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"Be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord.." Psalm 31:24

In this passage, David is crying out to God for protection. We don't know why. David is clearly in trouble and facing opposition from his enemies. However, David experienced trouble so many times throughout his life that it is impossible to tell at what point he lifted this prayer to God. In fact, it may have been multiple times.

What we do know is that David is experiencing an intense external conflict that is causing intense internal turmoil. The opposition that he is facing causes him to speak of himself saying, "I am in distress; my eyes are worn out from angry sorrow – my whole being as well. Indeed, my life is consumed with grief and my years with groaning... I am forgotten: gone from memory like a dead person – like broken pottery." (Psalm 31:9-10, 12).

But David's hopelessness, powerlessness, and grief are opposed by his belief in God. He speaks of God as:

- Rock of refuge
- A mountain fortress
- My rock and my fortress
- My refuge
- God of truth
- The Lord

Because of his view of God as his fortress and refuge, the God of truth who is not deceived by the gossip of his enemies, David can cry out to God saying, "But I trust in you, Lord; I say, 'You are my God.' The course of my life is in your power...How great is Your goodness that you have stored up for those who fear you." (vs. 14-15, 19). David's knowledge of who God is gave him the strength to stand against his opposition as well as his own doubts and turmoil.

As we go through life we are faced with dangers from without and turmoil within. But knowing who God is and that He is our refuge and our fortress who gives us the strength to stand through the difficult times we face.

Upcoming Sermons:

Nursery Staff Ms. Claire Cummings Ms. Evelyn Martinez Ms. Nya South



October 6Acts 6October 13Genesis 37:1-11October 20Genesis 37:12-36October 27Genesis 39:1-20

Singleness in the Church Joseph the Chosen Joseph the Betrayed (Pastor Nick Preaching) Joseph the Tempted

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Evangelism 101

WORSHIP MATTERS

Pastor Scott

Golf Lessons

I've played golf most of my life. My dad was an outstanding golfer. I can still picture the long shelf in what we called the "TV Room" that was filled with trophies from tournaments he played in. Growing up, dad always made sure we had a family pass to the small 9-hole course in our town (Corydon, IA), so all of us (5 kids and mom) could play when we wanted.

I still enjoy playing golf, but continue to find it difficult to make it on to the course as often as I would like. Now, when people ask me if I golf, my standard answer is, "I have golf clubs." That's one reason I like helping to plan the JHBC Golf Tournament. That's at least one day I know I will be able to golf. I keep my expectations in check and just try to enjoy the day, playing golf with friends.

I believe there are lessons that playing golf teaches you that can be helpful for the Christian believer. Let's take a look at just a few of these. In no particular order.

- 1. Keep your head down and your eye on the ball. It is SO easy for me to get distracted. A gnat lands on my ball just as I'm about to crush it. The guys I'm playing with decide to start a conversation as I'm about putt. The list is endless. For the believer, it is crucial that we keep our eyes focused on Christ. Hebrews 12:1-3 instructs us that in order to "not grow weary and lose heart", we should fix our eyes of Jesus, who suffered greatly in order to open the way for us to know God. That will keep us walking (and hitting) straight.
- **2. Don't let one bad shot ruin the rest of your game.** It's inevitable, in the game of golf, you're going to make a bad shot, leave a putt short, hit someone's house... You can't avoid it. Even the best players in the world are going to do these things (even maybe the last one). As bad as you feel when this happens, if you keep thinking about it, kicking yourself, it's going to negatively influence your game until you deal with it and move on. I'm gonna say it, "I sin" (even my mom is not shocked). To claim otherwise is a lie, and we all (as Believers) know what it feels like to live with a lie. It's a horrible and gnawing pain (thank You, Holy Spirit). You don't want to live like that. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." That's the way to live, with a clean slate and a pure heart. So, the next time you stand over your ball (or face your spouse, co-worker, or friend), you aren't thinking about that "thing" you said that wasn't the whole truth. You can just 'play golf'.
- **3.** Playing golf is funner (more fun) with friends. Other than maybe just going to the driving range, I don't know that I have ever played golf by myself. At least for me, golf is a social thing. Chatting about who-knows-what as you walk the fairway or ride in the cart (and tell me, what's more fun than driving a golf cart?!). Not to mention those times right after my driver impacts the ball, I look up and have no earthly idea which direction my ball went. I depend on my friends to tell me. Plus, it's been said, "When else can you carve out 3-5 hours just to hang out with a friend (or three) without a TV, work, or 'honey-do-list' staring you in the face?" There may be other answers, but they're rare to be sure. Pursuing the Christian life is more enjoyable, and likely more effective, when you do it in community with others. They encourage you when you fail, and if they're real friends, maybe even stop you before you do. You learn from one another as you study God's Word in a small group or Sunday School. And maybe most important, they are praying for you even when you don't know it.

These are just three ways that golf and the Christian life intersect. So, I say, play them both well. And join in the JHBC Golf Tournament, Saturday, Oct. 19 at Quail Ridge Golf Course. See the church bulletin board, the church website, or me for more details.



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All in!

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." ~Colossians 3:17 (CSB)

What does it mean to be "All In"? This is a question that three other youth pastors and I asked ourselves as we started praying about our first-ever Sanford Youth Network Conference. One of the purposes of this conference is to bring youth from all across the city together to worship and learn together. We want our students to see that they aren't the only ones in their schools. (We may have read something somewhere that one of Gen Z's biggest hangups/fears is that they don't want to be the only ones doing it.)

So, what does that look like? A life lived "all in" is a life fully surrendered to Jesus—a life full of joy. The opposite of "all in", a life of simply being aware of who Jesus is, always leads to disappointment and disillusionment.

The rich young ruler was a young man who decided to sit back and know Jesus without surrendering to Jesus (<u>Matthew 19:16-30</u>). Jesus asked the young ruler to take his next step and to surrender his finances completely. The rich young ruler walked away from Jesus because he didn't understand what Jesus was calling him to. Jesus wanted more for him than just a comfortable, quiet life—Jesus wanted him to have joy and an abundant life. He wanted him to experience the blessing of taking next steps.

Barnabas, on the other hand, is a great example of what it looks like to go all in for Jesus. The first time we see him in scripture (<u>Acts 4:36-37</u>), he is selling his field and giving the proceeds to the apostles. Barnabas went on to preach and teach alongside Paul for many years, helping start churches throughout Asia Minor and Europe. Because Barnabas went all-in, he was able to make a huge impact on the world and became known as "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith" (<u>Acts 11:24</u>).

When we go all in for Jesus, it not only changes our life but the generations that come after us. What legacy do you want to leave? The Lord Bless and Keepe You.

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Summer Camp 2025

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

Dates: June 23-27, 2025

Who: All current 6th-12th graders

Unlimited Spots available until October 31st.

Where: Fort Caswell



Hoodies, shirts, shoodies, cups, wristbands, lanyards, and more!

Represent the best Student Ministry in

Sanford! (Church members can purchase too!)

Scan the QR Code, or go to

hsmweekly.org/merch



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

Text Pastor Nick at (803) 757-9648, 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!





Keep up to date with everything Kids at jhbckids.org



Special AWANA Nights for October

October 2nd - Sports Night! October 16th - Canned Food Drive for CUOC October 30th - Bible Character Dress-up Night



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KRISTINA CUTTER AT KIRSTINA.CUTTER@JHBC.ORG, OR (919) 776-1541



Marriage Nights at JHBC

Next Session is Saturday, October 26th 5-7 pm

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

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

By James Alverson

The Most Important Election

Deacon's Corner

I probably don't need to tell you this, but I'm going to anyway. It is election season. You seemingly cannot escape campaign ads on television, radio, social media, street corners and even now text messages on your phone. How did they even get my phone number? Anyway, that isn't important.

If you are like me, you probably at least occasionally are drawn to look at polls, listen to debates, and read news articles about candidates. We should do those things as we prayerfully consider who we should cast our votes for to represent us in the various levels of government.

If you are like me, you probably also find yourselves sometimes caught up in the tumult of election season. It is natural for politicians to draw our attention to the problems facing our nation and our world. It is natural for politicians to offer what they believe to be solutions to those issues.

Unfortunately for us as believers, sometimes when others offer to "fix" problems for us, it can be easy for us to let someone try. Now more than any time in recent memory, it is critical for Christians to understand that no politician or political party can solve the problems of this world.

Let me be clear friends, there is no political party or figure that will come into power and stop all murder, violence, unemployment, hunger, homelessness, or corruption. It has never happened in human history, and it never will.

These entities and institutions are of the world and we cannot be surprised when things of this world act and behave like their fallen creators and power brokers. That is why it is ever so important we focus on the most important election, and that is our election as God's chosen people in Christ His Son.

The Baptist Faith & Message states, "Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners." It further goes on to explain, "Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end."

Praise God for his gracious purpose to make himself known and bring glory to his name by choosing a people for himself through the sacrifice of Christ! What an important election! It is a choice, an election, that completely changes our citizenship and restores our relationship with the creator of the universe.

James 3:17-18 reminds us that, "the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." These are the characteristics that should coat our words and actions in a season fraught with dissension and turmoil in our world.

We all can get heated or passionate about the candidate or party of our choice, but as believers we cannot let our preference or the preference of others prevent us from being filled with grace, love, and the light of Christ. We can't afford to let differences of opinion cause us to damage the witness of Christ's work in our lives.

James 3:8-10 says, "but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not be so."

This election season, while the world sets their minds on earthly things that cannot save, restore or sanctify, let us be careful to fix our eyes on Christ, remembering no party or politician is our Savior. Let's watch our tongue and be sure our faith is forefront in our minds as we talk with those around us. Let's walk in a wise way, as children of our Lord, making our faith in Christ and our interactions with our fellow believers and non-Christians above reproach.

In light of our most important election, God's choice of us to receive his Son's sacrifice, let us be peacemakers, those who would reconcile people to their creator, our God.

Bereavement Committee Group 2

Shirley Holt and Alice Gilchrist served lunch in the home of Cleona Moore on September 4, 2024 for the Moore family following the services. Those furnishing food were Alice Gilchrist, Ann Laton, Belinda Bond, Denise Bost, Juanita Neal, Mary Upchurch, Maxine Matthews, Shirley Holt and Virginia Johnson. Group 3 will serve the next luncheon with Brenda Wicker and Catherine Mitchell.

Jean Kelly and Sandy Brown Co-Chairs Bereavement Committee



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."





Sunday, Oct. 13 6 PM

Free (Love Offering will be taken)

Join us for an enjoyable evening of great gospel music, testimonies, and fun.

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Saturday, Oct. 19, 7:00 a.m., Quail Ridge Golf Course 4-person Scramble, 60 golfer limit (15 teams) \$60 Registration (covers green fees, cart, prizes, and lunch) Deadline: Sunday, Oct. 6 or first 60 players registered Registration and details available at www.jhbc.org



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Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you for your recent donation to Family Promise of Lee County. Your donations are a great help to families served by our program. We appreciate your continued support! Thank you,

Tamara Brogan Executive Director Family Promise of Lee County

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,

Thank you for your contribution to the Helping Hands Clinic. Your donation allows us to serve those in Lee County who are of low income and medically uninsured. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Sincerely, Gwendolyn Lee-Cooper Executive Director Helping Hands Clinic

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church Family,

Richard, myself, Ender, Branson, and baby Amara would like to thank everyone for their prayers, gifts, cards, and love during Amara's hospitalization, adoption, and homecoming. She has been so incredibly spoiled and loved by the church family at JHBC and we are simply overwhelmed with gratitude and love for you all. Thank you to the Connections class for the absolutely beautiful baby shower and a special thank you to Tammie Whitney for the beautiful newborn photos taken! We could not have gotten through the last few weeks without all of you. Thank you!! With love and blessings, Richard and Kristina Cutter

And Branson, Ender, and Amara



<u>MEMORIAL GIFTS</u>

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

In Memory of Mitch Blalock <u>To the Vision 2017 Fund</u> >By Anonymous

<u>In Memory of Charles Gilchrist</u> <u>To the Benevolence Fund</u>

>By Anonymous

In Memory of Cleona Moore

<u>To the Benevolence Fund</u> >By Melba and Jennifer Kelly

In Memory of Cleona Moore

To the Nursery Fund >By Anonymous

In Memory of Tammy Kulaga

<u>To the NC Baptist Children's Home</u> >By Anonymous

<u>In Honor of David Brewer</u> <u>To Higher Heights</u> >By Anonymous

In Honor of Betsy Lee Hodges

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

In Honor of Betsy Lee Hodges

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

In Honor of Virginia Johnson <u>To the Music and Choir Fund</u> >By Anonymous



In Honor of Jennifer Mann <u>To the NC Baptist Children's Hospital</u> >By Anonymous

In Honor of Rene & Brooke Pizzati <u>To the Honduras Fund</u> >By Anonymous

In Honor of Ron & Mae Simpson

<u>To the Building & Grounds Fund</u> >By Anonymous

In Honor of Aaron & Shpresa Smith To Operation Mobilization

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<u>To Operation Mobilization</u> >By Diane Smith

In Honor of Billy Walker <u>To the Library Fund</u> >By Anonymous

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



October 1 - Sarah Griffin

October 4 - Angie Wood

October 5 - Karen Holt

October 6 - Jo Ann Vance

October 8 - Jeanette Al-Habib, Belinda Bond & Brenda Wicker

October 11 - Phillip Fields

October 13 - Mickie Rebello

October 14 - Tom Janyssek

October 17 - Lynne Janyssek

October 21 - Reagan Davidson

October 26 - Cal Sayles

October 27 - Tina Largent

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church Balance Sheet August 2024

Accounts

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\$33,083.10	\$35,267.67	(\$2,184.57)	\$621,493.86
			2023-2024 Total Income
August 2024	August 2024		
Income	Expenses /	Net	

\$621,493.86 \$430,939.82 **\$190,554.04**

2023-2024 Total Expenses 2023-2024 Net

October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
			10:30 am Staff Meeting			
		6 pm Band Rehearsal 6:30 pm Missions & Outreach	 5:30 pm AWANA & Youth Worship 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting 	3 pm Higher Heights Coordinating Team		
		7 pm Photography Meeting	7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	coordinating Team	Office Closed	
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9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service	6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	6 pm Photography Meeting 7 pm WISH	 5:30 pm AWANA & Youth Worship 6 pm Band Rehearsal 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal 			 9 am Sanford Youth Network Conference 10 am Kiwanis Park Hangout
		Caraway Fall Fe	Caraway Fall Festival (Senior Adults)		Office Closed	
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6 pm Adoration Quartet Concert	6:30 pm Building & Grounds	 6 pm Band Rehearsal 6 pm Nursery Committee 7 pm Children's Ministry Team 	6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 pm Sister Chick's Fall Craft Event	Office Closed	 10 am Monthly Prayer Walk
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	6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team	7 pm Family Ministry Team	 o pm Band Kenearsal 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal 	6:30 pm Smoke Alarm Installation Training	Office Closed	
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			10:30 am Staff Meeting			Hallelujah
9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service	6 pm SCBA Fall Gathering		5:30 pm AWANA & Youth Worship6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting			Harvest
	6:30 pm Baptist Men	6 pm Band Rehearsal	and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal			

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<u>GREETERS</u> Brian & Amy Barnes

LOCKING & SECURITY

October 6 - Tony Rebello October 13 - Roger Vance October 20 - Preston Perdue October 27 - Phil Lawrence



Sunday, September 1, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School - 142 11 AM Worship Service - 203

Sunday, September 8, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School - 137 11 AM Worship Service - 158

Sunday, September 15, 2024

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

Sunday, September 22, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School - 127 11 AM Worship Service - 164

Sunday, September 29, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Service