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From the desk of  
**The Pastor**

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

# Joshua's Journal

I'd like to thank our *Church Anniversary Committee* for doing a splendid job of planning our 131<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Program. Also, I thank all those who faithfully gave what was asked of you. Almighty God is pleased with obedience and so is your pastor. And, what about our Vacation Bible School – AWESOME! It was well planned and executed with an average daily attendance of over 100 people. What a blessing! Members, God has chosen Joshua to be a *'lighthouse of hope'* in the Charleston Heights Community. So, we will continue to "Reach People for Christ" through our worship services and various community based events. With that in mind, we are already making preparations for our annual Carnival Aquiva on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>. We must not be fearful of change, growth, and facing new challenges. Our Father said to, 'Trust in Him with all our heart and lean not to our own understanding and He will direct our path.' Brothers and sisters, another exciting ministry is on the horizon- **The Children's Church (ages 5-12)**. The first two services will be Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and each first and third Sunday thereafter. We are seeking volunteers to help with all that needs to be done. Deacon and Deaconess Anderson are the coordinators for this ministry. Finally, I exhort and encourage you to keep up with your membership. That is your responsibility. If you have any questions, please talk to your Deacon as soon as possible. God loves 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. -

**Adopted**

September 24, 1998

**Amended**

July 30, 2005

**Amended**

May 9, 2012

# Use Your Fingers when you Pray



## 1. Thumb (people who are close to you)

Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty".

## 2. Pointer (people who point the way)

The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

## 3. Tall Finger (people in authority)

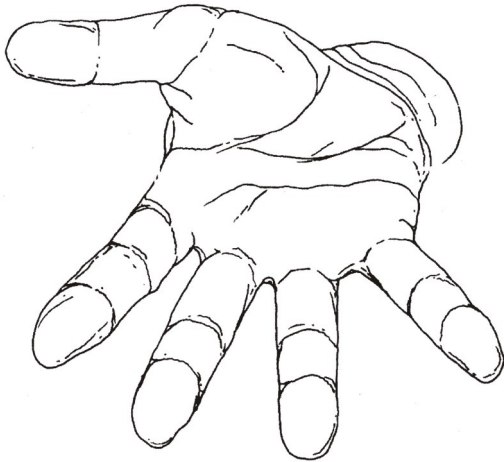
The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

## 4. Ring Finger (people who are weak)

The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

## 5. Little Finger (your own needs)

And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "the least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinky should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



### Use your daily routine of life to reinforce your prayer life:

When you first wake up - Praise your Creator

When you shower or bathe - Ask for cleansing of your soul; confess, repent & receive forgiveness

When you eat - Give thanks not only for the food, but for your family, home, life, etc.

When you go to work or school - Pray for those with whom you come into contact

### Where to Pray...

Jesus tells us where to pray in Matthew 6:6: "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

### How to Pray...

In Matthew 6:9-15 Jesus tells us how to pray when He gives us the pattern for prayer in what is now referred to as the Lord's prayer.

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."



# The Word of God is Food for Your Soul ~ Rev. Creflo Dollar

## Submitted by The Brotherhood

You have probably heard the phrase “You are what you eat” before, and it is usually a statement that is made in reference to food. However, it can also be applied to the things we “feed” our spirits on a daily basis. The foods we eat are responsible for sustaining our physical bodies and allowing us to maintain good health. Likewise, the prosperity of our souls depends on our spiritual food choices. In other words, what we put in our minds by way of our eyes, our ears, and the things that come out of our mouths, have the potential to nourish or deplete us spiritually. As Believers, we must be sure we are constantly feeding our spirits the right things, which only come from God’s Word.

Junk food is the type of food that has virtually no nutritional value and is full of harmful substances that have both short-term and long-term negative effects on the body. Similarly, there are a lot of things we are exposed to every day that are spiritual junk food. For example, the news is full of bad reports of doom and gloom—talk of impending financial crisis and increasing wickedness. “Reality” television shows, ungodly music, and talk shows that promote beliefs and perspectives that do not line up with the Word of God are also prevalent. These are just a few examples of spiritual “junk” food that, when taken in on a consistent basis, will keep us spiritually malnourished and open to the attacks of the enemy.

God created man as a tri-part being, meaning he is a spirit, who possesses a soul, and lives in a physical body. Because of this tri-part nature, He expects us to take care of each part properly. For the physical body, that would mean eating right, exercising regularly, and getting enough rest. For the spirit and soul, it means continually “feeding” on a diet of the Word of God. The Bible is the prescribed “diet” that our spirits were created to intake.

Proverbs 4:20 gives some very important instructions in regards to feeding our spirits so we can maintain optimum spiritual health. It says, “My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.” The more we focus on God’s Word, the more we will desire it and the more rapidly we will see spiritual growth and development taking place in our lives. A steady diet of the Word provides our spirits with the strength needed to overcome everything in the world. It is the faith “food” we need.

Verse 21 tells us to not let the Word of God depart from our eyes. We must keep our eyes on the Word at all times. A great way to do this is to make it the top priority of our day. Since the eyes are one of the gateways to the heart, by studying the Word first thing in the morning and looking at scriptures during the day, we plant it in our hearts. The more we do this, the more we will be built up on the inside and equipped to handle the challenges of life.

There is no limit to how much of God’s Word our spirits can handle. In fact, the more we take in, the bigger and stronger our spirits become. We are the only ones who can limit our Word intake, primarily as an act of our own will. Choosing to make the Word the centerpiece of our day and our absolute priority will position us to be spiritually empowered all the time.

Regardless of what church you attend, it is important to take time outside of church to read your Bible and feed on the Word of God. I’m not talking about casually skimming over the Scriptures but really focusing in on what you are reading, meditating on it, and allowing it to become deeply rooted in your consciousness. This is the level of Word intake that will begin to affect your life and cause you to be victorious in this world.

If you feel yourself becoming irritable, depressed, or low on joy, it is probably because you’re low on the Word. But when you feed on the Word to the point where it is overflowing in your spirit, you will not only have enough spiritual strength to deal with the challenges you face but to also minister to others. You are what you eat, so make sure you’re eating the Word every day. Your spirit will thank you for it!



The Brotherhood will be having elections for the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. If anyone in the Brotherhood is interested in one of these positions, please see Trustee Paul Felder, Bro. Stevie Grampus, Sr. or Bro. Teyraen Brown prior to the next Brotherhood meeting, which will be held on **Saturday, July 19.**

# Joshua Baptist Church Membership Designations

## KNOW YOUR STANDING

There are three (3) classes of membership, based on participation and stewardship.

The three (3) classes are: (a) Member in **Good Standing** (b) Member with **Some Standing** and (c) Member with **No Standing**.

**Member in Good Standing** shall be defined as a member who participates in church activities and regularly supports the Church financially. As such, this member is entitled to use of the sanctuary for funerals and weddings, access to the church's graveyard, and a repast for the family in the case of the death of that member.

**Member with Some Standing** shall be defined as a member who participates in church activities and contributes a minimum of \$380.00 per year in support of the church. This member is only entitled to use of the church sanctuary in the case of the death of that member.

**Member with No Standing** shall be defined as a member who has become inactive due to lack of attendance or participation and one who provides very limited support of the church. (Less than \$380.00). This member is not entitled to use of the church facilities in case of death; however at death the family can pay the minimum support of \$380.00 and will be able to use the church sanctuary for funeral services and wedding ceremonies. Any other use of other church resources will be charged as we do non-members of Joshua Baptist Church.

**In case of death of a member with No Standing**, the family can only pay up to the "Some Standing" level.

**These designations apply to members 18 years and older.**

### **Termination of Membership**

Members are terminated from the church due to the following:

- Death
- Transfer
- Expulsion

**Members absent for 3 consecutive communion Sundays without communicating with the church may be excluded for neglect.**

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**GOD  
FIRST!**

**To All of Our Students and Graduates!!!**

*You are invited to a ceremony in your honor*

*Sunday, July 13, 2014*

*10:15 AM Worship Service*



**The Time You Spent**

Classes came, Classes went;  
It's worth a lot, the time you spent.  
Congratulations are now due to our promotees!



*Nicholas Bryant—Hanahan High School  
Ariel Ellerson - Ft. Dorchester High School  
Thomasette Peek—Deher High School  
Darius Sheppard—West Ashley High School*

**Bright Future**

**Now that you've graduated nothing can stop you now.  
You've worked hard to get your diploma;  
It's time to take a bow.  
Congratulations graduate!  
Your future looks strong and bright.  
May you achieve the things you hope for  
And have a life of sheer delight.**

*By Joanna Fuchs*

**Awesome Achievement**

Your college graduation fills us with love and pride.  
We always knew that you could do whatever you really tried.  
It's a long and challenging journey to get a college degree,  
But you wouldn't quit it, you just went and did it,  
and we're beaming affectionately.

Your achievement is awesome...

**Bachelor's Degree**

Joshua Roberts, Limestone College (Social Work)

**Master's Degree**

Ife Cromwell Milton, University of Southern California  
Donnetia Simmons, Springfield College

You've worked hard and you've passed the test.

Congratulatory!

# Thomasette Peek!!!!

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## Joshua Baptist Church SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

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In March 2010, Thomasette Peek known as “Tommie” was crowned Miss South Carolina Baptist Youth. She took home four trophies. This is the same year Tommie was concerned about the failing economy and how some individuals and families were struggling to make ends meet. Tommie decided that she would help alleviate some of the stress by starting a clothes closet. Tommie felt that at some point, people would have to choose between food, clothing and paying bills.

In this fashion, Tommie’s Closet became a reality. Tommie did not want people to feel as though they were looked upon as charity recipients, so Tommie set no stipulations on Tommie’s Closet.

Tommie’s Closet is open to the rich as well as those who are less fortunate. Tommie’s motto is *“Giving a hand up, not a hand out”*. Tommie’s closet is now mobile and will travel to different locations, if someone wants to host a closet. Tommie also provides light snacks and refreshments because she feels that someone may not have a meal waiting for them at the end of the day. *“We just don’t know everyone’s story.”*

In 2011, Tommie spoke to the young ladies at Jenkins Orphanage about following their dreams and not letting anyone discourage them from pressing forward. Tommie also represented the Cooper River Baptist Association during Morris and Benedict College Homecoming parade in 2011 - 2012. She was the Chaplain on the state level representing the Cooper River Baptist Association. Tommie is a member of the BTU.

In 2012, Tommie was voted “Hero Kid” for the month of March and received a Young Leader’s certificate from WAAW 94.7 FM “I hear your voice”. She was featured on Live 5 News by Ann McGill recognizing her accomplishments. Ann McGill encouraged viewers to donate to Tommie’s Closet. Tommie was also recognized on WJNI radio by Ace Alexander for her accomplishments for creating Tommie’s closet. Minister Rick Joyner, radio personality, writer and producer of the Bobby Jones Show personally congratulated Tommie and gave her words of encouragement to continue to be a blessing to others.

Tommie was recognized again in May 2014 as Youth Leader by WAAW 94.7 and nominated to receive a \$250 scholarship. She won *“Youth of the Year”* on June 10, 2014. Tommie is also an advocate for military children, a representative for *“Speak Out for Military Kids (OMK)”*, and a member of the SC National Guard Teen Panel.

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*Tommie has been accepted to Benedict College and will be receiving an \$8,000 scholarship. She plans to attend in the fall. Please continue to pray for Thomasette as she journeys on the road to success.*

***Great Work, Tommie... Keep God First!!!***

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## IBC ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM



July 19 & 20, 2014

Saturday Program: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Sunday School: 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship Service: 10:15 AM

Theme: Daughter of the King, "Rise Up,  
It's Time to Move"

**Isaiah 60:1**

*Arise, shine; for thy light is come and the glory of the  
Lord is risen upon thee.*

### Arise, Woman of God

Rise up, O woman of God  
In what He has given you,  
The things God has laid on your heart,  
Rise up, go forth, and do

Unlock what God has placed within,  
The potential you have inside  
The world is waiting for your release  
To expand your wings and fly

Arise in your God-given gifts  
For this is your finest hour  
Arise in the Lord's holy might,  
Ignited and empowered

For God is calling you to come forth  
To impact this world for Him,  
Don't hold back or limit yourself  
Let His power arise within

And take His message to the world  
To those that have lost their way,  
For you can surely make a difference  
If you'd hear His voice and obey

You shall be strengthened in the Lord  
As you begin to arise,  
Conquering those doubts that pull you down  
And believe who you are in Christ

For you shall surely be transformed  
As, in you, God increases more  
And become a woman of true excellence  
Bringing honour to her Lord.

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## Yummi's Corner

### JUDGE ME NOT

Judge me not for the color of my skin.

It is different than yours.

Judge me not because of the life I choose to live.

Judge me not for failing to live up to your exceptions,  
or because there is something different about me that you  
do not understand.

Judge me not for who I am.

Why try to change me just because I am  
Different than you expect or want me to be?

Judge me not, for I am human.

I am not a puppet on a string  
Or a person who you can control

Judge me not.

Don't try to decide what you think is best for me.

Judge me not;

Just be happy for me.

Look at what I have accomplished in life.

Look at the good that I do.

Look at who I am.

Please, JUDGE ME NOT!



### Hatred

We are not born to hate.

Hate is derived from bad influences that consume our  
minds and souls.

Some of us act with hate, without anything or caring  
about who may be affected.

Hatred is a disease,

Like an open wound that has been neglected  
And can't be cured.

Low or no self-respect or self-esteem couples with envy,  
And it becomes like an epidemic that seems to have no  
ending.

Hatred can be broken if we give ourselves to another.

Both Poems were taken from the book:

ELEANOR "My Inspiration"

By Donna R. Brown, Sister of Yummi Jones  
(If you would to purchase a book, please see Sis. Jones)

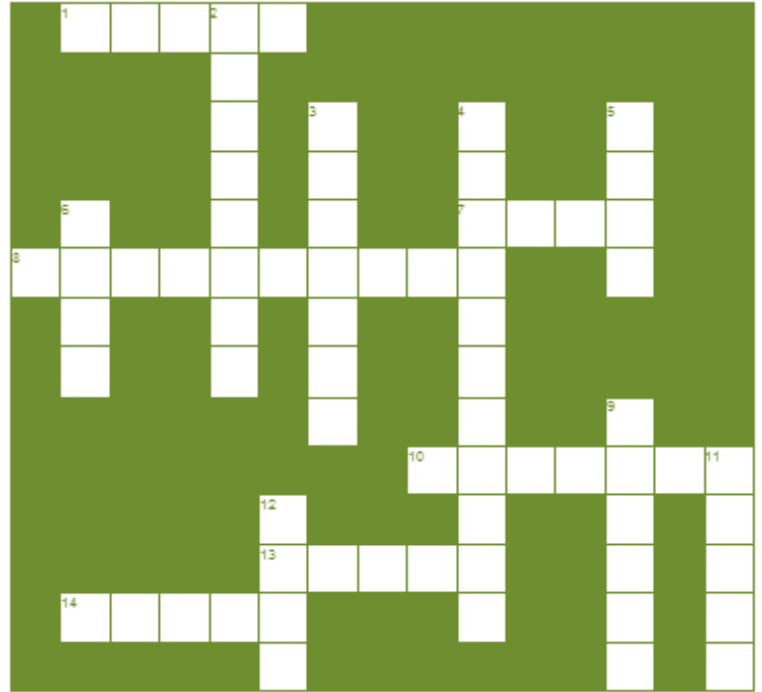
# BIBLE CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

- 1 Which tribe of Israel did Jesus belong to?
- 7 Adam and Eve lived in this Garden.
- 8 Other name for the New Testament book of prophecy
- 10 First book of the Old Testament
- 13 The last word in the Old Testament
- 14 God's first command was 'Let there be .....

## DOWN

- 2 Whose Creed?
- 3 Which Gospel mentions the Star of Bethlehem?
- 4 Number of books in the New Testament
- 5 One of the miracles performed by Jesus. He turned water into....
- 6 What was the name of Adam's third son?
- 9 What is the longest book in the Bible?
- 11 On what day of Creation did God create man?
- 12 Longest book in the New Testament



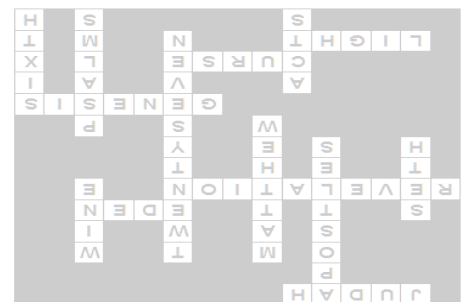
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***A businessman needed a million dollars to close an important business transaction. He went to church to pray for the money.***

***He knelt and started praying next to a man who was praying for a hundred dollars he needed to pay an urgent debt. The businessman took out his wallet and pressed the hundred dollars into the other man's hand. Overjoyed, the man got up and left the church.***

***The businessman then closed his eyes and prayed, "And now, Lord, that I have your undivided attention...."***



- Which Old Testament character showed his faith by being willing to offer his son on an altar to God?
- What significant event is recorded in Genesis chapters 1 and 2?
- What was inscribed above Jesus' cross?
- Whose mother placed him in an ark of bulrushes?
- For how many days and nights did it rain in the story of the flood?
- What was special about Jesus' mother?
- Who gave gifts to Jesus when he was a young child?
- What happened to Jonah after he was thrown overboard?
- In whose image was man created?
- How many apostles did Jesus choose?

1 Cross  
+ 3 Nails  
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4 Given

Abraham (Jam 2:21-22); Creation (Gen 1 - 2); King of the Jews / This is Jesus, King of the Jews (Mark 15:26; Matt 27:27); Moses (Exo 2:3); Forty (Gen 7:12); She was a virgin (Matt 1:23); Wise men / magi (Matt 2:7-10); He was swallowed by a great fish (Jon 1:17); God's (Gen 1:27); Twelve (Luke 6:13)





6 White Oak Manor at 2:00

11 WHTH-U Meeting at 6:30

12 Health Advocates Meeting at 10:00

12 Praise Ministry Meeting at 10:00



13 Graduation /Promotion Recognition Program at 10:15

13 Praise 21st Choir Anniversary at 10:15

13 Ordination Service at 4:00

18 YWA Meeting at 6:30

19 Brotherhood Meeting at 9:00

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

19 Women's Conference from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



20 36th Annual Women's Day at 10:15

26 Praise Ministry 3rd Extravaganza at 11:00



1 Sadyah Hill

3 Essence Harrison

4 James Jackson Jr.

4 Leonard Monroe

4 Rev. Melvin Scott

5 Sonya Jenkins

6 Sha'Niya Kitchen

6 Betty Rouse

9 Andrea Oree

10 Alana Ellerson

10 Lawrence Strother

11 Dorothy Sheppard

14 Dashawn Grove

14 Regina Lopez

14 Min. Bautista Williams

15 Stevie Grampus Jr.

15 Kristen Robinson

15 Zabresha Smalls

17 Ty'Shara Pugh

18 Steven Heyward

19 Mariah White

20 Tamera Green

22 Arnold Jenkins

24 Corey Anderson

25 Octavius Peek

27 Amora Pryor

27 Curtisha Salley

30-Antoinette Lopez

30 Annette Williams



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Beulah Biljean

A'jay Johnson

James Perry

### RESTORATION

Ann Burgess

Cynthia McFadden

Joseph McFadden

Elijahwon Pryor



Praise The LORD!



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12 Dea. Arnold & Sis. Sonya Jenkins

14 Bro. Dennis Sis. Sarah Grove Sr.

30 Bro. Alvin & Sis. Julia Dennis Sr.

