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Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove

Joshua's Journal



"Keep The Faith"



Members, if you haven't already done so – *Go Green!* Begin to use the *'Mortgage Liquidation Seed Offering'* envelopes monthly for your contribution towards our loan payoff. Together we can remove this mountain with our prayers and by our faith.

However, faith without works is dead, or of no value. So, don't just talk the talk but also walk the walk. The Bible tells us, "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over..." (Luke 6:38a). Therefore, I know that our giving and labor of love will not be in vain.



Also, we are very thankful to Almighty God for the growth we see in our Children's Church. Our leaders and volunteers are doing a splendid job of providing meaningful, manageable, and marvelous worship experiences to our young people. Never have I seen our youth so excited about being in church on 1st and 3rd Sunday. If for no other

reason, we must not fail in our efforts to renovate/build a building where they can continue to grow in maturity, learn the scriptures, and do even greater things in the Kingdom of God. So, members onward and upward to higher ground!



Finally, grace and peace unto you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Always remember, 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

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May 9, 2012

INSPIRATION



You're the Only One of You God Created!

Excerpt from Still I Rise
...Out of the huts of history's
shame, I rise
Up from a past that's rooted
in pain, I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping
and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear
in the tide. Leaving behind
nights of terror and fear, I rise
Into a daybreak that's
wondrously clear, I rise,
Bringing the gifts that my
ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope
of the slave.
I rise, I rise, I rise
Maya Angelou

"God of our weary years
God of our silent tears.
Thou who has brought us
thus far on the way...Yet
with a steady beat, have not
our weary feet come to the
place for which our fathers
sighed."

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The Marital Virtue of Friendship

Submitted By

First Lady Pauline Grove



Almost everyone believes that spouses should be each other's best friends. And in fact, the best research on strong, lasting marriages shows that friendship is at the heart of a good marriage. Most of the time, however, we think of friendship as having fun together and enjoying one another's company. This ordinary kind of friendship focuses on good feelings. Of course, as couples, we do experience a great deal of fun and happiness. But life gets more complicated as couples become parents. And we can't rely on the fun and good feelings as much. If we want our marriages to last through the inevitable ups and downs of life, we need to build a deeper kind of friendship.

The ancient Greek Philosopher Aristotle described the deepest form of friendship as the kind where friends share a vision of what is good and important in life, and they work as a team to build a good life together. This kind of friendship is called **character friendship**. This friendship is at the heart of a good marriage, and it makes marriages strong and stable because the relationship doesn't depend entirely on our feelings, which naturally change from day to day. Character friendship depends on who we really are and where we want to go in life.

One of the most exciting parts of a partnership is to know each other for who we really are. This involves learning day to day about our spouses' likes and dislikes, strengths and weaknesses, hopes and fears.

Knowing each other for who we really are also helps us to know what's most important to us as a couple. Even when you know each other very well and have shared life goals, problems will still arise. You will still disagree some times, but the most important thing you can do is to find a way to be allies rather than adversaries in solving the problem. If you're both committed to the same goals, it is easier to be on the same side of dealing with a problem solving and communication skills to be on the same side, and there are many great programs out there that can help. But behind any skill you also need the right motivation for the skill to work.



Wanting to be on the same side comes from remembering that your marriage is more important than the argument.



Talking to better know each other and the goals that you share will be more than fun in your relationship. It will build the character friendship that will make your marriage

List five (5) things that you as an individual and five (5) things with your spouse you would like to do, accomplish, or experience before you die.



Individual

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

With Spouse

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

LOVE

GOD is LOVE



JESUS

CAME TO PAY A DEBT HE DID NOT OWE,

BECAUSE WE OWED A DEBT WE COULD NOT PAY.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (JOHN 15:13 KJV)



WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US
SCRIPTURE DAY 64 (SCRIPTURE365)

Ephesians 4:2

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.



GOD



My Heart belongs to Jesus

John 15:9-10

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in His love."

Jesus loves me
THIS I know
for the BIBLE tells ME SO



I love Jesus, hallelujah!
I love Jesus, yes, I do;
I love Jesus, He's my Saviour,
Jesus smiles and loves me

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MEMORY VERSE THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY
ROMANS 3:23(KJV)

"FOR ALL HAVE SIN, AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD."

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lauren Reid	02/24
Jah'Zaria Maybell	02/23
Dallas Moore	02/22
Jameson Milton	02/07
Kennerde Powell	02/05
Amiya Larkins	02/09
Jaylin Fernandez	02/02
Nakiyah Scott	02/24



FEBRUARY EVENTS

2/1 ~ Speaker: Deacon Casdell Singleton
Sis. Sharon Murray hosting a "Discovering the Lord's Art" class

2/8 ~ Ministry meeting after service

2/15 ~ Speaker: First Lady Pauline Grove

Mrs. Bee's Visit

** Friendship Day

Awards Ceremony

Hi-lights from January 2015

Our Winners

"Bring a Friend to Church Day" was held January 4, 2015. The winners were (Left) Timothy Haymond, Jr. and (Right) Amiya Larkins.

For the month of January, our children participated in making bracelets, bookmarks, maps, going on a scavenger hunt and even a science experiment, and a puppet show; all centered around the Bible memory verse: **John 14:6**.

We are looking forward to February.

THANK GOD FOR OUR CHILDREN!





Thomasette Peek
Bellman (Tommie)



shadowed Octavia M. Hilton, one of the morning anchors for Count on 2 News on January 12, 2015.

Octavia M. Hilton

Tommie Peek
News on January 12, 2015.

Tommie is a Mass Communication major at Benedict College. She was able to observe the daily routines of a news anchor as well as what goes on behind the scenes. Tommie was also invited to sit and participate in the morning strategic planning meeting with the station manager and staff. The station manager was so impressed with the display of Tommie's appearance and mannerisms that she offered her a summer internship and an opportunity for employment upon graduation.

Please keep Tommie in your prayers as she continues on her educational journey "striving for excellence."

Submitted by Sis. Teresa Peek

JBC Annual Sunday School Dinner & Silent Auction



The dinner & silent auction will be held on **Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.** The Sunday School Ministry is asking for your help in this fun fundraising event. Those of you who are new to Joshua, we ask that you donate item(s) to be bid on during dinner time.

The cost for dinner tickets are ages 12 & older \$10; 6-11 \$5; 5 & under \$2.50.



In the past, we had computers, cameras, food items, etc. Perhaps you are a hairstylist, a good cook, a baker, etc. You can donate your service for bidding. items will be available for all ages. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and see what we have this year! Some of last year's items are pictured.

We are looking forward to seeing you!



There are **Fringe Benefits** of **Knowing** Your **Purpose**

Joshua Baptist Church 2015 Annual Women's Retreat



*What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?
Psalms 116:12 (KJV)*

A \$30 taxation is required to attend.

FEBRUARY 20—22, 2015
Myrtle Beach, SC

Hotel room charges are separate.

We will be returning on the 22nd in time for 10:15 AM Service.

Please see Sisters: Pauline Grove or Shelley Brown for more details...

"SELMA" MOVIE – ADMISSION FREE

Submitted by Sis. Trudie Dukes



Charleston County District students grades 7th–12th may see a **FREE** showing of the movie "Selma" **Saturday, February 7th** beginning @ **11:30 a.m., Regal Cinemas, 2401 Mall Drive, North Charleston, SC.**

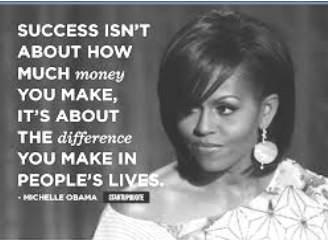
For pre-registration, parents must email Radia Heyward @ radia922@aol.com or call (843) 906-0933. **Students will be required to present their school ID at 10:30 a.m. registration on-site.**

Following the screening of the oscar-nominated film, Kimpson, Waring and Rhodes will guide students in a discussion on the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights leaders, which led to the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches.

Event sponsored by Senator Marion Kimpson, Charleston City Councilman Keith Waring, and Dr. Harold Rhodes, Dentist



Barack Obama
www.quote-coyote.com



Michelle Obama
www.quote-coyote.com

Scholarship Opportunity

Porter-Gaud has a scholarship opportunity for a rising 7th grader. It could potentially pay the full tuition; just depends on the family's need.

If you feel you know a student who meets the criteria, please let Sis. Gail Tolbert know ASAP.

For more details about the Malone Scholarship, go to: <http://www.portergaud.edu/page.cfm?p=536>

Submitted by Sis. G. Tolbert

Tax Preparation and Other Tax Resources

Area residents can receive **free help with their taxes** at several Charleston County Public Libraries through a project coordinated with the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). Assistance will be offered one or more days per week at seven branches Jan. 30th–April.

The programs target low-to-moderate income residents with AARP and residents over 60 years old. **A current picture ID and Social Security card are required, along with the Social Security cards of any dependents.**

For additional tax assistance, contact each organizations directly:
VITA at 965-4037 or 2-1-1, or AARP at 1-888-227-7669

How to get tax forms

* www.sctax.org * Call 803-898-5320 to request a booklet by mail

Who Should Make the Coffee?



A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

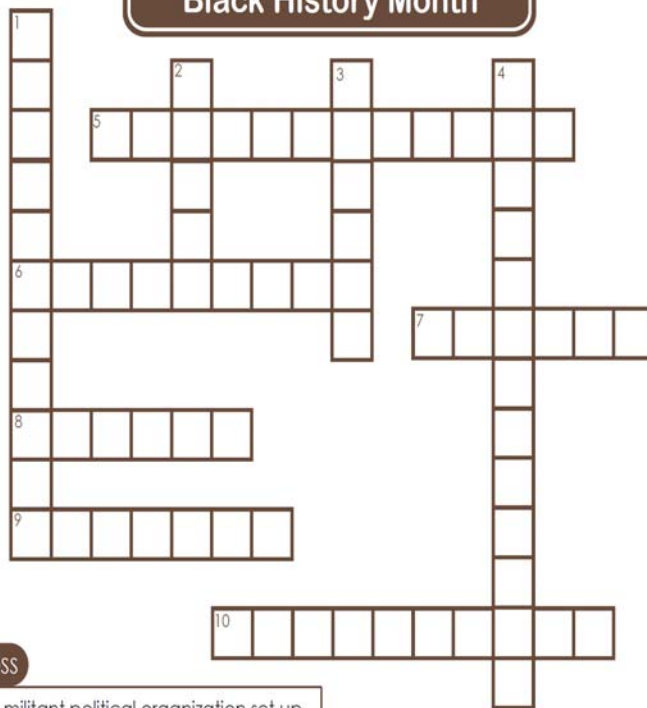
The husband said, "You are in charge of the cooking around here so you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides it says in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that! Show me."



So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says, **"HEBREWS."**

HOLIDAYS Black History Month



ACROSS

- A militant political organization set up in the U.S. in 1966 to fight for black rights.
- United States civil rights leader who refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. She was arrested which led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
- ____ Luther King Jr.
- ____ Renaissance was a literary, art & musical cultural movement in the 1920s after WWI.
- Practice or system of owning slaves.
- Montgomery ____ was a political and social protest to oppose the city's policy of segregation in the bus systems.

DOWN

- The rights of citizens to political and social freedom and equality.
- A U.S. civil rights organization set up in 1909 to oppose racial segregation and discrimination by nonviolent means. (hint: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People)
- Prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against someone of a different race based on such a belief.
- End a policy of racial segregation

FEBRUARY CHURCH EVENTS

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Davonte Brown
Tatiana Barr

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Betty Fields
Joseph Fields
Maurice Pope



February

- 2 ~ Jaylin Fernandez
- 5 ~ Kennerde Powell
- 7 ~ Jarrard "Jay" Coleman
- 8 ~ Shanstacy Whack
- 8 ~ Destini Williams
- 9 ~ Amiya Larkins
- 11 ~ Cheryl Scott
- 12 ~ Joshua Roberts
- 13 ~ Albert Hill, Jr.
- 13 ~ Bridgette Lindsay
- 13 ~ Seondra Roberts
- 15 ~ Dolores Simmons
- 17 ~ Richie Lindsay
- 22 ~ Amir Jordan
- 22 ~ Dallas Moore
- 24 ~ Lauren "Puddin" Reid
- 25 ~ Joan Simmons
- 27 ~ Kayla Brown
- 27 ~ Anarje Skinner

Birthdays

- 7 *Sunday School Dinner & Silent Auction at 5:00 p.m.*
- 8 *White Oak Manor at 2:00 p.m.*
- 12 *WHTH-U Meeting at 6:30 p.m.*
- 14 *Health Advocates Meeting at 10:00 a.m.*
- 14 *Lowcountry District Missionaries Quarterly Meeting from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at Joshua Baptist*
- 15 *Heritage Day (Wear African attire; or red, black and green) at 10:15 a.m.*
- 20-22 *Women's Retreat in Myrtle Beach*
- 21 *Brotherhood Meeting at 9:00 a.m.*
- 21 *D.R.E.A.M.*
- 21 *Cooper River Youth Department "Youth Black History Bowl" at 11:00 a.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church*
- 23 *Seasons (Singles) Ministry at 6:00 p.m.*
- 28 *Marriage Ministry from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 16 ~ Brother Carl and Sister Shanstacy Whack
- 19 ~ Deacon Albert and Deaconess Helen Hill
- 28 ~ Deacon Tony and Rev. Mary Glover



a reminder:

Don't forget to let us know your birthday/anniversary to be printed in the journal. Each month there is a sheet posted on the board by CAPPs. If your birthday/anniversary is in that month, please **print** your **name** and **birthday/anniversary** on the **sheet** by the **4th Sunday**.

Key Features and Facts of the Affordable Care Act

On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act. The law puts in place comprehensive health insurance reforms that will roll out over four years and beyond. Use this link to learn about what's changing and when: <https://www.healthcare.gov/>

The fee you pay if you don't have health coverage

If you or your dependents don't have insurance that qualifies as minimum essential coverage you'll pay either a percentage of your household income or a flat fee -- whichever is higher.

The fee in 2014: If you didn't have coverage in 2014, you'll pay the higher of these two amounts when you file your 2014 federal tax return:

- 1% of your yearly household income
- \$95 per person for the year (\$47.50 per child under 18)

The maximum penalty per family using this method is \$285.

The fee in 2015: If you don't have coverage in 2015, you'll pay the higher of these two amounts:

- 2% of your yearly household income.
- \$325 per person for the year (\$162.50 per child under 18) The maximum penalty per family is \$975.

(Only the amount of income above the tax filing threshold, about \$10,000 for an individual.)

The fee after 2015: The penalty increases every year you don't have health coverage.

To avoid the penalty for being uncovered you must have insurance that qualifies as minimum essential coverage.

If you're covered by any of the following types of plans, you're considered covered under the health care law and don't have to pay a penalty.

- Any individual insurance plan you already have
- Any employer plan (including COBRA plans)
- Retiree health plans
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- TRICARE
- Veterans' health care programs
- Peace Corps Volunteer plans
- Self-funded health coverage offered to students by universities for plan or policy years that begin on or before Dec. 31, 2014.

Other plans may qualify. Ask your health coverage provider.

Health plans that don't count as coverage

Some products that help pay for medical services don't qualify as minimum essential coverage. If you have only this kind of product, you may have to pay the fee.

Examples include:

- Coverage only for vision care or dental care
- Workers' compensation
- Coverage only for a specific disease or condition
- Plans that offer only discounts on medical services

Exemptions from the payment

If you don't have minimum essential coverage, you may qualify for an exemption from the penalty if any of the following apply to you.

- You're **uninsured for less than 3 months** of the year
- The **lowest-priced coverage** available to you **would cost more than 8% of your household income**
- You **don't have to file a tax return because your income is too low**
- You're a member of a federally recognized tribe or eligible for services through an **Indian Health Services provider**
- You're a **member of a recognized health care sharing ministry**
- You're a **member of a recognized religious sect with religious objections to insurance, including Social Security and Medicare**
- You're **incarcerated** (either detained or jailed), and not being held pending disposition of charges
- You're **not lawfully present** in the U.S.
- You **qualify for a hardship exemption.**



Hardship exemptions from the fee for not having health

If any of the following circumstances apply to you, you may qualify for a “hardship” exemption from the penalty:

- You were **homeless**
- You were **evicted in the past 6 months or were facing eviction or foreclosure**
- You **received a shut-off notice** from a utility company
- You recently experienced **domestic violence**
- You recently experienced the **death of a close family member**
- You **experienced a fire, flood, or other natural or human-caused disaster** that caused substantial damage to your property
- You **filed for bankruptcy** in the **last 6 months**
- You had **medical expenses you couldn't pay in the last 24 months** that resulted in substantial debt
- You experienced **unexpected increases in expenses** due to caring for an ill, disabled, or aging family member
- You **expect to claim a child as a tax dependent who's been denied coverage in Medicaid and CHIP**, and another person is required by court order to give medical support to the child.
- As a result of an eligibility appeals decision, **you're eligible for enrollment in a qualified health plan (QHP)** through the Marketplace.
- You were **determined ineligible for Medicaid because your state didn't expand eligibility for Medicaid.**
- Your individual **insurance plan was cancelled** and you believe **other Marketplace plans are unaffordable**
- You **experienced another hardship in obtaining health insurance.**

How long a hardship exemption lasts

Hardship exemptions are **usually provided for the month before the hardship, the months of the hardship, and the month after the hardship.** However, the Marketplace may provide the exemption for additional months after the hardship, including up to a full calendar year.

- For a hardship exemption **based on affordability**, the exemption will **be granted for the remaining months in the coverage year.**
- For people **ineligible for Medicaid only because a state hasn't expanded Medicaid coverage**, the hardship exemption will be granted for the **whole calendar year.**
- For people eligible **for Indian Health Services**, the hardship exemption will be granted on a **continuing basis.** It may be kept for future years without having to submit another application.

How to apply for an exemption

<https://www.healthcare.gov/how-do-i-apply-for-marketplace-coverage/>

After you apply for an exemption

After you submit your application, the Marketplace will review it and determine if you qualify for an exemption from the fee for not having coverage.

You may be able to appeal the decision.

The time it takes to respond depends on several factors:

- How complicated your request is
- How complete your application is
- Whether you need to submit documentation after you apply. *To speed up the process, submit any required documentation with your exemption application.*

The Marketplace will mail you a notice of the exemption eligibility result. If you're granted an exemption, the Marketplace notice will include your unique exemption certificate number (ECN). You'll need your ECN when you file your federal taxes for the year you don't have coverage..

How you pay the fee?

You'll pay the fee on the federal income tax return you file for the year you don't have coverage.

What happens if I don't pay the fee?

The IRS will hold back the amount of the fee from any future tax refunds. There are no liens, levies, or criminal penalties for failing to pay the fee.

If I'm unemployed, do I have to pay the fee?

It depends on your household income. If insurance is unaffordable to you based on your income, you may qualify. Complete an application in the Health Insurance Marketplace to see if your income qualifies you for an exemption.

How is the penalty collected?

You'll pay the penalty when you file the federal income tax return for the year for which you're seeking coverage. Most people fill out their 2014 tax returns early in 2015 and their 2015 tax returns early in 2016.

What if I'm uncovered for just part of the year?

If you're uninsured for just part of the year, 1/12 of the yearly penalty applies to each month you're uninsured.

If you're uninsured for less than 3 months of the year, you don't have to make a payment.

Are the rules the same in each state?

Yes. The rules about paying penalties are the same whether the Marketplace is run by your state or the federal government.