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From the desk of  
**The Pastor**

*Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove*

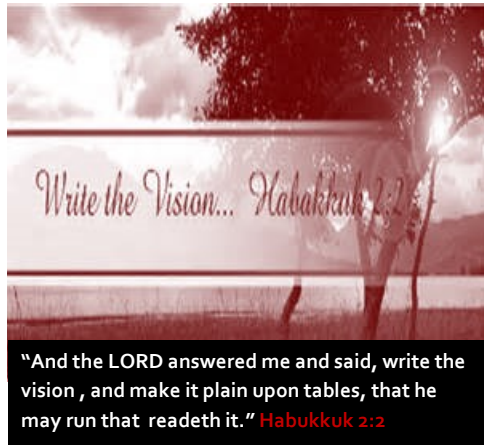
*Joshua's Journal*

*To all the saints, Merry Christmas and  
A Happy and Prosperous New Year!*



*My brothers and sisters, I truly thank God for how HE has blessed us – as a church family, throughout this year. Time and time again HE looked beyond our faults and saw our needs. I pray that all of you will enjoy this time of peace, love and holiday joy. And, whatever gifts come your way, be thankful. And, be reminded that if you have your health and strength, you are already wonderfully blessed. Further, if you have the love of Jesus Christ in your hearts, you have the very best gift of all.*

*Members, keep on praying for the fulfillment of the vision of a building for our children's church. The Lord is working on the hearts of the*



*landowners and that is to our favor! Our Father has already released the plan to me to use to pay back whatever funds we have to borrow. Members, when I think about where the Lord has brought us from, I am encouraged and thankful. One thing is certain, HE knows the way!*

*Lady Grove and I are blessed to serve here at Joshua. And, to show our love and appreciation to all of you, we are giving out a gift of a calendar to each family. We want you to know that God loves you and we do too.*

*Again members, Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.*



**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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# Christmas Thoughts



*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.*

*John 3: 16*

## A Gift For Jesus?

Let's see...

**You're just the right size, shape, and color, carefully crafted by Divine hands.**

**You have just the right spirit for Holy customization.**

**Your hands are just the right size for lifting in Praise to a Glorious Creator,**

**Amazingly, your voice has just the right pitch, tone, and language to speak words of thanksgiving to an ever-loving Father.**

**Aha!!!The Perfect Gift for Jesus ...is YOU!!**



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## A Christmas Day Perspective

When you think of Christmas Day, what's the first thing that comes to mind?

Is it the thought of giving and receiving gifts...OR, understanding what the day TRULY defines?

Some people see it as a wonderful time to spend with family and friends.

Some people use it as an opportunity to right the wrongs they have done...using this time to make amends.

Regardless of your reasoning for celebrating this time of year, just make the best of every moment with those far and near.

Be blessed with not just materialistic items but with the people you can physically touch. You will find that material items tend to lose value Whereas, quality time with the ones you love, last forever...and doesn't cost as much!

R. Mazyck, Jr.

## "Christmas Gift Suggestions"

To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service.

To all, charity. To every child, a good example.

To yourself, respect.

Oren Arnold

# JBC Brotherhood Retreat 2014



The men's retreat returned to Myrtle Beach SC this year. Our 2014 theme was "Men of Standard, It's Time to Move Forward Part II". It was another great event attended by 35 men.

We "Thank" all who participated and ensured the event was a huge success.



**O**ur 2014 guest speaker was SC State Rep. David Mack III who recently won re-election in the latest voting session. He spoke on current events and took time to answer specific questions on what is happening in our own neighborhood.

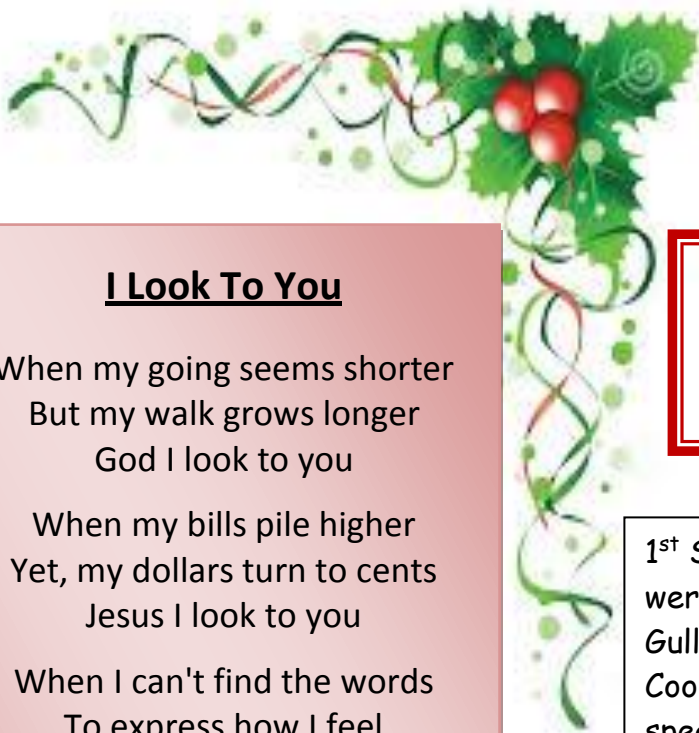
*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

**Psalm 133**

- ◆ Deacon Tony Glover, president spoke on "Past, Present and Future Accomplishments of the Brotherhood." We have much more work ahead.
- ◆ Deacon Frank Brown taught the Daily Bread lesson, "Wind Fall."
- ◆ Deacon Casdell Singleton talked "Finding a Job for your Money."
- ◆ Trustee Steven Heyward gave guidance on "Improving our Home Value."
- ◆ Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove held "What's On Your Mind" question time discussing subjects related to JBC & our community.

***God Bless the Brotherhood as we look forward to our 2015 retreat.***

PS....Crabby Mike's was AWESOME !!!!



# CHILDRENS CHURCH

## I Look To You

When my going seems shorter  
But my walk grows longer  
God I look to you

When my bills pile higher  
Yet, my dollars turn to cents  
Jesus I look to you

When I can't find the words  
To express how I feel  
Holy Spirit I look to you

As I find that heavenly language  
Drifting through my mouth  
Father I look to you

For I know you have  
Seen me through  
Once again

Written By:  
Yummi Jones

*We will not have Children's Church on the 3rd Sunday in December, and there will be no memory verse for this month.*

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Last month, we were blessed with "The Gullah Lady" Sis. Sharon Cooper Murray, Guest speaker.



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: The children watched Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving movie. They enjoyed the movie with popcorn, various snacks, and drinks.

## CONNECT THE DOTS



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sending blessings of  
**Peace & Happiness**  
to you on  
**Christmas!**

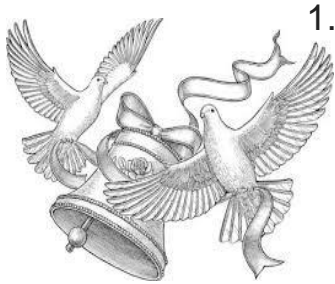
Say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"  
Isaiah 40:9 NIV



## Let Every Day Be Christmas

Christmas is forever, not for just one day,  
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away  
like bells and lights and tinsel,  
in some box upon a shelf.  
The good you do for others is good you do yourself.

(Written by Norman W. Brooks)



### *Enjoy Christmas with JESUS!*

*Let joy, love and patience guide you closer to JESUS  
and His ways. Let His Spirit fill your heart.*

*Practice love and patience by being a little more kind,  
a little more gracious and a little more understanding.*

*Practice love and patience and you will feel His joy,  
His strength and His presence in your life*

*Enjoy His Spirit within you*

*Enjoy doing what JESUS would have you do!*



The *Will of God*  
will never  
take you where the  
*Grace of God* will not  
protect you.



Behold, the virgin  
shall be with child,  
and bear a *Son*, and  
they shall call His  
name *Immanuel*,  
which is translated,  
*God with us.*  
Matthew 1:23

## WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

**New Year's Eve December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 9:00 pm – Midnight**

*"Arise, cry out in the night; in the beginning of the watches pour out  
thine heart like water before the face of the Lord"—Lamentations 2:19.*



# JOSHUA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S CHURCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



**Davonte Brown**



Davonte is in the fifth grade and attends Goodwin Elementary School. Along with his regular elementary school, he attends The School of the Arts Drama. His favorite teacher is Ms. Schey. Davonte's favorite subject is Science and favorite color is gold.

He is eleven years old and has seven siblings, four sisters and three brothers.

The thing Davonte enjoys most about Children's Church is learning new things about Jesus Christ. At church, Davonte is a junior usher. His advice to fellow students is to "*Try hard and never give up*". Davonte is a very respectable young man who takes his walk with the Lord very seriously, and I pray he continues to remain steadfast in the Lord.



## Congratulations to Our Students of the Month: Davonte, Ariyana and Zy'Airea!

These Children church attendees were selected and interviewed by Sis. Yummi Jones.

**Ariyana Hughes**

Ariyana is eight years old and attends Burns Elementary School. Her favorite subject is Math. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Freeman.

Ariyana has three siblings, two sisters and one brother. Her favorite color is silver.

The thing she enjoys most about Children's Church is praising the Lord. She participates in several activities in church such as Praise cheerleading and attends new Members class.

When asked what advice she would give to a fellow student, she answered, "Whenever you have a wrong answer, ask me and I'll help you find the right one". Ariyana is a lovely young lady that truly loves the Lord.

**Zy'Airea Gethers**

ZyAirea is nine years old and attends Orange Grove Elementary School. She's in the fifth grade and her ideal subject is Math. Ms. Copeland is her favorite teacher.

ZyAirea loves the color red. She has two sisters.

When it comes to church activities, she is a very busy young lady! ZyAirea is an usher, sings in the junior choir, and participates with the Praise cheerleaders.

When asked what advice she would give to her fellow students, she replied with a big smile, "*Never, ever give up on anything!*" This is an extraordinary young lady who is busy for the Lord, and I hope she continues on this path and let nothing lead her astray!



**The Sunday School Department  
For Their**

**Annual Sunday School Breakfast  
December 14, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.**

**And**

**Sunday School High Attendance Day  
January 4, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.**



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*Christmas Cantata*

**O**ur Christmas Cantata will be held December 21st during our 10:15 A.M. Service. Invite your family and friends to enjoy this special service where the birth of Jesus Christ is celebrated through songs and dramatization.



# December

6 Families Helping Families Gifts Drop off from 10:00 -2:00

7 White Oak Manor at 2:00

14 Sunday School Breakfast at 9:00

19 Y.W.A. Meeting at 9:00

21 Christmas Cantata at 10:15

29 Budget & Calendar Meeting at 6:00

31 Watch Night Service 9:00 p.m. –Midnight

## Birthdays

1 Stephanie Blake

1 Denesha Williams

2 Joe Pugh

5 LaToya Smiley

10 Dea. Leroy Brown

17 O'Keenya Desaussure

18 Antonio Brewer

18 Gregory Salley

18 Zaniyah Sanders Smith

18 Lynette Witcher

20 Jocelyn Roberts

20 Katrina Simmons

21 Danielle Capers

27 Shelley Brown

27 Lakesha Hill



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY

8- Rev. Hester and Bro. Sammie King

24- Bro. Ernest and Sis. Betty Rouse



Welcome!

Christian Experience

Loretta Black