

Reaching People for Christ-GOD First!

Joshua's Journal

Message from Pastor

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



This month will be a very busy and challenging time for our Church Family. The 125th Annual Session of the Cooper River Baptist Association will commence here on Monday 5th through Saturday the 10th. And, we will have many people sharing our hospitality throughout the week. Our Program Committee has been in 'full speed ahead' mode for weeks now. I believe that all has and is being done to make our guests feel safe and welcome. I



thank our Committee Chairperson and all of you who have worked so hard and been so unselfish in putting all the pieces together. Our Moderator Samuels and I are coming out of office this year. Therefore, it is an understatement to say that I want Joshua to shine like I know that we can! And, following the Annual Session, our Senior Ushers will be celebrating their 77th Anniversary.

Also, our annual Harvest Night Celebration will be at the **Harvest Fest** Ferndale Community Center on October 31st - Whew! So, Joshua, hang on in there, for we know that **our labor is not in vain.**

Finally, I appreciate all that Joshua does for the well-being of me and Sister Grove. Your love, kindness, encouragement, and strong support over the years is very much appreciated. *Remember, God loves you and we 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. -

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INSPIRATION

GROWTH

Bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. (Col. 1:10)

Mere change is not growth. Growth is the synthesis of change and continuity, and where there is no continuity, there is no growth.

~C.S. Lewis

hmm...

What would YOU do?

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 Tim 3:1

Malcolm X said "a man who stands for nothing will fall for anything."

Kim Davis (Kentucky Clerk) didn't expect that her name would become known to so many for standing up for her convictions.

Her refusal to issue marriage licenses to same sex couples based on the Supreme Court's recent ruling gained national attention as she was found in contempt of court for non-compliance and consequentially jailed as punishment.

Only the Holy Spirit of God can help your knowledge of God grow. There must be interaction between you and the Holy Spirit; You need to respond to His influence. You must pray regularly for this aspect of your spiritual growth, both in yourself and in others. It is much better to ask God for spiritual knowledge than for material gifts.

Our prayers may be awkward.
Our attempts may be feeble.
But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

--- Max Lucado



WATCH & PRAY



Worship in Pink
 Sunday, October 25, 2015
 Please join us.



Successful Families (Part 2) ~ Submitted by The Brotherhood



Enduring love

Remember what it was like when you first fell in love? Gazing endlessly into one another's eyes. Holding hands under the stars. But often the romance gets lost as married bliss becomes a monotonous repetition of the humdrum of daily existence. And looking back, you can't help but wonder, "Is this what love and families are all about?" The song that Solomon wrote, which you find in the Bible, speaks of a love that was fulfilling and enduring, not because problems didn't enter in to try to steal love away, but because a commitment had been made to make love work (Song of Solomon). Satan is working harder than ever to destroy our families through these conflicts. But God promises us that we can "submit therefore to God, resist the Devil and he will flee from you" ([James 4:7](#)). God requires that we exercise our authority over the enemy and be committed to the permanence of marriage and family ([1 Corinthians 7:11](#)). It is only through our commitment to God and one another that we can be over comers.

The family unit begins when "a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife" ([Genesis 2:24](#)). This is a show of the man's commitment to his wife. Thus they become one flesh. How two people become one is a great mystery in life. And this mysterious union reflects the relationship between Christ and the church ([Ephesians 5:32](#)). When we are born again, we somehow inexplicably become one with Christ. And marriage helps us understand this mystical oneness. So when husbands are told to love their wives, they are told to do so in the same way that Jesus loves the church. Jesus loved us by giving His life for us ([Ephesians 5:25](#)). In the same way, the husband serves his wife by giving his life for her. This doesn't mean he becomes her servant,

jumping at her every beck and call. Rather, he serves her by loving her - encouraging her to become the best woman of God she can be. He loves her more than himself. He admires her talents and abilities and "praises her" ([Proverbs 31:28](#)). Not only does he tell her what a treasure she is, he tells other people what a wonderful wife he has. This creates an atmosphere of mutual respect. And what woman can resist a man who truly loves and cherishes her? **Love encourages submission.** "Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ" ([1 Corinthians 11:3](#)). Note first in this scripture that the head of Christ is God. Jesus, while on this earth, willingly submitted to the Father. He said that he didn't come to earth to do His own will, but rather the will of His Father ([John 6:38](#)). The husband-wife relationship is compared in Scripture to the Father-Son relationship. "The man is the head of a woman and God is the head of Christ" ([1 Corinthians 11:3](#)). We know that Jesus and God the Father are equal. But the woman, like Christ, willingly submits herself to the husband, not because she is forced to, but because she chooses to, recognizing this is God's will for her life ([Ephesians 5:22](#)). The key is love.

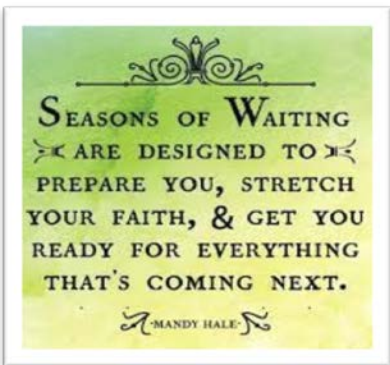
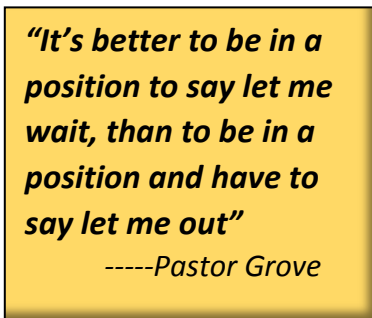
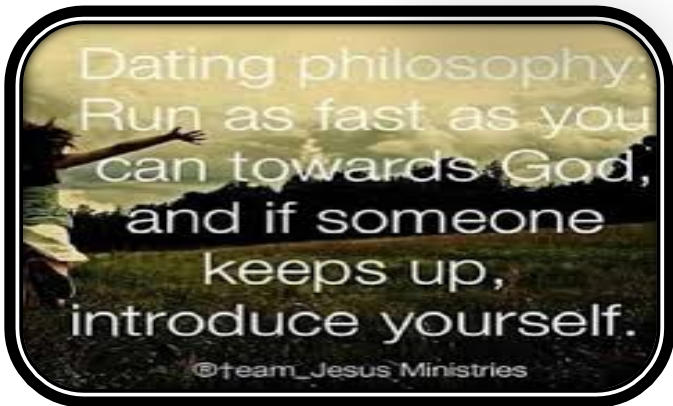
What about the children? The relationship between the husband and wife sets the stage for how children will behave in a family. If the mother shows respect for her husband, the children will respect their father. If the husband reverences his wife, the children will honor their mother. Example is a great teacher. And teacher is the role that God gave us with our children. "And you shall teach them (the words of God) diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you lie down and when you rise up" ([Deuteronomy 6:7](#)).

The Bible says that children are a blessing from the Lord, that the man who has a lot of children is a happy man ([Psalm 127:5](#)). A father once said that he could think of nothing that would make him happier than to be surrounded by his family. This is a wonderful testimony to the beauty of a happy home. And it also points us to our heavenly Father's desire for us, His children; for the day is coming when we'll all gather around our Father's throne, and He'll be surrounded by His family. **Get the picture?**

For many families, there's just an ingrained pattern of non-communication when schedules differ and watching television absorbs the little time they might have together. But you can turn off the television and maybe shift schedules to make sure you all eat supper together. Play games, read aloud, bicycle, play sports, do something that knits you together. Pray together. Share your thoughts and feelings about God and what He's doing in you lives. Read and meditate on God's Word, applying its principles to your family life. Most important, whatever God shows you about your need to change your attitudes and habits, promise each other you'll make those changes. And whatever stands in the way, do not let it deprive you of the closest fellowship you can realize this side of heaven, the haven of your family. **Let's Pray** "Father, we ask forgiveness for not being the family that You have wanted us to be. Please give us the wisdom and the insight to make our house a home. Help us as a husband and wife and as parents to fulfill our godly responsibilities, to teach our children right from wrong and to lift up the name of Jesus. We commit each family member to You now, and ask for Your blessing to rest on our home. Guide us and keep us. May our family always glorify You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

*Seasons Ministry
(Joshua's Singles)*

*Wait on the Lord,
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart,
Wait, I say, on the Lord!*
Psalms 27:14



"The Wait Poem"

by Nancy Lee Demoss

Desperately, helplessly, longingly, I cried;
quietly, patiently, lovingly God replied.
I pled and I wept for a clue to my fate...
and the Master so gently said, "Wait."

"Wait? You say wait", my indignant reply.
"Lord, I need answers, I need to know why!"
Is your hand shortened? Or have you not heard?
By faith I have asked, and I'm claiming your Word.

My future and all to which I relate,
Hangs in the balance, and you tell me to wait?
I'm needing a 'yes' a 'go-ahead' sign.
Or even a 'no' to which I'll resign.

You promised, dear Lord, that if we believe,
we need to but ask, and we shall receive.
Lord, I've been asking, and this is my cry:
I'm weary of asking! I need a reply.

Then quietly, softly, I learned of my fate,
as my Master replied again, "Wait."
So I slumped in my chair, defeated and taut,
and grumbled to God, "So I'm waiting... for what?"

He seemed then to kneel, and His eyes met with mine...
and He tenderly said "I could give you a sign."
I could shake the heavens and darken the sun.
I could raise the dead and cause the mountains to run.

I could give you all you seek and pleased you would be.
You'd have what you want, but you wouldn't know Me.
You'd not know the depth of my love for each saint.
You'd not know the power that I give to the faint.

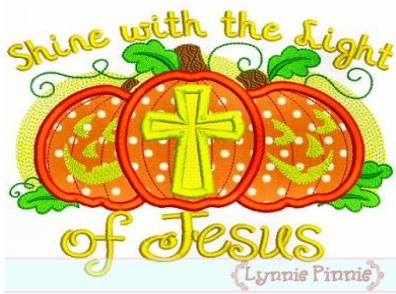
You'd not learn to see through the clouds of despair;
you'd not learn to trust just by knowing I'm there.
You'd not know the joy of resting in Me,
when darkness and silence are all you can see.

You'd never experience the fullness of love,
when the peace of My spirit descends like a dove.
You would know that I give, and I save, for a start,
but you'd not know the depth of the beat of My heart.

The glow of My comfort late into the night,
the faith that I give when you walk without sight.
The depth that's beyond just getting what you ask,
from an infinite God who makes what you have last.

You'd never know should your pain quickly flee,
what it means that My grace is sufficient for thee.
Yes, your dearest dreams overnight would come true,
But oh, what a loss, if I lost what I'm doing in you.

So, be silent, my child, and in time you will see,
that the greatest of gifts is to truly know Me...
and though oft My answers seem terribly late,
my most precious answer of all is still **"WAIT."**



JOSHUA BAPTIST



Children's Church

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

—John 1:3

OCTOBER'S MEMORY
VERSE

A Christian Pumpkin Poem

I am a Jack O' Lantern. My light will shine so bright.

For I am a Christian pumpkin. My symbols tell what's right.

My nose is like the cross on which our Savior died to set us free from sin.

We need no longer hide.

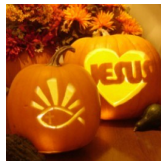
My mouth is like a fish. The whole wide world to show that Christians live in this house and love their Savior so!

The story starts at Christmas. My eyes are like the star that shone on Baby Jesus and wise men saw from far.

My color it is orange just like the big bright sun that rose on Easter Day along with Gods' own Son.



And so on Halloween, Let's set our pumpkins out and tell the trick or treaters what Gods' love is all about!



Get Ready...

Our Fall Challenge Coming Real Soon!!!

Sunday, November 1, 2015

During Children's Church

This will be our twist of 'Boot Camp'!!!

Meet Ty' Shara Pugh...

TY'SHARA is 13 years old and is one of our youth leaders in Children's Church. She is the daughter of Sis. Shanstacy Whack and has two younger sisters 10 & 11.



Ty'Shara is very active in the church. She participates on the Lords Angels Choir and is also president of the choir. She is a member of the praise dancing team (Total Praise), an usher, and the Secretary for Sunday School. Her favorite food is red rice, and her least favorite is salad.

She will go far with the Lord if she continues on the path she is on, carry on and let the Lord lead you.

Interviewed by Sis. Yumi Jones

Meet Rowena Wright...

Rowena is eight years old and is in the second grade. She says Children's Church is fun, because she learns about Jesus, learns many songs and gets to play with other children.

Rowena is the daughter of Sister April Wright and has two younger sisters. Her favorite food is spaghetti. Her least favorite food is broccoli.

She is very interested in helping other children.

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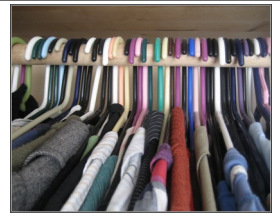


The History of Tommie's Closet...

Submitted by Thomasette E. Peek Bellman



Thomasette E. Peek Bellman



When I was elected Miss South Carolina Baptist Youth for the Cooper River Baptist Association in 2011, I was tasked with finding a community outreach service project where I could make a difference in someone's life besides my own. I thought about it for a while and felt that visiting the nursing home was a good cause; however, that seemed too effortless, since that is always the safety net individual's use for many community projects. I sat down with my mom, and we came up with creating a free clothes closet. This idea came at a time when the economy was in distress and many individuals and families were having to make decisions or juggle paychecks to pay bills, buy food or the basic necessities for daily living. I decided to create Tommie's Closet to help alleviate some of that daily stress by allowing individuals and families to come and shop for free. Tommie's Closet was created with no stipulations of financial status. The clothes closet is open to the rich as well as the less fortunate. My thoughts behind the no stipulation process was to eliminate a person or person's shame or embarrassment of being reduce to getting a handout, thus my motto came into existence, **"Giving a hand up, not a handout"**.

On the day of Tommie's Closet much pride and care is taken into the presentation of the items being presented; we want our guest to first feel not only welcomed, but feel like they walked into a no judgement zone. Two years ago Tommie's Closet incorporated serving food to whomever showed up on the day that Tommie's Closet was opened. My mother being the observant one, presented me with the question, "How do we know if some of our guests have a meal to go home to or even if they have a home?" Since 2013, Tommie's Closet prepares food at each event, again with no stipulations. Everyone is invited to enjoy a free meal and fellowship while enjoying their shopping experience. Since starting college, Tommie's Closet has been reduced to twice a year, to include a back to school event and a Christmas event which also includes a toy give away.

Last year 2014, Tommie's Closet was able to provide two families with turkeys, as well as the items to prepare a Christmas dinner. Since the creation of Tommie's Closet, we have helped almost 800 individuals and their families. I feel blessed to be a blessing to others. Growing up I watched my mother do selfless acts of kindness over and over again, and she always did it with gladness. I could not think of a better person to model myself after. Tommie's Closet is a success, because God planted a seed in me that blossomed into a garden; I thank God every day for allowing me to bless others.

Tommie is currently a sophomore at Benedict College, Columbia, majoring in Communication. Keep up the great work!!!

5 Tips to a healthier Halloween:

- ◆ Hand out healthier treats rather than just candy (granola bars; snack packs such as trail mix, raisins, crackers, or pretzels; 100% juice boxes; non-candy Halloween treats such as stickers, bookmarks, tattoos, erasers, and pencils).
- ◆ Eat a nutritious meal before going trick-or-treating, so children are not hungry and only want to eat candy for supper.
- ◆ Limit the number of treats your child can have each day. (Make sure to decide the appropriate number ahead of time and let children know the limits and why it is important to limit candy)
- ◆ Keep candy out of reach to prevent continuous and mindless eating of candy.
- ◆ Eat a piece of candy with a glass of milk or apple slices to add some healthy nutrients.



<http://food.unl.edu/october-food-calendar>



USA & Canada: Clocks Go Back One Hour on Sunday, Nov 1, 2015 at 2:00 am.



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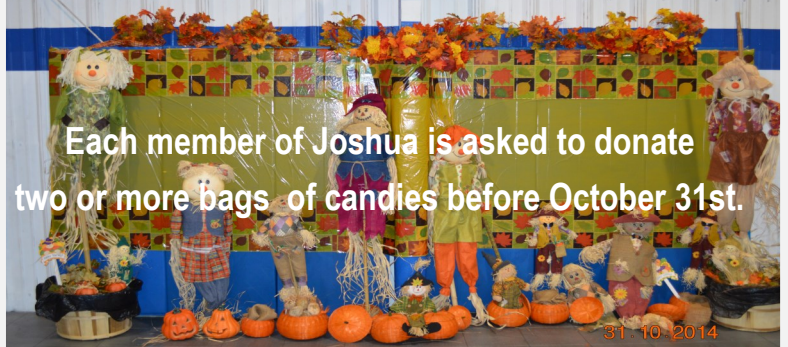
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We appreciate the support of each business/service provided in our congregation. It is important to remember that whenever you are making a financial decision, always get the details of the proposed transaction in writing.



Joshua will be hosting the 125th Annual Session of the Cooper River Baptist Association, October 5 – 10, 2015, at 7 pm. October 5th is the Welcome Night and Joshua members are encouraged to attend to greet and welcome our guests.

Harvest Night is fast approaching...



Each member of Joshua is asked to donate two or more bags of candies before October 31st.

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We want to ensure that everyone leaves with candy.

WHTH-U (Women Helping the Hurting Unite) Ministry

Presents

Sister-to-Sister Segment



Supporting Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-13

I am extremely excited about our upcoming "Pearls in the Making" conference and would like to personally invite you to share this time with us.

Be sure to *save the date, November 7, 2015 from 9:00am to 12:30pm*, so we can personally hear pertinent information from our amazing speakers. Join us with an expectation to be loved, embraced, pampered, strengthened, and uplifted. My prayer for our conference is that we all will be fully awakened and understand our value and purpose.

May you fully realize the impact and influence you have on your family and community, and personally experience God's joy and strength.

Denise Glover, WHTH-U President



2 Michell Herring
2 Gail Tolbert
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5 Asia Monroe
8 Sonie Haymond
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24 Henry Simmons
24 Aaliyah Washington
29 Jasmine Glover
30 Erick Capers
30 Julia Dennis
30 Laquetta Simmons
30 Dianne Smith



4 White Oak Manor at 2:00
5–10 Cooper River Baptist Association 125th Annual Session at Joshua
12 Trustee Meeting at 7:00
14–16 Senior Ushers Ministry 77th Anniversary at 7:00
17 Brotherhood Meeting at 9:00
17 D.R.E.A.M. Meeting at 10:00
17 Health Advocates Meeting at 10:00
18 Conclusion of Senior Ushers 77th Anniversary at 3:00
19 Ushers Sharing and Caring Program at Joshua at 7:00
23 Pastor's Aide Ministry Anniversary at 7:00
25 Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday (wear pink)
25 Boundaries in Marriage Class at 5:00
26 Singles Ministry at 6:30
31 Harvest Night 4:30-7:00 at the Ferndale Baptist Community Center



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
29 Deacon. and Sis. Bobby Harper

