

# JOSHUA'S JOURNAL



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR  
REV. DR. ROBERT L. GROVE



## It's Praying Time



WE WALK BY  
*Faith*  
NOT BY SIGHT  
Corinthians 5:7

I want to thank those of you who are blessing the Church with your tithes, offerings, and Mortgage Liquidation Seed Offerings. Keep up the good work! And, I encourage the rest of you to please get on board because your support is needed and is deeply appreciated.

We are still very much on track for erecting an educational (multi-purpose) building for the Master's glory. So, continue to trust God, pray, and walk by faith and not by sight.

Members, we are already very blessed and have much to thank God for: health, strength, a place to worship and a heavenly Father who loves us. Moreover, we have no reason to be getting on each other's nerves. With that in mind, let us lower our voices when addressing one another. Avoid some of the drama and unnecessary 'in your face' moments. There are **no kings and queens in Joshua**. If you would be great in the Kingdom of God you must be a *servant*. And, it is a blessing to *serve* God in the beauty of holiness. **Members**, all of us who love Jesus are doing our best to make heaven our home one day.

Remember, you must give love and respect in order to receive love and respect in return. The Holy Scriptures tells us to: "Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you..." You can't fight hate with hate. You must fight hate with love. So, love ye one another as Christ has loved you. And, what I say to one I say to all, "I love you and you can't do anything about it!"



## 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



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# INSPIRATION

## Happy Father's Day!

### **My Father... My Daddy!**

**One of the most important lessons I learned from my dad, through his demonstrations, is to hold true to my wedding vows.**

**My favorite childhood memories include my father gathering up my friends, taking us to the park, and engaging in a fun game of baseball!**

*Parker*

**Always have your own! You're able to be more honest with folks when you're not beholden to them.**

**Making paddle boats and other handyman projects with my dad are great memories!**

*Frasier*

**"If you know better, do better!"**

*Lee*

### **Our Father Who Art In Heaven...**

**He's Incomparable  
He's Ever Present  
He Loves His Own  
Unconditionally  
He's Patient  
He's Forgiving  
He's Faithful  
He's The Ultimate  
Visionary  
He's Always On Time  
He's Indescribable  
He's God the Father  
He's All I'll Ever Need**

*Prayer is Your Steering Wheel,  
Not Your Spare Tire!*

**When you look outside yourself you see dreams. When you look inside yourself, you've awakened!**

*Paul Gustav*



*The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.*

*Psalm 37:23*

**Today, we salute fathers everywhere! However, with great pride, we recognize the fathers and father figures of Joshua Baptist Church!**

**In response to those who believe that most black fathers don't care and aren't involved in their children's lives, we're able to identify multiple examples of great fathers, young and old, who are very present and accountable in the lives of their children.**

**We do recognize that absentee fathers are of great concern in our community.**

**That's why, we always thank God for those heroes who daily demonstrate, by far, that is not the whole story!**

**Proverbs 14:26 New International Version (NIV)**

Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge



*"I think back to the day I drove Michelle and a newborn Malia home from the hospital nearly 13 years ago—crawling along, miles under the speed limit, feeling the weight of my daughter's future resting in my hands. I think about the pledge I made to her that day: that I would give her what I never had—that if I could be anything in life, I would be a good father. I knew that day that my own life wouldn't count for much unless she had every opportunity in hers." —Barack Obama*



**Father's Day Prayer - Unknown**

God our Father,  
In your wisdom and love, you made all things.  
Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**In his own words...meet our senior deacon of Joshua, Deacon Eugene Wright.**

In April of 1973, I was baptized. In June of 1975, I was ordained as a deacon in Joshua Baptist Church.

The purpose of a deacon in the Baptist church can be found in the book of Acts 6:3. In the New Testament, deacons serve the Lord by conducting the caring ministry of the church—doing the benevolence work, visiting the sick, being alert to the spiritual needs of the congregation—for the purposes of freeing the pastoral staff to focus on prayer and the ministry of the Word, promoting unity within the church, and facilitating the spread of the gospel.

An effective deacon leads by example. He must be committed to the leadership of the Pastor and the mission of the church. My advice to a new deacon is to *"study to show thyself approved unto God; support the Pastor in helping to accomplish the mission and vision of the church; learn all you can and establish a personal walk with God."*

I have grown spiritually by having a closer walk with God so that I am able to make intercession for others and their needs, as well as make petitions for myself.

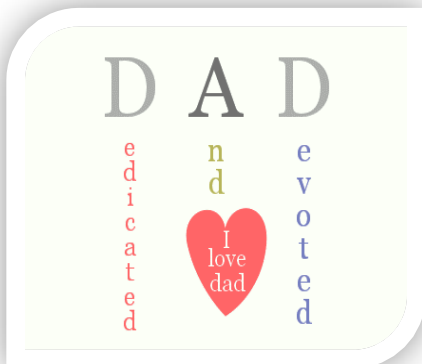
Psalms 121 is one of my favorites. The first hymn that I learned to raise and sing is *"I will trust in the Lord"* under the training of the late Deacon Jeffery Brown.

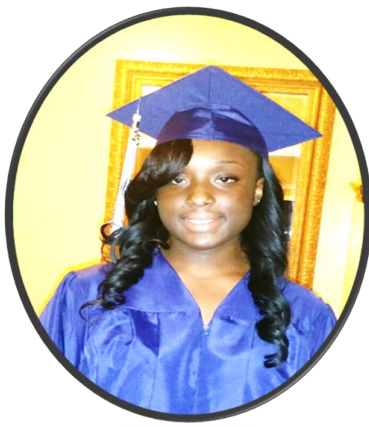
I was asked, "What advice I would give to fathers?" To any father, "I would say that your job is to keep your family safe, provide financial resources, provide opportunities for your children to learn and grown, and also set examples of good behavior."

Deacon Wright is married to Deaconess Annette Wright and the proud father of four children. He serves as advisor to the C.A.P.S, Pastor's Aide and Sound-Video ministries. He is also the chairman of the Trustee ministry. He enjoys working around his home and church, and he loves to travel. Dea. Wright retired from The Citadel in 2008.

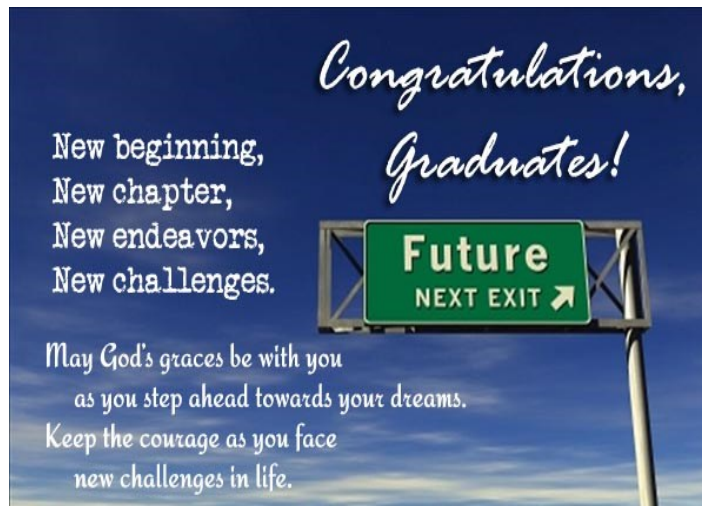


**Dea. Eugene Wright**





**Destinee Gethers**  
Stall High School  
High School Diploma



**Jasmine Anderson**  
Charleston Southern University  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing



**Jermeqwa Ladson**  
Stall High School  
High School Diploma



**Raven Roper**  
Trident Technical College  
Associate in Criminal Justice



**Danielle D. Capers**  
Clafin University  
Bachelor of Science in Human Perf. & Recreation



**Dalan Sheppard**  
Garrett Academy High School  
High School Diploma



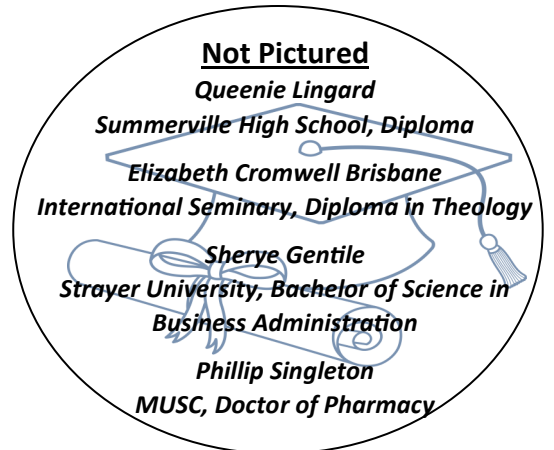
**Tywana Smith**  
Trident Technical College  
Associate in Cosmetology



**Joshua Roberts**  
University of South Carolina  
Masters of Social Work



**Michell Herring**  
Capella University  
Doctor of Philosophy



**Not Pictured**  
*Queenie Lingard*  
Summerville High School, Diploma  
*Elizabeth Cromwell* Brisbane  
International Seminary, Diploma in Theology  
*Sherye Gentile*  
Strayer University, Bachelor of Science in  
Business Administration  
*Phillip Singleton*  
MUSC, Doctor of Pharmacy



**Kindergarten**

Leon Miles, Jr.  
Kamari Robinson

**First Grade**

Timothy Haymond, Jr.  
Lauren Reid  
Lyrik Young

**Second Grade**

Jordan Dent  
Au 'Riana Johnson  
D'Marcus Pugh  
Isis Stewart

**Third Grade**

Jadin Anderson  
Kyla Frost  
Seth Harper  
Antoine Nolan  
Maurice Pope  
Dejamari Pugh  
Jaden Robinson  
KeRon Rouse  
Jaydon Vanderhorst  
Sharday Veasey  
Rowena Wright  
Lawrence Young

**Fourth Grade**

Tatiana Barr  
Danielle Hill  
Ariyana Hughes  
Nakeria Miles  
Jameson Milton  
Zanyiah Sanders-Smith



*Please Join Us June 14<sup>th</sup> during  
our 10:15 am service.*

***Congratulations on your Promotion!!***

***"You Did It"***

***We are very proud of you!!***

**Fifth Grade**

Zy'Airea Gethers  
Shawn Harper  
Nakhara Miles  
Janaye Simmons  
Tamari Smith



**Sixth Grade**

D'Andrea Broughton  
Ramone Hill  
Antwann Hughes  
Aniyah Hughes  
Aynna Pugh  
Cassandra Reaves

**Seventh Grade**

Kennerde Powell  
Destyni Pugh  
Anthony Wright

**Eighth Grade**

Jamari Crawford  
Marcus Glover  
Ty'Shara Pugh  
Patricia Reid  
Rod Simmons



**High School**

Stevie Grampus  
Sammy Milton  
Malique Pope  
Destyne Pugh  
Simeon Smiley

**Tenth Grade**

O'Keenya Desaussure  
Alana Durant  
Alana Ellerson  
Sa'dyah Hill  
William King  
Amera Roper

**Eleventh Grade**

Le'gaia Lowe

**Twelfth Grade**

Tamera Green



**Sophomore**

Natalie Hart - TTC  
Thomasette Peek – Benedict

**Junior**

Alexis Jenkins – Francis Marion

**Senior**

Jasmine Glover - Coastal Carolina  
Tevin Rouse - Coastal Carolina



**A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination; he looked at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between pages. "Mommy, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered: "It's Adam's clothes!!!!!"**

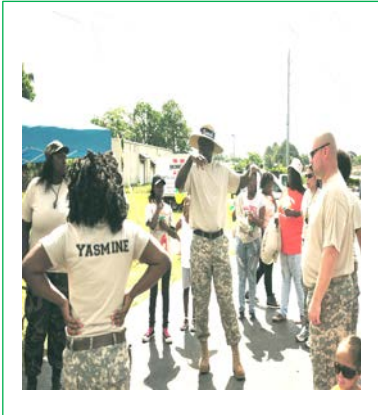


# Children's Church

"Reaching People for Christ"



  **BOOT CAMP OF SALVATION**



## Congratulations Again to our Booth Camp Gold Medalists!!!



Aniyah Hughes, Anthony Wright, Antwann Hughes, Avery Hollingsworth, Aynna Pugh, Cassandra Reaves, Davonte Brown, DeJamari Pugh, Destyni Pugh, Isis Stewart, Jadin Anderson, Jamari Crawford, Jameson Milton, Janaye Simmons, Patricia Reid, Timothy Haymond, Ty'Shara Pugh, Zaniyah Sanders-Smith, Zy'Airea Gethers

Great Job to all of our participants!!!!



He's got the whole world in His hands



Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, our children will go to White Oak Manor to visit their "grandparents". Parents, we are asking that you bring your children, and please arrive at White Oak at 1:30pm.



**Carowinds**

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>



Join us for Vacation Bible School

June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is a class for everyone.

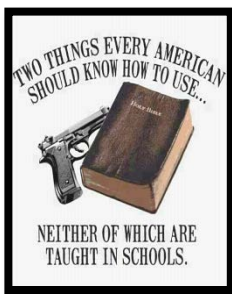




# Take Off the Blinders

By: Sis. Helen Hill

Put down the guns and pull up your pants, cease looking at life from a glance.  
We say the gun's there for our protection, but we're losing our children to it,  
so where's the connection?



Even though your hands didn't touch the gun, you fired the shot that wounded the innocent one.  
Some of the choices we make are so unwise, playing Russian roulette with our children's lives.  
Instead of taking chances and just getting by, open your heart and give God a try.

Guns are dangerous even with the safety lock on, it can leave a family tattered and worn.  
You've laid in plain view for all to see, now place the bible where the gun use to be.  
Read God's word and let it be your guide, then face your children with love and pride.

Will the memory be erased within the span of time, or will it always be lodged in back of their minds?  
Take off your blinders so you can see how precious life is to both you and me.

## 8 Summer Sun Safety Tips for Seniors

Submitted by JBC Brotherhood Ministry



Summer is a time for enjoying the great outdoors! Unfortunately, the summer sunshine, UV rays and heat also can bring a few dangers, especially for seniors, including sunburn, eye damage, dehydration, heat exhaustion and more. With some precautionary steps and healthy senior [personal care](#), everyone can enjoy the blue skies and warm weather. Below is a list of 8 things seniors can do to improve their safety during hot summer months.

1. **Drink plenty of fluids:** Aim to drink 6 to 8 glasses of water per day. For seniors, the feeling of thirst decreases as we age, so be sure to increase your water intake if you are exercising or doing any type of prolonged physical activity.

### BE SUN SMART



Put on a Shirt



Put on Sunscreen



Wear a Hat



Wear Sunglasses



Stay in the Shade



SHARE THE SUN SAFE STORY WITH YOUR CHILD

2. **Pick the right outfit with accessories:** When possible, wear loose, lightweight, and light-colored long sleeves to help protect your skin from sun, while also allowing your skin to breathe. Use wide brimmed hats to keep the sun off of your face and neck, as well as full coverage sunglasses that block UVA and UVB rays.

3. **Turn on your air conditioning:** If you don't have central air or a room air conditioner, spend part or most of each day at locations with air condition, including shopping mall, senior center, or movie theater.

4. **Be an early bird or night owl:** The sun is strongest between 10 am and 4 pm. If you must be outside, limit your outdoor activity to the morning and the evening.

5. **Watch for heat [stroke](#):** Some signs to look for include confusion, disorientation, dry skin, excessive tiredness, headache, lethargy, nausea, and a rapid pulse. If these symptoms occur, seek medical attention.

6. **Check on friends and family:** Use the rising temperatures as an opportunity to catch up with your neighbors and relatives, especially the elderly and those who do not have air conditioning. Plan outings together in places that have air conditioning.

7. **Review your medications:** Some medications can cause side effects, like increased sensitivity to ultraviolet (UV) rays. Review all medications and check with a doctor or pharmacist for any questions.

8. **Wear sunscreen:** Look for a sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB rays, and also have a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or more. Be sure to apply it about 15-30 minutes before exposure. If you're

enjoying water activities, be sure to reapply your sunscreen frequently. It only takes about 15 minutes for the sun to damage unprotected skin. For more detailed info, go to: <http://www.compassionatecaremi.com>.



**7 White Oak Manor at 2:00 p.m.**

**8-12 Sunday School BTU Congress-Mount Olive Baptist Church**

**10 WHTH-U Sister to Sister Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.**

**13 Carnival Aquiva Meeting at 9:30 a.m.**

**14 Graduation Promotion Recognition Program at 10:15 a.m.**

**20 Brotherhood Meeting at 9:00 a.m.**

**20 D.R.E.A.M. at 10:00 a.m.**

**22 Seasons Ministry at 6:00 p.m.**

**29-July 3 Vacation Bible School from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**



- 2 Destinee Grove
- 4 Sis. Sherry Robinson
- 6 Min. James Ravenell
- 9 Sis. Elizabeth Brisbane
- 10 ZyAirea Gethers
- 12 Phaedra Sheppard
- 13 Leroy Capers Jr.
- 15 Edna Peacock
- 20 Dennis Grove Jr.
- 23 Anthony Tolbert
- 26 Ami Lee Williams
- 29 Rev. Carlton Whaley



- 12 Bro. Jessie and Sis. Mary McNeal
- 21 Min. James and Sis. Gloria Ravenell
- 23 Bro. Richie and Sis. Bridgett Lindsay

**NEW MEMBERS**

**CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM**

- D'andrea Broughton
- Chandler Moore
- Sharday Squire Veasey

**RESTORATION**

- Jacqueline Dent
- Cheri Fountain
- Caneiqwa Ladson

