

Reaching People for Christ-God First!

From the Pastor's desk....

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



My sincere desire is for the body of Christ to be spiritually healthy – especially the Joshua Family. We are a blessed people because we know and serve Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God. And, it's alright to acknowledge whose we are and whom we serve. The time has come for all God's people to be thankful for being children of the King. Also, I implore all of us to learn to love ourselves. In other words, it's perfectly alright for you to be you. You didn't create yourself. You were brought into existence by our Creator. Therefore, accept who you are and praise God from whom all blessings flow. Don't waste anymore of your valuable time trying to be like someone else.

blessed

We are God's creation and **He** don't make 'junk'. Like the song says, "red, yellow, black or white, all are precious in His sight." **Just be you!** Too many of us are frustrated with our own lives and are jealous of what others have and are doing. Listen, if you can't be the soloist then be a splendid background singer. If you can't be the leader then be an outstanding follower. In due time, all God has for you will be released unto you. Just remember, "**The devil didn't make you and the devil can't break you.**" Joshua, we are one church family with no big shots or little shots, and there are no '**throwaways**' in this house.

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

God loves you and I do too.





Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.



Smile
you are loved!



1 CORINTHIANS 13: 4-8 (NIV)

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

Stop focusing on your relationship status!

Articles often suggest that another person can complete you, with common sayings such as "my better half", "I was half the person without you", and "our two hearts beat as one" being readily asserted with few people stopping to assess what that actually means. If taken too seriously, this unhealthy perspective can mean co-dependence, loss of independence, and losing yourself in another person. Remember, no one can complete you; **you are already complete in Christ!**

Keep in mind that there's no need to change who you are, or to lose your identity, freedom or your habits when you're single. Rather than feeling down on Valentine's Day, celebrate the strengths, achievements and God-given talents and gifts that testify to you being a separate, unique and whole person; a person who has space for love should it come along, but who does not need such a relationship to create self-worth, confidence or happiness.

SEASONS MINISTRY



After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?"

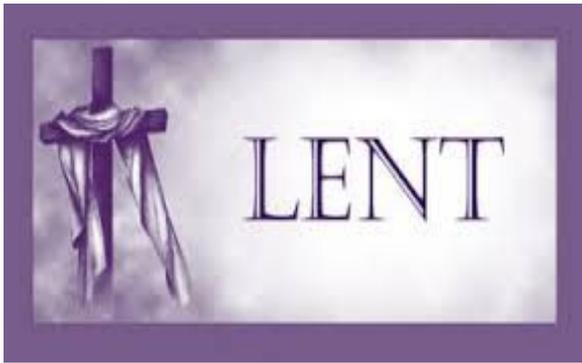
"You'll know tonight." he said.

That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams"



"And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." Romans 5:5 (NIV)





February 10 ~ March 27, 2016

Lent is a solemn religious observance of many Christian denominations that begins on Ash Wednesday and covers a period of approximately six weeks before Easter Sunday. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement and self-denial. Lent is traditionally described as lasting for forty days, in commemoration of the forty days which, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent, before beginning his public ministry, fasting in the desert, after which he endured temptation by the Devil.

This year Lent begins on Wednesday, February 10 and ends on Easter Sunday, March 27th. For Lent Pastor Grove has asked Joshua to read the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in their entirety. He has also asked us to study Deuteronomy 28:1-14.

Beginning **Good Friday** (March 25) and ending after service on Easter. Pastor Grove is asking Joshua members to participate in a fast of not eating meat (**this does include seafood**) or sweets. While many people choose to give up something for Lent . . . sweets, social media, TV, etc., you can instead (or also) consider making a commitment to yourself in some way – to study the bible more, to pray more, to take better care of your health, seek volunteer opportunities, etc. Make this Lenten season meaningful to you.



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

February 10, 2016



Love. Grow. Serve.

2016 Creative Ministries Festival

**March 4-5 2016
Camden First Baptist Church
1201 Broad Street, Camden SC**

Joshua, we encourage the members of Children's Church, Sunday school, Y.E.S, D.R.E.A.M and the Mentoring ministries to attend. The deadline to register is today- **Sunday, February 7th**. Please call Sis. Cheryl Scott if you would like to attend. (843-475-1297)

Learn exciting new ways to incorporate

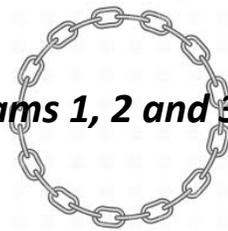
Puppets, Drama, Clowning, Movement, Outreach into your ministry from professional Christian artists.

Dea. Anderson would like the attendees to stay overnight and Sis. Scott has accommodation information also. Our **Total Praise** dancers are competing in a competition on the 4th.

FEBRUARY EVENTS



- 6 Sunday School Dinner & Silent Auction at 5:00**
- 7 White Oak Manor at 2:00**
- 7 Conclusion of Usher Union #5 Anniversary at 3:00**
- 11 WHTH-U Meeting at 6:30**
- 11 Pastor Grove at Promiseland at 7:00-Praise Choir**
- 12 Pastor Grove at St. Matthew at 7:00 -Voices of Joshua**
- 13 Health Advocates Meeting at 10:00**
- 13 D.R.E.A.M. at 10:00**
- 17 Y.W.A. Meeting at 6:00**
- 19-21 Women's Retreat in Myrtle Beach**
- 20 Brotherhood meeting at 10:00**
- 20 CR Baptist Youth Dept. Black History Program 11:00 at New Tabernacle First Baptist**
- 21 Heritage Day (Wear African attire; or red, black and green) at 10:15**
- 21 Pastor Grove at New Tabernacle 2nd- W.E. Huger Male Choir**
- 22 Seasons Ministry at 6:00**
- 27 Winding Chain Meeting at 9:00-Teams 1, 2 and 3 hosting**
- 28 Marriage Ministry at 5:00**



NEW MEMBERS

CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

Aniyah Hughes



CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Ashley Jenkins

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



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.

BLACK HISTORY



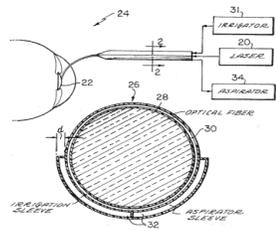
Jan Ernst Matzeliger (September 15, 1852 – August 24, 1889) was a revolutionary in the shoe industry with the invention of the lasting machine. His machine could produce between 150 to 700 pairs of shoes a day, cutting shoe prices across the nation in half.

Patricia Bath Born on November 4, 1942 in Harlem, Manhattan. Bath holds four patents in the United States.^[13] In 1981, she conceived of the Laserphaco Probe, a medical device that improves on the use of lasers to remove cataracts, and "for ablating and removing cataract lenses"

Will you be the next inventor?



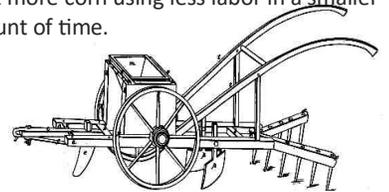
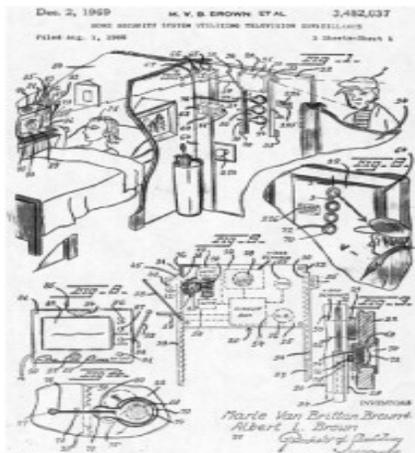
Marie Van Brittan Brown (October 30, 1922 – February 2, 1999) invented the [home security system](#). Brown's system had a set of 4 peep holes and a camera that could slide up and down to look at each one. Anything and everything the camera picked up would appear on a monitor. Also, a resident could unlatch the door by remote control. The system included a device that enabled a homeowner to use a television set to view the person at the door and hear the caller's voice.



Lonnie George Johnson born October 6, 1949 is an African American inventor and engineer. Johnson is most known for inventing the [Super Soaker](#) water gun, which has ranked among the world's top 20 best-selling toys every year since its release .



Henry Blair (1807–1860) was the second African American inventor to receive a patent. His first invention was the Seed-Planter, patented October 14, 1834, which allowed farmers to plant more corn using less labor in a smaller amount of time.



Inventors