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# Joshua's Journal

*Prayer*  
is the best  
armor against  
all trials.

**2015**  
Happy New Year!

Somehow we made it over. Thank God for another opportunity to build up His kingdom here on earth. We had some serious challenges in 2014. There were times of sadness and sorrow. But, there were also moments of joy and gladness. Therefore, we know without a doubt that God is still God and besides Him there is no other.

Members, we are poised to enter into a contract for the Pritchard & Sherman and Morelli properties. We are trusting God for His desired outcome, because all that we do is for His glory.

Remember brothers and sisters, our mission and purpose is to "Reach People for Christ." So, pray without ceasing and grab hold of the vision. I'm asking each member to use our "Mortgage Liquidation Seed Offering" envelopes. So that we can faithfully and quickly payoff our mortgage loan. We are able to do this in a very short period of time, if you the members do your part. I know you can, and I believe that you will. So, I say, "THANK YOU!"

Finally, Lady Grove and I couldn't have been more pleased with the many gifts we received and acts of kindness shown to us over the Christmas Holiday. Just know that God loves you and we do too.



Thank you Lord for all you have done, all you are doing, and all you are going to do!!

## 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

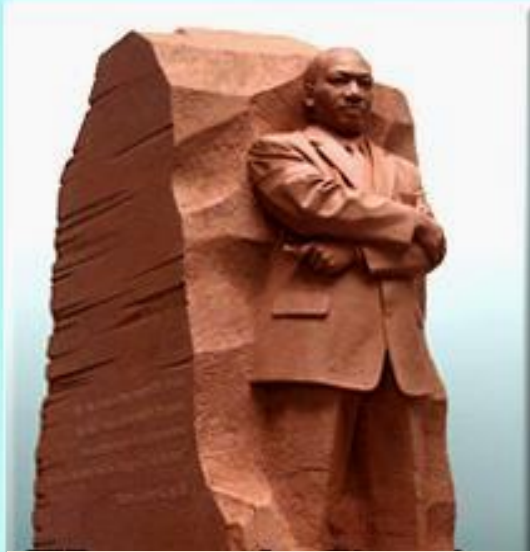
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## CHRISTIAN INSPIRATION



Whatever the situation,  
**STAY** on God's Side!  
He is **HOPE** Eternal!

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"*

*"Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness."*

*The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But...the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'*

*Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### FAITH IN ACTION EXCELLENT GUIDANCE

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding."

In ALL thy ways, Acknowledge HIM, and HE shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

### SOMETHING OLD (2014) SOMETHING NEW (2015)...

*"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing year after year and expecting different results"*  
*Zamberletti*

The Holy Ghost can bring you out of your Egypt!!  
(Whatever's or Whoever's) binding you!

Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built a house, and digged deep, laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

*Luke 6:47-48*

*Don't try to redo your foundation, allow God to build on it for His Glory!!!*



**Ever tried? Ever failed?  
No matter. Try Again!  
Fail again...Fail Better!**  
*Samuel Beckett*



Every year these items pop up in lists of the Top Ten New Year's Resolutions. Do you plan on making resolutions for 2015? The first of the year is a great time to start fresh, set goals, and begin something new. It's the perfect time to evaluate our spiritual health and set some goals for growth.

Only the Holy Spirit has the power to transform us into the image of Christ ([2 Cor 3:18](#)). But God does expect our obedient and active cooperation ([1 Cor 9:24-27](#)). One way we can purposefully "train ourselves to be godly" ([1 Tim 4:7-8](#)) is through spiritual evaluation and goal-setting.

Resolutions and goals are often hard to keep. Statistics show that, at best, only 46% of New Year's resolutions are still kept six months into the year. People lose their resolve quickly because they set unattainable goals.

The following five tips will help us set personal discipleship goals that will keep us growing through the year:

1. **Concentrate your efforts.** Set just one, two, or three goals at a time. Don't spread yourself too thin.
2. **Be realistic.** Set goals that are attainable. If you don't read your Bible regularly now, don't set a goal to read the entire Bible in three months. Instead commit to read it 3 to 5 times per week.
3. **Think concretely.** For instance, *I will read one Bible chapter and pray for 10 minutes five times a week.*
4. **Include strategies.** Develop strategies designed to move you toward your goals. If one goal is to memorize Scripture, determine *how* you will do that. What verses you will memorize?
5. **Create manageable steps.** Break your overall goal into a series of smaller goals that will foster success.

How do we begin? First, take a serious look at your spiritual health. See Discipleship Evaluation below. This tool covers 17 different key discipleship areas. Your weakest areas can be great growth areas in 2015.

Next, set spiritual growth goals using the five tips above. Planning is not "unspiritual." Living a life that glorifies God will not happen by accident. [The "Spiritual Goals" worksheet](#) walks you through specific areas of discipleship such as time with God, ministry, service, and Christian education.

**Most importantly, ask God to guide you as you evaluate your spiritual health and set goals for growth. He will bring the spiritual transformation as you strive to live a life that pleases Him.**

### Discipleship Self - evaluation

When you became a Christian you made a decision to follow Jesus, to be His disciple. So how are you doing? Use the checklist below to evaluate the quality of your "follow-ship." Rate each statement on a scale of 1 to 5. One means you are very weak in this area and five means you feel you are extremely strong in this area. After reading each statement and rating yourself, set some goals for improvement. Refer to this paper throughout the coming year and at the end of the year.

Follow-ship Characteristic	1	2	3	4	5	GOAL 2015
Spend time w/ God daily to foster relationship						
Includes quality prayer, Bible reading, worship						
Regularly say "yes" to God; "no" to sin						
Seek God's guidance in all you do						
Desire to please God						
Regularly share your faith in word and deed						
Your life looks different than the culture						
You intentionally befriend the lost						
You have a passion to tell others about Jesus						
You serve others, in and outside the church						
You serve in practical ways as God leads						
You serve with your time, money, gifts and talents						
Your faith permeates every area of your life						
Your life is not compartmentalized						
You are vitally connected to a church body						
You do life together with this body						
You give accountability & receive accountability						

# Congratulations on your new ministry.

We are praying for you!

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out - plans to give you the future you hope for.  
*Jeremiah 29:11, The Message*



Ordination Service was held  
December 28th for Rev. Harriet  
Mazyck (left) and Deacon  
Charles Pinckney (right).



**Minister Chris Thurman has accepted his call to the ministry and preached his initial sermon November 30th.**

## **FREE - JBC Christian Classifieds Business/Service**

If you would like to advertise your business/service in the journal, please provide: Business name, address, phone number, email, website address and information about your company.

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.



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# Sending Out Jesus Missionaries...

Joshua celebrated Christmas with residents of White Oak Manor.



January's  
Memory Verse

I am the WAY  
and the TRUTH  
and the LIFE  
No one comes  
to the FATHER  
except through ME

John 14:6



**Children Church members fellowshiped with their adopted grandparents at White Oak Manor on December 7th. They made Christmas cards for the residents .**





Written by Jeannie English  
Submitted by Sis. Gail Tolbert

Jeannine English, AARP's 25th president, had a long career in the California state government, concluding with a 10-year run as executive director of an agency that reviews and evaluates state government programs and services.

She reminds us of one of the most important features of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Free preventive care (such as screenings and immunizations) for Americans of all ages through both Medicare and most private insurance plans.

Under the ACA, Medicare now covers annual wellness visit and preventive care at no extra cost to you. This includes cancer, cholesterol and diabetes screenings, and immunizations.

The ACA also requires most private insurance plans to cover recommended preventive care without charge.

We have no way of knowing many mothers will not die of breast cancer because a free screening found it in time; how many fathers will live to see their grandchildren instead of dying of a heart attack, because a free screening discovered high blood pressure and further tests revealed coronary artery disease; or how many children will be spared pain and suffering because a free immunization prevented measles, hepatitis or some other serious disease.

But here are some numbers we do have:

> Under the ACA, 71 million Americans pay nothing out of pocket for preventive screenings, because their private insurance covers the tests.

> In 2013, an estimated 37.2 million people covered by Medicare received one or more preventive services at no cost to them beyond their monthly Medicare premium.

***In plain English, the odds are strong that the Affordable Care Act will; in some way, provide significant benefits to most Americans.*** You owe it to yourselves, your families and your businesses to do all you can to learn about the ACA, find out what's in it that will help you, and make it work to your advantage.

Never pay for 411 again!



## ***Three Free Alternatives to Pricy 411 Calls***

Submitted by Sis. Cindy Cato

***Need to look up a phone number while you're out and about? Don't dial 411 -- unless you like paying upwards of a buck or more for the privilege.***

Instead, add one of these free choices to your speed-dial:

***Free 411 (800-373-3411)*** - If you don't mind listening to a 10-second ad first, Free 411 lives up to its name, giving you free business and residential listings (which can optionally be delivered via text message).

***GOOG-411 (800-466-4411)*** - Google's 411 service is surprisingly ad-free, though it limits you to business listings. Like Free 411, it can automatically connect your call and/or send you the listing via SMS.

***Live Search 411 (800-225-5411)*** - Microsoft's 411 service offers business listings, traffic and weather reports, movie show times, travel resources, and more. (Live Search also powers Microsoft's Tell me service.)

Standard phone and SMS rates apply, but otherwise these handy services cost nothing. If you typically rack up several bucks' worth of 411 charges on your monthly cell bill, you could save big over the course of a year.

**happy  
birthday  
to you!**

- 1 Thalia Frost
- 1 Brendette Johnson
- 4 Tevin Rouse
- 6 Francena Manigualt
- 6 Anazhia Warren
- 6 Amir Rouse
- 7 Marilyn Capers
- 7 Ernest Simmons
- 10 Deandre Lee
- 11 Harvert Latham
- 16 Gwen Frazier
- 17 Margie Breland
- 19 Chenette Singleton
- 21 Timothy Haymond Jr.
- 22 Aynna Pugh
- 23 Deacon James Cummings
- 23 Deacon Albert Hill
- 23 Rowena "Biscuit" Wright
- 24 Brenda Pratt
- 25 Karen Pratt
- 25 Norman Vanderhorst Jr.
- 28 Louise Hugee
- 28 Journey Murray
- 29 Martharean Reaves



- 4 Sunday School High Attendance at 9:00
- 4 White Oak Manor at 2:00
- 9 WHTH-U Meeting at 6:30
- 10 Health Advocates Meeting at 10:00
- 14 G.E.D. Class 6:30-8:30
- 17 Brotherhood Meeting at 9:00
- 17 Cooper River Youth Department at 11:00
- 24 Marriage Ministry 10:00-12:00
- 25 Boundaries in Marriage at 5:00
- 26 Seasons Ministry Planning Meeting at 6:00



**NEW MEMBERS**

**CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM**

- Leandrea Heyward
- De'asia Simmons

**CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE**

- Raylen Arrington
- Ashley Middleton
- Latoya Palmer
- Carnisha Reed
- D'Juan Reed



- 2 Bro. Harvert and Sis. Althea Latham
- 2 Rev. Carlton and Sis. Priscilla Whaley
- 13 Bro. Stevie and Sis. Andrea Grampus