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**Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove**

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**Joshua's Journal**  
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First members, in our Journal. “Stay the Course”. God is taking us to higher heights and deeper depths. We must be ready to go when and where He says to go and stop when He says to stop. In other words, God is in charge of our affairs. Therefore, I’m looking forward to where our Father is leading us to this year. Next, brothers and sisters, in the event that you overspent your budget last year. I want to encourage you to take advantage of the savings plan, ‘52 Week Challenge for 2014’ – published recently

By using this simple, easy, and doable plan, you’ll have \$1,378 just waiting for you by the end of this year. Just think, you wouldn’t have to use credit cards, payday loans, or borrowing from family or friends to do your Christmas shopping. What a blessing! Also, congratulations to Sister Carol (Scott) Gadsdon and her husband Vincent who were married January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for

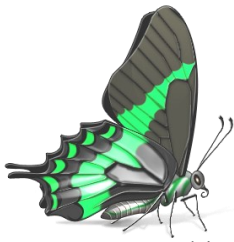
them to have happiness and peace together and to be blessed with the joy of the Lord. Finally members, keep praying, paying, and attending church. We are growing in numbers and I pray that we welcome our new family members with open hearts and arms. Remember, God loves all of you and I do too!



**Joshua's Mission Statement**

Joshua Baptist Church is a Christian Church under the direct leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are also a Missionary Baptist Church committed to the salvation of the lost, conversion of the unregenerate, and the spiritual growth of the saved. We seek to follow Christ as He leads us, cultivate a bond of Christian love, one with another; and to truly and tangibly care for those in need. As Christians, we covet a consistent holy and liberated lifestyle that testifies to our being a born again believer in Jesus Christ, as we strive to fulfill our purpose of *Reaching People For Christ*. Remember, GOD First, we walk by faith and not by sight. -

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- July 30, 2005
- Amended**



## The Lesson of the Homeless Man (Unknown Author)



# A LITTLE INSPIRATION

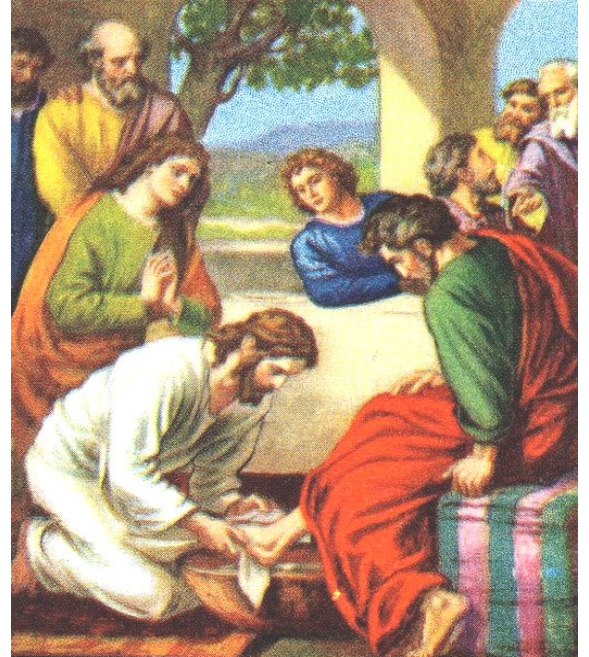
It was a cold winter's day that Sunday. The parking lot to the church was filling up quickly. I noticed as I got out of my car fellow church members were whispering among themselves as they walked in the church.

As I got closer I saw a man leaned up against the wall outside the church. He was almost laying down as if he was asleep. He had on a long trench coat that was almost in shreds and a hat topped his head, pulled down so you could not see his face. He wore shoes that looked 30 years old, too small for his feet, with holes all over them, his toes stuck out.

I assumed this man was homeless, and asleep, so I walked on by through the doors of the church. We all fellowshiped for a few minutes, and someone brought up the man laying outside. People snickered and gossiped but no one bothered to ask him to come in, including me. A few moments later church began. We all waited for the Preacher to take his place and to give us the Word, when the doors to the church opened. In came the homeless man walking down the aisle with his head down.

People gasped and whispered and made faces. He made his way down the aisle and up onto the pulpit where he took off his hat and coat. My heart sank. There stood our preacher...he was the "homeless man." No one said a word.

The preacher took his Bible and laid it on his stand.  
"Folks, I don't think I have to tell you what I am preaching about today. If you judge people, you have no time to love them."



## LOVE AS JESUS LOVED

### Ascend

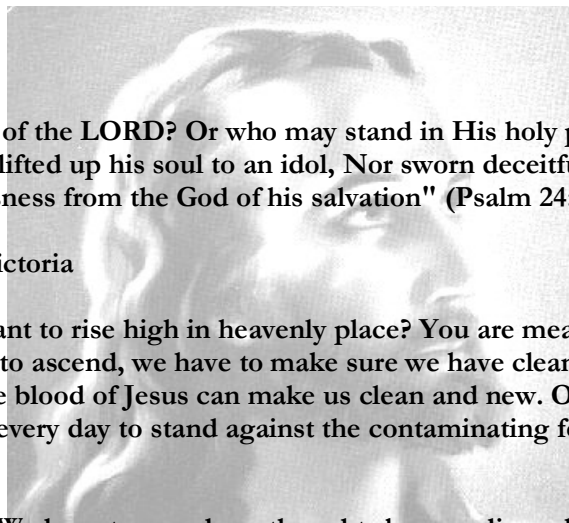
#### Today's Scripture

"Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation" (Psalm 24:3-5, NKJ).

#### Today's Word from Joel and Victoria

Did you know that you are meant to rise high in heavenly place? You are meant to stand with God in His Holy place? But notice that in order to ascend, we have to make sure we have clean hands and a pure heart. How do we do that? First of all, only the blood of Jesus can make us clean and new. Once we receive Him as our Lord and Savior, we have to choose every day to stand against the contaminating forces of the enemy that would try to hold us down.

It all starts in our thought life. We have to guard our thoughts by guarding what we allow to influence our thoughts. We can't just watch any old thing on TV. We can't just listen to any old conversation. We have to make sure that what we allow into our minds is pleasing to the Lord because what we allow into our minds will eventually filter into our hearts. If we are going to ascend, we have to have higher thoughts; we have to have a higher way of living. Choose today to ascend so that you can partake of the blessing the Lord has in store for you



# CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## Black (African-American) History Month: February 2014

To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week. The first celebration occurred on Feb. 12, 1926. For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist/editor Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month. Each year, U.S. presidents proclaim February as National African-American History Month.

### DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History has selected *Civil Rights in America* to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

"The history of civil rights in the United States is largely the story of free people of color and then African Americans to define and enumerate what rights pertain to citizens in civil society. It has been the history of enlisting political parties to recognize the need for our governments, state and federal, to codify and protect those rights. Through the years, people of African descent have formed organizations and movements to promote equal rights. The Colored Convention Movement, the Afro-American League, the Niagara Movement, the National Council of Negro Women, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference carried the banner of equality when allies were few. In the modern era, integrated organizations such as the

Advancement of Colored People, the National Urban League, and the Congress of Racial Equality fought for and protected equal rights. The names of America's greatest advocates of social justice—Frederick Douglass, W. E. B. Du Bois, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Fannie Lou Hamer — are associated with the struggle for civil rights."

~ 99th Annual ASALH Convention

### 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act



#### Civil Rights March

Boyd, L. (1972). *View of a civil rights march in York, Alabama.* [Photograph]. Retrieved from <http://collections.atlantahistorycenter.com>



Fannie Lou Hamer

- (born **Fannie Lou Townsend**; October 6, 1917 – March 14, 1977)
- Was an American voting rights activist and civil rights leader.
- Was instrumental in organizing Mississippi Freedom Summer for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC),
- and later became the Vice-Chair of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, attending the 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in that capacity.
- Her plain-spoken manner and fervent belief in the Biblical righteousness of her cause gained her a reputation as an electrifying speaker and constant activist of civil rights

#### Quotes of Fannie Lou Hamer

*"We didn't come all the way up here to compromise for no more than we'd gotten here. We didn't come all this way for no two seats when all of us is tired."*

*"All my life I've been sick and tired. Now I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired."*

*"Nobody's free until everybody's free."*

Source: WIKIPEDIA



God is love, and he who lives in love, lives in God and God in him. 1 John 4:16



Romans 5:8  
But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

My Heart belongs to Jesus

Love is an action word

**Psalm 26:2**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>2</sup> Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; test my heart and my mind.

**GOD LOVES YOU!**

(Pass it on!)

God's Love Never Fails

Jesus loves me yes I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

1Cor 13:7-8

**Proverbs 4:23**

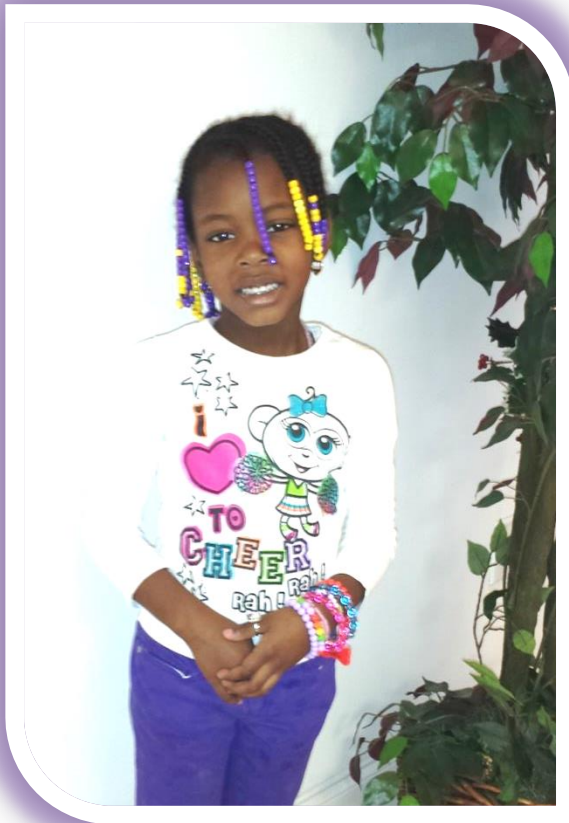
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<sup>23</sup> Keep *and* guard your heart with all vigilance *and* above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.



# JBC Student of the Month

*Congratulations Jordan!!!*



*~Jordan Alexandra Dent~*

Jordan is five years old. She is in grade K-5 and attends Ft. Dorchester Elementary School. She is the daughter of Sis. Major Jacqueline Dent, USAF.



Jordan made "Student of the Quarter" and earned the "Teamwork-Achievement-Integrity-

Leadership-Service (T.A.I.L.S) Award" at Ft. Dorchester Elementary School. Her school is "committed to guiding and challenging each student to succeed in life."



Jordan loves Art and Music. Her favorite toys are Hello Kitty and Barbie. She also loves playing with her Hello Kitty Trouble game with her mommy, Auntie Barbara, Sarne' and Tianna.



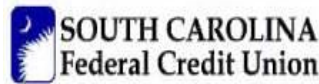
**Keep Up the Great Work Jordan!!!**



**Are you interested in furthering your education, but need information on the pros and cons before selecting a college?**

TTC has over 150 programs of study for students who desire degrees, diplomas or certificates. In addition, senior citizens 60 or older, a legal resident of SC and not employed full time, can take selected academic courses at TTC on a space available basis at no charge.

TTC has four campuses in the Tri-County area to meet your needs. If you have questions or could use some guidance on selecting a college, please **contact Ruben Berry, Community Outreach Specialist, at (843) 574-6771 or email: [ruben.berry@tridenttech.edu](mailto:ruben.berry@tridenttech.edu)**



**January 16, 2014**– South Carolina Federal Credit Union announces its fourth annual scholarship

competition, awarding a total of \$7,500 to three deserving students to use for their college education.

The first place recipient receives \$4,000, second place \$2,500 and third, \$1,000. The online application will be available through March 14, 2014 through [smpisc.com/scholarship](http://smpisc.com/scholarship), powered by South Carolina Federal, at [smpisc.com/scholarship](http://smpisc.com/scholarship).

Applicants must submit an application, transcript, letter of recommendation and written essay. Students will be asked to demonstrate how the credit union's cooperative philosophy of "People Helping People" has affected their lives.

**Students planning to attend college during the fall 2014 semester are encouraged to apply by March 14, 2014.** Submitted applications will be reviewed by the credit union's scholarship committee, and winners will be selected based on academic performance, school and community involvement, recommendations from school and community leaders and financial need. **Scholarship winners will be announced by April 15, 2014.** For official rules, visit [smpisc.com/scholarship](http://smpisc.com/scholarship)

*Charleston County*

*Human Services Commission*

**Project Pride**

The goal of Project Pride is to remove barriers to employments by providing the necessary resources for low-income residents of Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties to succeed in the job search or job application process.

**Please give Project Pride a call if you:**

- Are currently enrolled at TTC or an accredited college and need assistance with your text books
- Need to take a certification exam
- Need to train for the state GED through Adult Education
- Are currently working and need uniforms or supplies for college or assistance with childcare

For more information and to schedule individual appointments contact: Margaret Johnson-Jefferson or Kendra Cooper at **843-724-6760, Ext. 212 or 230.** For more information about Project Pride, visit: [www.cchscom.com](http://www.cchscom.com)



## Black History Month

Take time to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and achievements with this flavorful inspired dish.

### *Joll of Chicken & Rice*

This traditional West African dish is a favorite right here at home...it features chicken, rice and veggies all in one skillet, so clean-up is a breeze.

**Prep:** 15 min. **Total:** 1 hr. 10 min. **Serves:** 4 **Cook:** 50 min. **Stand:** 5 min.

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 broiler-fryer chicken (about 3 pounds), cut up
- 1 large onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 plum tomatoes, cut up
- 1 cup **uncooked** regular long-grain white rice
- Few strands of saffron **or** 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's® Condensed Chicken Broth
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup coarsely chopped fresh baby spinach leaves

### How to Make It

- 1 Heat the oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook until well browned on all sides. Remove the chicken from the skillet. Pour off any fat.
- 2 Reduce the heat to medium. Add the onion and garlic and cook until the onion is tender, stirring occasionally. Add the tomatoes and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the rice, saffron, red pepper, broth and water and heat to a boil. Return the chicken to the skillet. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 25 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through and the rice is tender.

Submitted By ~ The Brotherhood Ministry

my   
belongs to  
jesus

 *Happy  
Valentine's Day*



## Ten ways to love

Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)

Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)

Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)

Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)

Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)

Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)

Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)

Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)

Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)

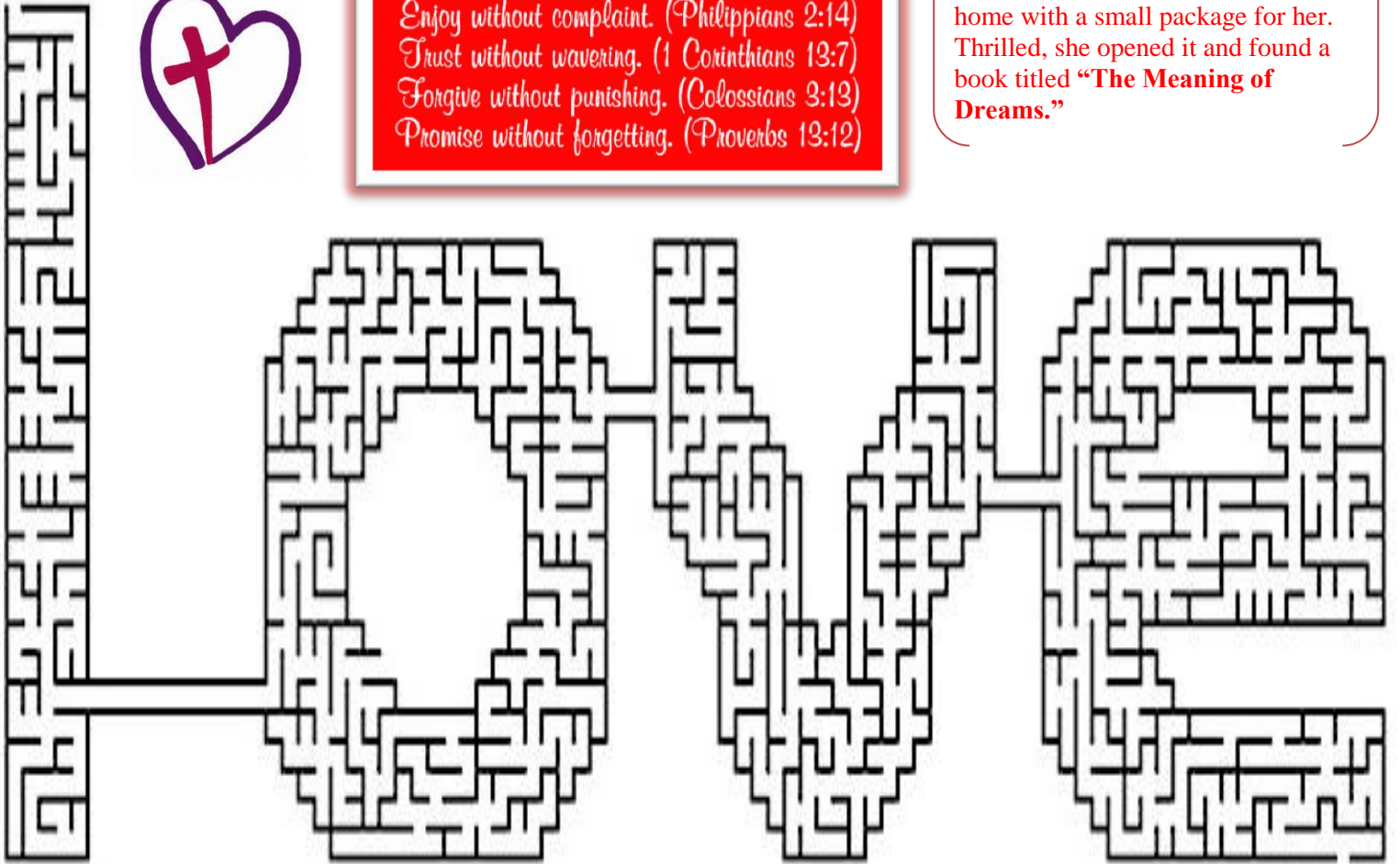
Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)

A woman was taking a nap on Valentine's Day afternoon. After she awoke, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a gorgeous and expensive diamond necklace for Valentine's Day! What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," he said.

That evening, her husband came home with a small package for her. Thrilled, she opened it and found a book titled "**The Meaning of Dreams.**"

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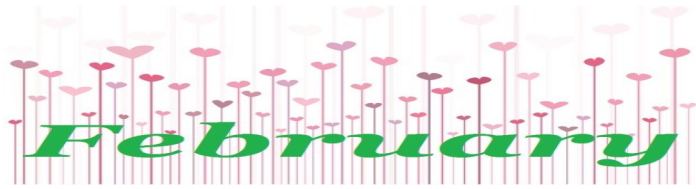
### Telling Some Stories

Delivering a speech at a banquet on the night of his arrival in a large city, a visiting minister told several anecdotes he expected to repeat at meetings the next day.

Because he wanted to use the jokes again, he requested the reporters to omit them from any accounts they might turn in to their newspapers.

A cub reporter, in commenting on the speech, ended his piece with the following: "The minister told a number of stories that cannot be published."





**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**16 Brother Carl and Sister Shanstacy Whack**

**19 Deacon Albert and Sister Helen Hill**

**28 Deacon Tony and Reverend Mary Glover**



**BIRTHDAYS**

2 Jaylin Fernandez

5 Kennerde Powell

5 Tristan R. Smiley

7 Jarrard "Jay" Coleman

8 Shanstacy Whack

8 Sean Smiley

8 Destini Williams

9 Lackia Kinlock

9 Amiya Larkins

11 Cheryl Scott

12 Joshua Roberts

13 Albert Hill, Jr.

13 Bridgette Lindsay

13 Wanda McNeil

13 Seondra Roberts

13 Treasure Smith

15 Dolores Simmons

17 Richie Lindsay

22 Dallas Moore

24 Verneshia Gore

24 Lauren "Puddin" Reid

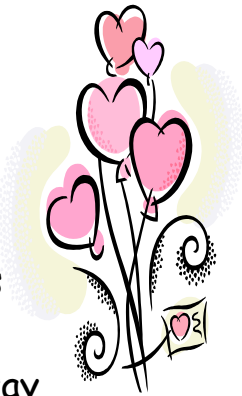
25 Jerod Dent

25 Joan Simmons

27 Kayla Brown

27 Anarje Skinner

28 Teyraen Brown



**CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE**

Willie Ann Coleman  
Mary Jenkins



1 Sunday School Banquet & Silent Auction at 5:00

2 White Oak Manor at 2:00

8 Health Advocates Meeting at 10:00

8 Marriage Ministry at 10:00

8 Praise Ministry Meeting at 10:00

15 Brotherhood Meeting at 9:00

15 Marriage Ministry at 10:00

15 D.R.E.A.M. at 10:00

15 Cooper River Youth Department Black History Program at Mt. Olive Baptist Church at 11:00

16 Heritage Day (Wear African Attire or red, black and green)

21 WHTH-U Meeting at 6:30

21 YWA Meeting at 6:30

21 Cooper River Evangelist Ministry Program at 7:00

22 Marriage Ministry at 10:00



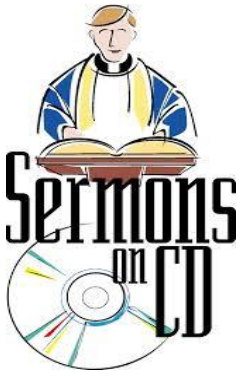
**NEW MEMBERS**



**CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM**

Betty Green Branham  
Nasir Green  
Ndea Green  
Dequavious Gore  
Omarion Gore  
Janaye Simmons





## SERMONS AVAILABLE ON CD AND DVD

Sermon series from Joshua Baptist Church are available on CD and DVD. Individual services may be ordered on CD for \$5 and DVD for \$10.

*For ordering information, contact the Media Ministry.*

### ***Extra Sermon CDs are Available for a Donation of \$5.00***

If you would like a copy of one of the previous sermons listed below, you don't have to wait. Stop by the sound booth and pick up a copy to take with you for a small donation of \$5. Hurry!!! Quantity on hand is LIMITED.

Sermons Dates	Titles	Scriptures	Speaker	# of CDs Available
11/28/2013	We Are Bless, And I Can Prove It.	Psalms 50: 10-15	Pastor Robert Grove	1
11/17/2013	God's Words For His Things	Isaiah 55: 6-11	Pastor Robert Grove	2
7/28/2013	To Blessed To Be Broken	Romans 8: 29-31	Apostle Crystal DeWar	2
6/9/2013	Meet Me At The Finish Line	Daniel 6:1-4 Revelation 7:14-15	Rev. Harriet Mazyck	4
4/7/2013	God Wants You Saved, Period.	Roman 10:1 2 Peter 3: 8-9	Pastor Robert Grove	1
12/4/2012	Arrested, Sentenced And Give Life	Acts 9: 1-6	Pastor Robert Grove	1
11/25/2012	Wow! (Wonderful, Omnipotent Worthy)	Psalms 145: 3	Pastor Robert Grove	2
10/28/2012	Coming Out With My Hands Up	Psalms 49: 1-15	Pastor Robert Grove	1
9/30/2012	God's Workmanship For Good Works, We Have Work To Do.	Ephesians 2:10	Rev. Edna Bryant	1
9/23/2012	Face The Facts, But By Faith	John 20: 19-20	Pastor Robert Grove	2
8/5/2012	If You Love Him, Why Not Serve Him?	Matthew 7: 21-23 Luke 6:45 Acts 2:38	Pastor Robert Grove	2
5/20/2012	The Family In Crisis	Proverbs 14:9-13	Pastor Robert Grove	2
4/29/2012	You Must Be Born Again	John 3: 1-3	Rev. Zola Meyers	1
3/25/2012	Fret Not	Psalms 37: 1-9	Pastor Robert Grove	4
12/28/2011	Christmas Cantata	Luke 2:8-20	Pastor Robert Grove	1
12/11/2011	I Hear You Knocking But, You Can't Come In	Genesis 7: 15-16 Matthew 25:10	Rev. Melvin Scott	1
8/28/2011	No More Excuse, I'm The Man!	Judges 6:12	Rev. Lathaniel Ford	1