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Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



Blessed Resurrection Day. This month, we thank God for another opportunity to praise our Lord (with saints all over the world) for the victory at Calvary. For, our Redeemer is risen, praise His holy name!

If there is ever a time when Christians ought to come together, that time is now. Also remember, that we are fasting the 17th – 20th, no meats or sweets, for an increase in our faith and godly strength. *Our prayer is for God to give us holy power to pull down those strongholds that are hindering our spiritual growth.* Brother and sisters, we are engaged in spiritual warfare against the forces of darkness. However, Jesus said in John 16:33b; *“...but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”* So, we already have the victory in Christ Jesus.

Furthermore, this is our 26th Pastoral Anniversary month. So, let me thank you in advance for whatever you are planning to do. More about that next month...

Finally, we have experienced some “overlap” of church activities and programs. So, please check with our Clerk before scheduling any events at the church. For your information, the Church Handbook and By-Laws are in final draft and will be distributed soon after our church business meeting on Thursday, May 8th. Always remember, God loves you and I do too.

Joshua's Journal



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. -

Adopted

September 24, 1998

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July 30, 2005

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May 9, 2012

PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT



*"His anger is but for a moment,
His favor is for life..."*

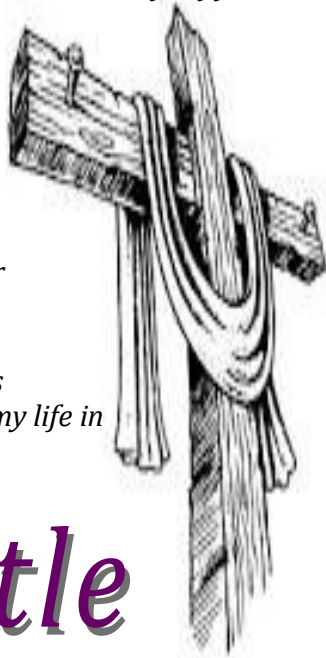
Psalm 30:5, NKJ

Most of the time, we think, "Oh, God's got bigger things to deal with than me. He's not interested in what's bothering me." No, you are God's biggest deal. He wants to make you an example of His goodness. When you keep God first place, when you honor Him with your life, God puts something on you that causes you to stand out from the crowd; something that gives you an advantage. IT causes good breaks and opportunities to be attracted to you. It's called the favor of God!

The word "favor" means "to assist, to provide with advantages, to receive preferential treatment." The favor of God will cause you to be promoted even though you weren't the most qualified. God's favor will cause your children to get the best deals at the mall. It will put you at the right place at the right time. God is saying to you what He said to Abraham, "I'm going to assist you. I'm going to provide you with advantages. I'm going to cause you to receive preferential treatment." Believe it and receive it for today and all the days of your life!

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Father, thank You for Your goodness and faithfulness in my life. I believe and receive Your promise. I trust that You are working behind the scenes and opening doors of favor in every area of my life in Jesus' name. Amen.



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JUST PASSING THROUGH

"..He guides me along the right paths of his name's sake." Psalm 23:3 NKJ

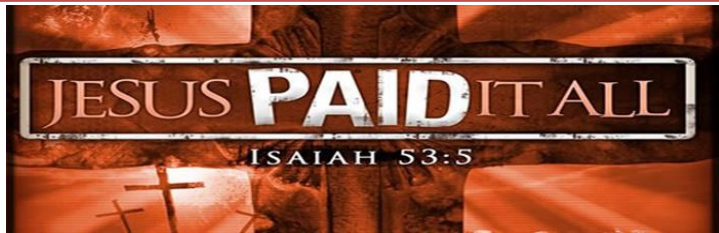
Are you in the land of "Just Enough?" Your needs are supplied. You're grateful, but there's nothing extra, nothing to accomplish your dreams. God is saying, "I did not breathe My life into you to lie in the land of Barely Enough. I didn't create you to live in the land of Just Enough." Those are seasons. Those are tests. They are not permanent. Don't put your stakes down. You are just passing through! It is only temporary. God has a Promised Land for you. He has a place of abundance, of more than enough where it flowing with provision. Not just one time, but continual increase, a land slowing with plenty!

Now if you're in the land of "Barely Enough," don't you dare settle there. That is where you are; it is not who you are. That is your location. That is not your identity. You are a child of the Most High God. No matter what it looks like, you have this abundant mentality. Keep reminding yourself, "God takes pleasure in prospering me. I am the head and never the tail, and God is leading me in the path of blessing in every area of my life!"

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Father, thank You for leading along the right paths for my life. I trust that Your ways lead me to the land of abundance. I thank You for provision today and for abundance tomorrow in Jesus' name. Amen.





Jerusalem **Obituaries** 33 AD

Calvary

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor, and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father, a Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.



Yummi's Poetry Corner

The Hero

By Sis. Yummi Jones

Jesus died on Calvary
To save a wretch like you and me.
That's love
And where was Frosty the Snowman?

They Hung Him high and stretched Him wide.
He hung His head for me. He died.

That's love
Did you see the Tooth Fairy?

That is not how the story ends.
Three days later He rose again.

That's love
Was the Easter Bunny there?

We learn the stories, the lies they tell.
The cute lies that lead on the way to Hell.
Read this story and really take it in.
Tell me.

Who is your Hero?

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BURIED TREASURE

Beneath the snows of Winter,
Spring treasures can be found
In seeds that lie there sleeping
Below the frozen ground.

While snow falls in the meadow,
The rose must get her rest.
Soon Spring will kiss his princess
And she must look her best.

Sleeping beauty shall awaken
And yawn without a sound
As sprigs of buried treasure
Come bursting from the ground.

All earth proclaims God's glory
When Spring is in the air.
Each bud fulfills a promise –
Each rose an unanswered prayer.



JBC Student of the Month

Congratulations Danielle Jade Hill!



Danielle a.k.a. Danny as everyone calls her, is seven years old. She is in the 2nd grade and heading to the 3rd grade at Windsor Hill Arts Infused Elementary School. She has been recognized as a math whiz in her class and loves to read. She also received a perfect attendance certificate. She is the daughter of LaKesha D. Hill.

Danny is a member of the Lord's Angel Choir and All God's Children at Joshua Baptist Church. Her hobbies are riding bicycle and coloring. She is a very sweet little girl who cares deeply for her family. She is always asking if you're ok.

Danny received a great big hug from Pastor Grove and a large applause from the Joshua Church family on Sunday, March 23rd. Keep up the great work Danny! We are very proud of you.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Submitted by Teresa Peek

Guidelines for the CHANGED Mentoring Program

The CHANGED Mentoring Program (CMP) is a leading 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization in Richland County, SC. Their goal is to provide resources to ensure our youth are equipped with the tools they need to be successful through a range of monthly educational and awareness classes, community service projects and a leadership development camp; we empower the individuals we serve to lead productive student lives and become involved within their communities. CMP is pleased to offer three scholarships: one (1) \$1,000 and two (2) \$500 for high school seniors entering college in 2014.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Completed Application Form
2. A copy of an Acceptance letter from college or university
3. Letters of Recommendations
4. Essay Response
 - Should not exceed 1,200 words; submitted as Microsoft Word
 - 12 pt. font, New Times Roman, double-spaced, w/1 in. margins
 - Each submission requires a cover page: full name, high school graduation year, email address, mailing address, and phone #.
 - Citations can be done in any recognized academic citation style.
 - Entries submitted without this information will be incomplete.

An email will be sent to semifinalist, and a press release will be sent to your local paper. You will receive an email confirmation, once your application and supporting documentation have been received.

Please contact Ms. Henderson, Scholarship Committee Chair, for any additional information. Email: r.reaves0480@gmail.com

Deadline: Entries must be submitted by 11:59 pm on **April 15, 2014** via email to changed.mentoring@gmail.com

Mail to: CHANGED Mentoring Program
438 Rabon Rd. Columbia, South Carolina 29223

Scholarship Applications available and guidelines are posted on the Education Board next to the CAPPs Office.



Trident Technical College 2014 Career Fair
Wednesday, April 9, 2014
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

College Center, Complex for Economic Development, Bldg 920

This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet company representatives, research the job market, drop off a resume, or build a network of contacts.

Mark your calendar and begin working on your resume now!

If you would like to recognize/nominate someone for student of month in the JBC Journal, please contact someone from the Education, Ways and Means Ministry for a nomination form.

EASTER Blessings



JOHN 3:16

Find Words from the verse.



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EASTER SYMBOLS & MEANINGS

Eggs symbolize the new life that returns to nature during the spring. The egg is a symbol of fertility and immortality. Thus, Christians also view it as a reminder of the tomb from which Jesus Christ arose (Luke 24:1-4). Early Christians used red colored eggs to symbolize the Resurrection.



John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

EASTER SYMBOLS & MEANINGS

Sand Dollar - The markings on this shell symbolize components of Christ's birth and death. The five-point outline on the front of the sand dollar represents the star of Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1,2). The five holes in the sand dollar represent the pierced hands, feet, and side of Christ (Psalm 22:16; John 20:26, 27). When the sand dollar is opened, it reveals five tiny objects that look similar to flying doves. Doves symbolize the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:21, 22).



A Prayer for Easter Sunday

Young Ernie and his family were invited to have Easter Sunday lunch at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Ernie received his plate, he started eating straight away.

'Ernie, wait until we say grace,' demanded his father. 'I don't have to,' the five-year old replied.

'Of course you do, Ernest,' his mother insisted rather forcefully.

'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'That's at our house,' Ernie explained, 'but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook.'





Home Remedies for Nasal Congestion

Smart tips to help clear up that stuffy nose

You've been up all night with a stuffy nose and you're looking for relief. The good news is there are a number of home remedies that can help you breathe easier.

But first, it's important to understand what's causing your condition. That stuffy nose can be caused by a number of different problems, according to the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAOHN), including:

- An infection, like a cold or sinus infection
- A structural problem, such as enlarged adenoids
- Allergies
- A nerve problem that causes swelling inside your nose, called vasomotor rhinitis

If you have any question about what is causing your condition, it's best to see a doctor. If you're sure your congestion is being caused by a minor issue, like a cold, you may want to try the following home remedies from MedlinePlus (www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/).

- Use a saline nasal spray
- Try a vaporizer or humidifier
- Use breathing strips
- Nourish yourself with hot beverages or soup
- Prop your head up at night
- Use a neti pot (*A neti pot is a specially designed teapot filled with a saline solution. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), these pots can help ease congestion, but it's important to use boiled, specially filtered or disinfected water.*)
- Consider medication - There are two main types of medicines used for nasal congestion:
 - Antihistamines, which can help reduce congestion caused by allergies
 - Decongestants, which can reduce swelling inside your nasal passages

It's also important to be aware of potential side effects of these medications. Antihistamines can make you feel tired or drowsy, so don't take one before you drive or operate heavy machinery. Additionally, you shouldn't use a decongestant if you have heart problems, high blood pressure, glaucoma, or are taking other medicines that contain a decongestant, such as diet pills.

When taking an over-the-counter medicine, always let your doctor know if your condition doesn't improve after seven to 10 days. Also, don't use a decongestant nasal spray or drops for more than three days.

The good news is that most nasal congestion will clear up on its own over time.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Submitted by Sister Michell Herring

Physical and sexual abuse of children is a serious social problem. April has been designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Blue Ribbon has come to symbolize child abuse prevention.

The **Blue Ribbon campaign** began in 1989 as one woman's tribute to her grandson. She tied a blue ribbon on her car antenna to symbolize his bruises, after he died at the hands of his mother's abusive partner (Kids Center, 2011). During the month of April, a blue ribbon is worn to signify Child Abuse Awareness.

Pastor Grove and the leaders of Joshua Baptist Church have made the commitment to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our children. Sexual and physical abuse awareness is vital and the Darkness to Light Program and Blue Ribbon Campaign are both tools to raise awareness. ***On the 2nd Sunday in April blue ribbons will be shared with the congregation as a symbol of our stand against violence against children.*** Please take time this month to find out what you can do to protect and support a child.

For more information you can Google the following topics:

- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Darkness to Light
- Kids Center, A child abuse Prevention Center

Kids Center (2011). April is child abuse prevention month. Retrieved from

<http://www.kidscenter.org/prevention/blue-ribbon>

Resurrection Story Cookies - A Real Recipe

What a wonderful recipe to share with your children. These cookies are made the evening before celebrating the Resurrection, and are cooked in a warm oven overnight so they will be ready on Easter morning.



You need to pre-heat the oven to 300 degrees (this is important--don't wait until you are half done with the recipe!)

3 egg whites
1 cup whole pecans
1 tsp. Vinegar
A pinch salt
1 cup sugar
A zipper baggie
A wooden spoon
Tape
Bible

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. **Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers.** Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. **Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink.** Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. **Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life.** Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. **Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin.** Read Luke 23:27.

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. **Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.** Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat the egg whites with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. **Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus.** Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in broken nuts into the beaten egg whites. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. **Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid.** Read Matthew 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. **Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed.** Read Matt. 27:65-66.

GO TO BED! **Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed.** Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Resurrection (Easter) morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! **On the first Resurrection, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty.** Read Matt. 28:1-9

Submitted by Sandylynn Tabor, visit her website at [~ The Gospel Travelers ~](#)





RESURRECTION EGGS

Materials:

- Empty egg carton (12 ct.)
- 12 plastic eggs
- Permanent marker
- Copy of the Resurrection Verses
- Tiny "memory tokens" for each egg (palm branch, coins, bread, thorn, rope, nails, sponge, dice, spear, cloth, stone)

Directions:

1. Copy [Resurrection Verses](#) and cut into strips.
2. Number your plastic eggs 1-12, and fold and insert the verse strips into hollow eggs (if you choose).
3. Fill each egg with its appropriate "memory token."
4. Create an [Egg Carton Cover](#) for your box and glue or tape it on the top.



Resurrection Verses

- 1. Donkey or Palm Branch** *Matthew 21:9: Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!"*
- 2. Silver Coins** *Matthew 26:14-15: Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.*
- 3. Cup or Thimble** *Matthew 26:26-28: And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."*
- 4. Praying Hands or Prayer Written on a Scroll** *Matthew 26:39: He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."*
- 5. Whip or Piece of Leather** *Mark 15:15: So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.*
- 6. Crown of Thorns** *Matthew 27:29: When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"*
- 7. Nails** *Matthew 27:31: And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.*
- 8. Dice** *Matthew 27:35: Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet." Li fe Your Way Copyr ight © 2012 ht tp: //yourway.net*
- 9. Spear or Toothpick** *John 19:34: But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.*
- 10. Linen or Cheesecloth** *Matthew 27:59: When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.*
- 11. Stone** *Matthew 27:66: Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know now." So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.*
- 12. Empty Tomb (Empty Egg)** *Matthew 28:25: But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.*

Ways to Use Your Resurrection Eggs:

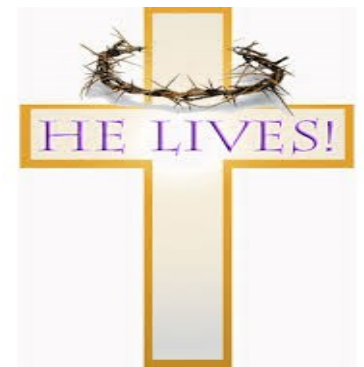
1. **12 days leading up to Easter.** Each day at breakfast or dinner, open an egg, read the verse, and discuss the "memory token."
2. **Gift.** Create a box of Resurrection Eggs and give it to your children, family friends, grandchildren, or nieces and nephews for Easter.
3. **Teaching Your Child to Share the Easter Story.** This is a great ministry tool for parents or teachers to use to equip children to be able to share their faith and the story of Jesus' resurrection with their friends or family.

*<http://family.yourway.net/diy-ressurrection-eggs-easter-story-book-printables/>



- 5 Valeria Smiley
- 8 Jesse McNeal Sr.
- 8 Carol Gadson
- 9 Crystal Pryor
- 10 Bobby Harper
- 12 Latone Codrey
- 15 Yvonne Johnson
- 16 Chris Clemens
- 18 Darius Sheppard
- 18 Patrice Jackson
- 21 Danielle Hill
- 25 Ernest Rouse
- 26 Charles Pinckney
- 28 Janie Carroll
- 29 Romeile Codrey

- 6 White Oak Manor at 2:00
- 11 WHTH-U Meeting at 6:30
- 12 Carnival Aquiva Meeting at 9:30
- 12 Health Advocates Meeting at 10:00
- 12 Praise Ministry Meeting at 10:00
- 12 Cooper River Youth Department Four Seasons Tea at 4:00
at New Tabernacle Fourth Baptist Church
- 13 Lord's Angels 27th Anniversary during 10:15 service
- 18 Good Friday Worship Service/Baptism at 7:00
- 19 Church Cleanup at 9:00
- 19 D.R.E.A.M. at 10:00
- 20 Sunday School Easter Program at 9:00
- 23-25 Rev & Sis. Grove's 26th Anniversary 7:00 nightly
- 26 Marriage Ministry at 10:00
- 26 Dinner honoring Sis. Pauline Grove at 5:00
- 27 Conclusion of Rev & Sis. Grove's 26th Anniversary at 4:00



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Sha'Niya Kitchen

Joan B. Mack

Dashawn Green McFadden

Alana Simmons



CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

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Kristen Robinson



- 16 Bro. Charles & Sis. Mary Pinckney
- 17 Bro. Jackie & Sis. Catherine Pratt
- 20 Bro. Ernest & Sis. Dolores Simmons
- 22 Dea. Leroy & Sis. Shelley Brown
- 22 Pastor Robert & Sis. Pauline Grove