the Holy Spirit do His work. The words He gives us will be amazing!
- Let's join together as a church family! Join together one Saturday a month at 78 South & North to pray, share God's grace, talk about our church and how we enjoy celebrating His love together! Participate in AWANA, Sunday School, Small Groups, Children's Programs, Greeters, Shake and Bake, Choir, Family Ministry, Brotherhood, Higher Heights, Mission and Outreach, Youth Activities, Community Events, and plain old fellowshipping with one another over delicious food and laughter! There's nothing like it! But always remember one thing: We must never evaluate the success of our evangelism in terms of whether or not someone comes to faith. The primary purpose of evangelism is to glorify God, not to save souls. We trust **God's work** through people's lives, that HE, through the HOLY SPIRIT, is the one who is going to move people. So back to the basics. Simply share what God has done for you!

#### **Operation Christmas Child 2024**

Please plan to be a part of Operation Christmas Child at JHBC. Participate by packing, volunteering, donating, and praying for this important outreach ministry that spreads the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Shoeboxes are available for pickup from the church displays. AWANA children, youth, and senior adults will be packing church shoeboxes. Bring in your family boxes on Blessing Sunday. Contact Alice Gilchrist or Sheila Stevens with any questions regarding OCC.

- AWANA packing night Wednesday, November 13th
- Senior Adult packing Thursday, November 14th from 10am-1pm
- Blessing Sunday Sunday, November 17th during worship service



SERVE OPPORTUNITY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

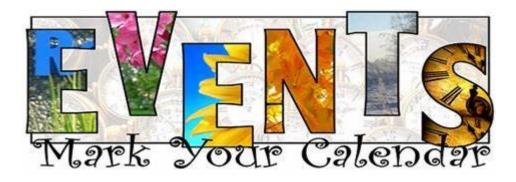
Join us on the 4th Tuesday each month at The Bread Basket of Sanford

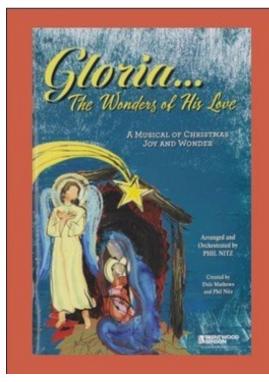
Time: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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."





## **SAVE THE DATE!**

JHBC Worship Choir

Christmas Musical Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4 PM

<u>Reception following</u> You are invited to bring light snacks and desserts



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.



#### Leftovers

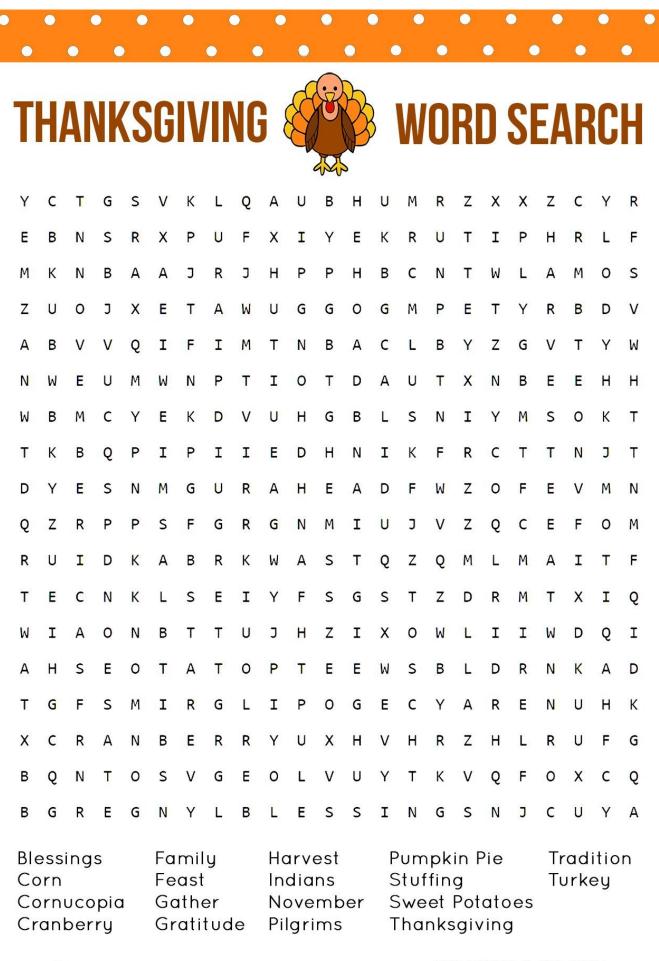
by Skip Heitzig

One of the great joys of Thanksgiving is leftovers. For some reason, turkey and dressing taste just as good reheated as they do fresh out of the oven, maybe better. But I found a website that added up the calories from that delicious stuff, and the exercise necessary to burn it off. How much walking would you need to do for a turkey sandwich, some stuffing, some mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and a piece of apple pie with ice cream? Over 13 miles! Add some gravy, and you're up to nearly 15 miles! I don't know about you, but I don't have the time to walk 15 miles after a meal! But thinking about leftovers brings me back to what I was talking about **last week**, because we're right in the middle of the long Thanksgiving weekend. Thanksgiving is an indication of the heart. It shows that our lives are in balance—that our communication with the Lord is not all about our wants and our needs.

There are two levels of gratitude. Let's call them the lower level and the upper level. Unfortunately—and I admit I'm in this category—we kind of dwell in the lower level. That's where we see God's work in our lives as intermittent spurts of goodness. Some big blessing comes along and we say, "Thank you, Lord!" But living on that level of gratitude only shows that we are selfish, and that we miss the total perspective of God's goodness. We thank Him for the pleasurable things, because our view of goodness is comfort, rather than becoming like Jesus.

The upper level, the higher level, is consistently thanking God, in the good and the bad, believing that all things will work out for good to those who love Him (see **Romans 8:28**). I admit I have a long way to go on this one! I often complain instead of saying, "You're in control and I thank You, even though I don't understand it."

Corrie ten Boom was sent to a prison camp for hiding Jews from the Nazis. There, her sister said they should thank God for everything in their barracks. Corrie refused to give thanks for the fleas that infested their bedding, but later she found out that those fleas kept the guards from entering the barracks, enabling them to have daily **prayer** meetings. So she said, "Thank you, Lord, for the fleas!" So while you're thanking the God "who satisfies your mouth with good things" (**Psalms 103:5**), remember that He's in control and He knows best. Let's bless the Lord in *all* things, because **God is good** *all* the time!



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Thank you!

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your continued support of Meals on Wheels of Sanford. Your support enables many to receive a hot meal on weekdays. Donations also enable us to provide a frozen meal for the weekends. Thank you again! Sincerely, Deb Egbert

Meals on Wheels Corresponding Secretary

Dear JHBC Family,

Thank you for your love, support, and many prayers during my recent health issues. Your prayers were felt giving me so much peace. God is faithful and I am so thankful for the many answered prayers. My church family is such a treasured blessing. I thank God for each of you.

Love, Tommie Angel and family

Dear JHBC,

Thank you for your generous gift to the American Bible Society. Because of you, people around the world can receive Bible's and Scripture resources in their heart languages. To-gether, we can continue to provide hope and healing found in Scripture.

Yours in Christ, Dr. Jennifer Holloran President and CEO American Bible Society

JHBC Family,

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



#### <u>MEMORIAL GIFTS</u>

In Memory of James Tolliver <u>To the Tolliver Scholarship</u> >By Daphine Toliver

<u>In Honor of Aaron & Shpresa Smith</u> <u>To Operation Mobilization</u> >By Anonymous

<u>In Honor of Shirley Haddock</u> <u>To the Debt Reduction Fund</u> >By Anonymous

<u>In Honor of Jeremy Wicker</u> <u>To the Higher Heights Fund</u> >By Anonymous

#### In Honor of Becky McCollough

<u>To the Benevolence Fund</u> >By Anonymous

In Honor of Linda Holder <u>To the Kitchen Team</u> >By Anonymous

In Honor of Lunette McCollough <u>To the Nurserv Fund</u>

>By Anonymous

In Honor of Pat Brown <u>To the NC Baptist Children's Homes</u> >By Anonymous

#### In Honor of Brennan West

<u>To the NC Baptist Hospital Fund</u> >By Anonymous

In Honor of Jeanette Al-Habib <u>To the Building & Grounds Fund</u> >By Anonymous



In Honor of Ann Wester <u>To the Youth Fund</u> >By Anonymous

<u>In Honor of Darlene Thompson</u> <u>To the Library Fund</u> >By Anonymous

In Memory of Virginia Johnson <u>To the Music Fund</u> >By Anonymous

In Honor of Rod and Kim Ashby <u>To Baptists on Mission</u> >By Anonymous

<u>In Memory of Charles & Madie Rhodes</u> <u>To General Fund</u> >By Russ & Sheila Stevens

<u>In Memory of Sandy Lamm's mother</u> <u>To the Mission & Outreach Fund</u> >By Sandy Brown

In Memory of Don & Eunice Fletcher <u>To the Library Fund</u> >By Bob & Yvonne Tilley



November 1 - Nancy Robinson Drake Bowen November 2 - Wayne Robinson **Carol Bowling** November 3 - James Mitchell November 4 - Betty Griffin November 5 - Judy Davis November 10 - Phillip Walters November 12 - Nya South November 15 - Diane Smith November 18 - Kathy Waters Andy Howard Avery Snipes November 19 - Jean Kelly Donvan Martinez November 24 - Melba Kelly Randy Angel November 25 - Katelyn Lawrence November 26 - Kristina Cutter

# Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church Balance Sheet September 2024

## Accounts

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MONDAY	26		4	NC Baptist Ar		11	6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	18	6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team	25	6:30 pm Baptist Men
SUNDAY	25		3	9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service		10	<ul> <li>9:45 am Sunday School</li> <li>11 am Worship Service</li> <li>12:15 pm Choir Lunch and Rehearsal</li> <li>6 pm Business Meeting</li> </ul>	11	9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service	24	9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service

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#### **RETURN SERVICE REQUEST**



#### **GREETERS**

Sandy Lamm Russ Stevens

#### **LOCKING & SECURITY**

November 3 - Jeff Brown November 10 - Mike Wilkins November 17 - Russ Stevens November 24 - Tommie Angel



#### Sunday, October 6, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School - 131 11 AM Worship Service - 187

#### Sunday, October 13, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School - 118 11 AM Worship Service - 171

#### Sunday, October 20, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School - 130 11 AM Worship Service - 162

#### Sunday, October 27, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School - 117 11 AM Worship Service - 164