



Reaching People for Christ-God First! From the Pastor's



*Happy Resurrection Day to all
God's children.*

***F**or this is the month that we celebrate our Risen Saviors' power over death, hades, and the grave. Brothers and sisters, **'Up from the grave Jesus arose' with all power in His mighty hands!** Praise the true and living God! So, we are looking forward to our*

*Good
Friday*



Good Friday Night Service, March 25th at 7pm. I will also baptize all candidates for baptism at that time. On Easter Sunday we will begin our Services with our Sunday School Program at 9AM - to include

speeches, readings, and other expressions of praise to our victorious LORD. Next, members if you want your children to participate on the program, (and I hope you do), please see Deacons C. Anderson or F. Brown – Please! Also, Lady Grove would like to thank all who worked tirelessly to make the 2016 Women's Retreat a resounding success.



*Recently we had someone use a pen or marker to deface some of the pews -probably a child. Members, keep a close eye on your children during meetings or rehearsal times. I believe we all want **God's House** to be clean, and well-kept at all times. Thank you for your help. Finally, the JBC Activity Center will soon begin to rise up from the dust. Saints, keep on praying the LORD is near.*

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. -

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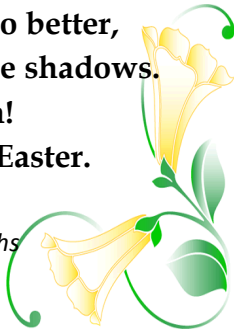


Without Easter

Submitted by The Brotherhood

Without Easter,
 there would be no hope of heaven.
 Without the hope of heaven,
 there would be no repentance,
 no personal transformation,
 no attempt to follow biblical principles.
 Without Easter,
 the world would be in chaos
 and darkness.
 Jesus' death and resurrection
 means we can be reborn,
 to live better, to do better,
 to shine light into the shadows.
 Hallelujah!
 Happy, Happy Easter.

By Joanna Fuchs



PRIME TIME with GOD

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD, FAITH + LIFE

Jesus: A Prophet without Honor

So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house' ([Matthew 13:57](#) NKJV).

When Jesus returned to His hometown, the people did not receive Him; He was the Prophet Without Honor. The people of Nazareth knew Him as a boy growing up among them. As a young carpenter, Jesus worked among them. But, when Jesus first returned to announce He was fulfilling Scripture ([Luke 4:21](#)), they rejected Him and, "were filled with wrath" ([Luke 4:28](#)). They ran Jesus out of town, and some tried to throw Him off a cliff ([Luke 4:24](#)). As a result, Jesus said, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family" ([Matt. 13:57](#), NLT).

How could those closest to the Child Jesus, end up rejecting Him? Some were spiritually blinded because of unbelief; they couldn't see the Child who didn't sin. Some were spiritually prejudiced; they were looking for a political Messiah to deliver them. Some were sinfully blinded; they looked at everything through their sinful lusts. As a result, "He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief" ([Matt. 13:58](#)).

Lord Jesus, I know You as my Savior from sin; come into my life. I know You as my guide and protector; come lead me today. I know You as my friend and helper; come dwell in my heart. I know You as my coming King; come, Lord Jesus, in power and glory. Amen.

Go Deeper: [Matthew 13:54-58](#); [Luke 4:16-30](#)

You must honor Jesus even when some will not.

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER



Celebrating Easter

by [William E. Young](#)

We are Easter people! Joy and hope characterize our lives because Jesus rose from the grave that first Easter morning. Beginning with Palm Sunday (Holy Week), we prepare for the greatest church festival of all - the Resurrection of our Lord. This season is a meaningful time for families to spend together as they reflect on their lives as believers and on their relationships with one another.

Define Easter



What is Holy Week? It's the week from Palm Sunday to Easter - a week that begins and ends in triumph and rejoicing.

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem. A crowd greeting Him laid palm branches in His path as He entered the village.



On Maundy Thursday (also known as Holy Thursday), we remember that Jesus washed the apostles' feet before sharing bread (His body) and wine (His blood) with them at the Last Supper. Then He said: "This is My command: love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

On Good Friday, Jesus was crucified. On the way to Calvary, He suffered greatly and was crowned with a wreath of thorns. Despite His agony on the cross, Jesus asked God to forgive those responsible before He died.



On Holy Saturday and at Easter Vigil services, worshipers anticipate the joy of Jesus' resurrection.



Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus' resurrection. Early on this day, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James went to Jesus' tomb. An angel had rolled back the stone and told them that Jesus had risen. As they ran to deliver the message, they met Jesus, embraced His feet, and worshiped Him.

"He is not here; he has risen!"



How do you guard your heart?

In Philippians 4:6-7, Paul tells us that prayer is the pathway to guarding our hearts and minds with the peace of God. Peace comes as a comfort rooted in our trust in God that is expressed in the process of prayer. So, guarding your heart is the result of clear communication.

It begins with prayer to God (as Paul lays out in Philippians 4:6-7) and overflows into communication with the other person. In other words, the key to guarding your heart is to talk to God about the relationship before you talk to the other person about the relationship.

When do hearts become unguarded?

First, hearts become unguarded when you move too fast in the relationship—becoming too vulnerable too quickly. You must lay a foundation of friendship.

Second, hearts become unguarded when you are not seeking God's desires for the relationship. Instead of depending on your own understanding and priorities for the relationship, you must seek God's heart.

Third, hearts become unguarded when there is poor communication about the relationship. This can include poor communication with God in prayer or poor communication with the other person in discussion. If you are too afraid to talk to either of them about an aspect of your relationship, then you probably shouldn't be involved in it.



SEASONS
OF
MISTERY



WHAT DOES "GUARD YOUR HEART" REALLY MEAN IN DATING? BY PHILLIP BETHANCOURT

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will **guard your hearts** and your minds in Christ Jesus."*
Philippians 4:6-7

Why do you guard your heart?

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

Proverbs 4:23

How long do you guard your heart?

If we are

To understand why you should guard your heart, you must understand what Israel would have understood Solomon to be saying in Proverbs 4:23.

While we view the heart as the seat of our emotions and our will, Israel understood the heart to be the center of the whole person—not just the source of emotions and will but also of wisdom and perspective.

Solomon rightly realized that what you do flows from who you are. That's why he instructs Israel to guard the heart (who you are) because the wellspring of life (what you do) flows from it. It is essential for you to guard your heart in dating because what you do in a dating relationship flows from who you are in a dating relationship.

talking about the type of guarding your heart implied by Christian dating books, then the answer is: guard every aspect of your relationship until God confirms it's wise to move into deeper relational intimacy. (Obviously, the only go-ahead for physical intimacy is in the context of marriage.) In other words, it's a progressive process. But if guarding your heart means protecting who you are so that you can influence what you do, then "How long?" is the wrong question. You should always be protecting your character. In other words, it's a perpetual process. Guarding your heart is one of the most important yet least understood facets of Christian dating. It can paralyze you, or it can liberate you. Guarding your heart is the key to saving yourself for your future spouse in a way that honors God.

MARCH

6 White Oak Manor at 2:00 p.m.

7 Trustee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8 Missionary Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

10 WHTH-U Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

11 Pastor Grove at Divine Deliverance at 7:00 p.m.-W.E. Hugee Male Choir

12 Health Advocates Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

19 Brotherhood Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

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

22 Sunday School Staff Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

25 Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m- Praise Choir

27 Children's Church Easter Program & Sunday School Service at 9:00 a.m.

28 Seasons Ministry at 6:00 p.m.

29 Children's Church Meeting at 6:00 p.m.



The Season of Lent



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Antwann Hughes
Zyairah L. Macon

RESTORATION

Tracy Squire



SPRING



- 1 Betty Fields
- 1 Mary Pinckney
- 4 Trudie Dukes
- 4 Ife Cromwell-Milton
- 5 Catherine Pratt
- 5 Aleita Williams
- 9 Cassandra Reaves
- 10 Ramone Hill
- 14 Daphine Warren
- 15 Jordan Dent
- 15 Kanisha Warren
- 18 Rev. Robert L. Grove
- 21 Nastarjah Glover
- 22 Denise Glover
- 30 Marques Lindsay, Jr.



25 Bro. Tony and Sis. Gail Tolbert



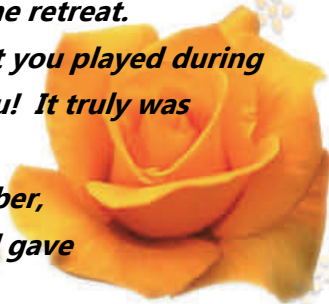
THANK YOU!

Women's Retreat 2016



Ladies thank you for attending this year's retreat. I thank you all for the thoughtfulness and care that you put into the retreat.

*Whatever part you played during the retreat, I thank God for you! It truly was amazing because of You!!
God bless you all, and remember,
"Use the AUTHORITY that God gave*



Joshua Baptist Children's Church Quarterly Memory Verses

March - Genesis 1:1 (KJV)

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

February—Hebrews 11:3 (KJV)

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

January—1 Chronicles 29:11 (KJV)

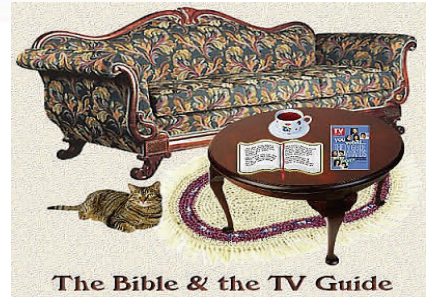
11 Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.



JBCC Memory Verse Challenge will be held on the 3rd Sunday in April. (January —March Verses)

Each Parent/guardian is asked to learn and help their child/children learn their bible verses. Children will be asked to recite all three of their memory verses during the challenge.

If they can recite their verses correctly, they will receive a sash and a memory verse button. They will also receive an additional button if their parent/guardian can recite the selected memory verses. **GET READY!**



The Bible & the TV Guide

A

TRAGIC CHOICE

(written by unknown author)
Submitted by Mother Helen Hill

They lie on the table side by side
The Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
One is well worn and cherished with pride.
Not the Bible, but the TV Guide.
One is used daily to help folks decide.
No, not the Bible, But the TV Guide.
As the pages are turned, what shall they see,
Oh, what does it matter, turn on the TV.
So they open the book in which they confide,
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide.

The Word of God is seldom read.
Maybe a verse before they fall into bed.
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be,
Not from reading the Bible, from watching TV.

So then back to the table side by side,
Lie the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
No time for prayer, no time for the Word,
The plan of Salvation is seldom heard.
**But forgiveness of sin, so full and free,
Is found in the Bible, not on TV .**

EASTER RIDDLES

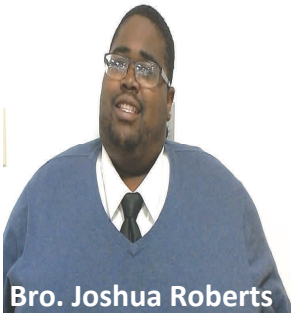
1. What do you call a rabbit with fleas?
2. Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?
3. How did the soggy Easter Bunny dry himself?
4. Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?
5. How does the Easter Bunny travel?
6. How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?



Answers: 1. Bugs Bunny! 2. It might crack up! 3. With a hare-dryer! 4. Because the chicken had his Easter eggs! 5. By hare-plane! 6. Eggs-ercise and hare-robics!



Mathews 19:14 "But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."



Bro. Joshua Roberts
JBCC Guest Speaker

FEBRUARY'S MEMORY VERSE

(Fill in the blank)

Hebrews 11:3 (KJV)

³Through _____ we understand that the _____ were _____ by the _____ of _____, so that _____ which are _____ were not _____ of things which do _____.

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RISEN CROSS TOMB JESUS SAVIOR SUNDAY FLOWERS EGGS BASKET BUNNY

Easter Word Search

FEBRUARY OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARDS RECIPIENTS



GAME ZONE

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS celebrated with party horns.



John 11:43-44(KJV) ⁴³ And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. ⁴⁴ And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

The 13-14 year old age group members made valentine treats for their adopted grandparents at White Oak Manor for Valentine's Day.

