

# Joshua's Journal

Reaching People For Christ – GOD FIRST | December 2017

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Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove

Merry Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS to All of You!

We offer our thanks to Almighty GOD for blessing us to see another December and the close of another year. There have been many blessings that came our way this year – too numerous to count. So, to our GOD be all the glory for the great things HE has done and is doing.

Also, I salute the President and Vice President of our Brotherhood Ministry for planning and executing a wonderful Men's Retreat. I'm sure I speak for the other attendees when I say that, 'we left far richer than when we came.' I pray that next year more brothers will sign up for two or three enjoyable days of Christian fellowship.

Furthermore, this month, we are looking forward to the ordination of Trustee J. Fields (Dec 10th) and the Christmas Cantata (Dec 17th). We thank GOD for both events.

Finally, (as I write), the JBC Activity Center is about 90 percent complete. So, get ready for a grand dedication and celebration service. Members, during the construction of the building, I've come to appreciate the fact that growth is a process and GOD is sovereign. And, HE moves according to HIS time, not mine. And, we also know, according to the scripture that, "... they that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength..." So, our waiting is not in vain. Brothers and sisters, our part is to continue to give our tithes, offerings and Mortgage Liquidation Seed Offerings on a regular and consistent basis. And, GOD will take care of the rest. Always remember, HE loves you and I do too!

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## 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

Amended  
May 9, 2012



## DECEMBER

New Members!



**Restoration**  
Samantha Fordham

**Baptism**  
Donna Wilder  
Donnell Wilder Jr.



## EVENTS

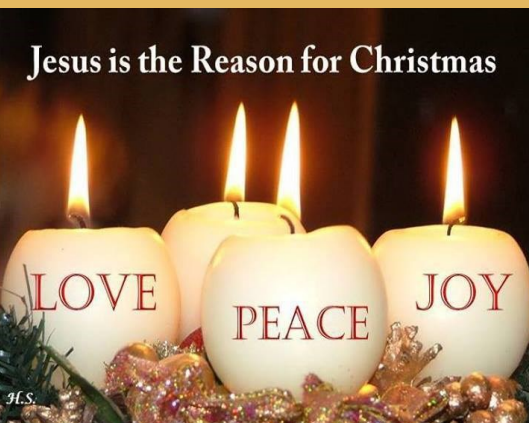
- 3 - White Oak Manor @2:00
- 5 - Pastor's Aide Ministry Meeting @ 6:30
- 10 - Sunday School Breakfast @ 9:00
- 10 - Deacon Ordination Service for Bro. Joseph Fields @ 3:30
- 17 - Christmas Cantata @10:15
- 21 - Budget & Calendar Meeting @ 6:00
- 31- Watch Night Service @ 9:00

## Happy Birthday

- 9— Ti'maja Haymond
- 10— Dea. Leroy Brown
- 16— Mary McNeal
- 17— O'Keenya Desaussure
- 18— Lynette Witcher
- 20— Jocelyn Roberts
- 20— Min. Katrina Simmons
- 21— Danielle Capers
- 22— Kandra Pear
- 27— Deaconess Shelley Brown
- 27— Lakesha Cooper
- 28— Ariyana Hughes

## Happy Anniversary

- 8- Bro. Sammie & Rev. Hester King
- 24- Bro. Ernest & Sis. Betty Rouse





Miles McPherson is the senior pastor of the Rock Church in San Diego.

You've probably heard or seen the catchy phrase, "Jesus is the reason for the season." What does it mean? For millions of Christians worldwide, there are three reasons why we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**Jesus was born to fulfill promises and prophecies**

Jesus' birth fulfilled more than 300 prophecies in the Old Testament. For example, Jesus was born of a virgin (see Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:18-23) in Bethlehem. We've heard this so many times we take this miraculous event for granted, but the significance is more than a scene on a Christmas card.

Mary and her husband-to-be Joseph had to trust God and believe what His angels told them about the child who would be called Immanuel, or "God with us." Looking throughout all of Jesus' earthly life, we can find specific fulfillments of what the Bible predicted would happen concerning the Savior of humankind. It was all in the plan.

Likewise, God has a very specific plan and promise for your life.

**Jesus was born to bear witness to the Kingdom of God**

Christ came to teach us kingdom principles (Matthew 5:7), which are very different from worldly principles. Worldly principles tell us,

"Don't get caught." Kingdom principles tell us we're already guilty and if we've thought about doing something, we've done it in the eyes of God, because He's looking at our heart. We all need Christ's forgiveness!

For those who know Him, Christ gives hope of the kingdom to come and a sense of peace here on earth.

**Jesus came to implement God's plan of salvation**

Salvation through Christ is an eternal gift that will never fade. Romans 6:23 tells us that the wages of sin is death. Death was always the penalty of sin. Some sin may result in literal death; other sins lead to the death of something valuable in your life like innocence or a relationship.

Jesus Christ was born to die in our place. He gave His life so that we could have eternal life. This Christmas you may receive many gifts. But even the shiniest, fastest, coolest, gifts will tarnish, break, or go out of style.

Salvation through Christ is an eternal gift that will never fade. And one of the coolest things about this gift is that it gets better with time.

Accept the gift of eternal life through Christ this year and watch Him keep on giving. You will have an entirely new reason to celebrate the season, and His name is Jesus Christ.

If you already know Him, take time today to talk with someone you know about the true meaning of Christmas. That's an inexpensive gift, with transformative power, which promises to bless both the giver and receiver.

Joyous News

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I bring you \_\_\_\_\_  
of great \_\_\_\_\_ that will be for  
\_\_\_\_\_ Today in the  
town of David a \_\_\_\_\_ has  
been \_\_\_\_\_ to you; he is  
the \_\_\_\_\_ ...

- Christmas gift suggestions:  
To your enemy, **forgiveness.**  
To an opponent, **tolerance.**  
To a friend, **your heart.**  
To a customer, **service.**  
To all, **charity.**  
To every child, **a good example.**  
To yourself, **respect**  
~ Oren Arnold ~

God's Not Deaf  
Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents' house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger one began praying at the top of his lungs: "I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..." "I PRAY FOR A NEW XBOX..." His older brother leaned over, nudged him and said, "Why are you shouting? God isn't deaf." to which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"



But the angels said to them Do not be afraid bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10

**JESUS vs. SANTA**  
Santa lives at the North Pole... **JESUS is everywhere.**



Santa rides in a sleigh... **JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.**  
Santa comes but once a year... **JESUS is an ever present help.**  
Santa fills your stockings with goodies... **JESUS supplies all your needs.**  
Santa comes down your chimney uninvited... **JESUS stands at your door and knocks, and then enters your heart when invited.**

You have to wait in line to see Santa... **JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.**  
Santa lets you sit on his lap... **JESUS lets you rest in His arms.**  
Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?"... **JESUS knew our name before we were born. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.**

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly... **JESUS has a heart full of love**  
All Santa can offer is HO HO HO... **JESUS offers health, help and hope.**  
Santa says "You better not cry"... **JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."**  
Santa's little helpers make toys... **JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.**  
Santa may make you chuckle but... **JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.**  
While Santa puts gifts under your tree... **JESUS became our gift and died on a tree...the cross.**  
**We need to put Christ back in CHRISTmas, Jesus is still the reason for the season.**

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

*Congratulations*

LYNETTE ALICIA WITCHER DAY™  
November 10, 2017



Lynette A. Witcher was honored by friends, relatives and her community on the occasion of her 20 years of service to the George Sink, P.A. Injury Lawyers, Law Firm on November 10, 2017. She was hired on November 10, 1997 in the City of N. Charleston, SC and serves as a Legal Assistant.

She is a mother of two children: Robert F. Witcher -Duncan, Jr. and Karasten Z. Allen-Witcher.

Lynette has demonstrated in countless ways of dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages.

R. Keith Summey, Mayor of North Charleston proclaimed November 10, 2017 as "LYNETTE ALICIA WITCHER DAY" in the City of North Charleston.

*Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces*

~ Psalm 122:7 (KJV)



**To Our Security Team**

**We** thank God for what you do through your love and dedication for the Joshua Family and visiting friends. No matter what the occasion, you still walk your beat! You are there for funerals, anniversaries and regular service too. For every raindrop that fell on your face, for the sweat you wiped from your brow, for every time you shivered from the cold; let it be said as it is done, **"You're all number one!"**

Sometimes you're misunderstood, but it doesn't stop you from doing the best you could. Monetary gifts you do not retrieve, just know that our God is well pleased. Sometimes you go beyond the call for our seasoned members; you're there opening doors, you even show more respect by parking their cars, and my prayer for all of you is that **"your latter days will be greater than your former days."**

With much love and respect,

Mother Helen Hill

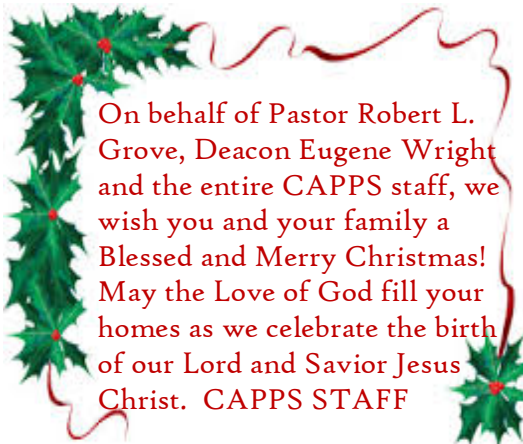
Joshua Baptist Church

- Trustee Clarence Isler - Chief of Security
- Bro. Kareem Felder - Assistant Chief of Security
- Sis. Joan Simmons - N. C. P. D. Church Liaison Coordinator
- Sis. Angie Green - Fire Marshall Coordinator
- Dea. Norman Vanderhorst - Advisor



**C**ongratulations to the **W.E. Hugee Male Choir** for their outstanding performance on their 30th Choir Anniversary on November 26th.

May the Lord continue to bless each of you.



On behalf of Pastor Robert L. Grove, Deacon Eugene Wright and the entire CAPPS staff, we wish you and your family a Blessed and Merry Christmas! May the Love of God fill your homes as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. CAPPS STAFF

**Calendar for 2018**

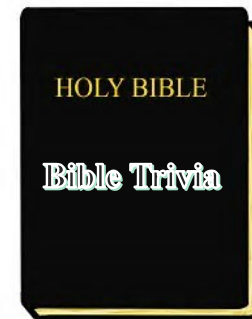
A meeting will be held **December 21st** at 6pm to place dates on the calendar for 2018. Please email or let Karen Pratt know the dates you would like added to the calendar by **Sunday, December 10th**. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Blessing to you all!**

In His Presence



Morals & Values  
Deacon Brown



Carl's Story

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HIDE & SEEK

Joshua Baptist Church  
"Reaching People for Christ"  
"GOD FIRST"



33 MEN  
MEN'S MINISTRY

Ephesians 6:10-17

RETREAT

"Moving Forward In Strength"  
Nov 16-18, 2017

Guest Speaker  
Pastor David L. Blissett  
Calvary Temple of Praise



Word of the Night  
Rev Scott



Brotherhood



Bible & Church

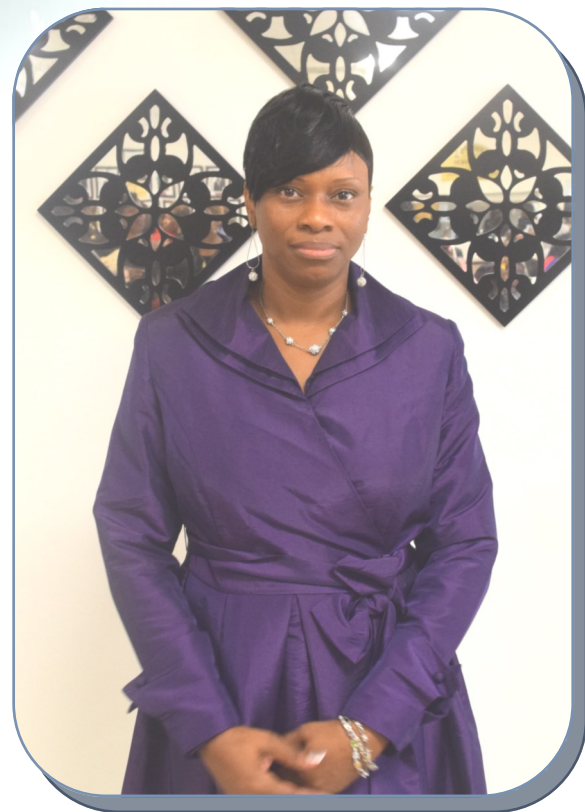


A Time For Prayer!



SERVE AND BE SERVED

# Joshua Welcomes Two Our



**Min. Katrina Simmons**

Min. Katrina Simmons was born and raised in North Charleston, SC. She is the daughter of Johnalee and Carolyn Simmons and has four siblings. She was educated in the public schools of North Charleston. She attended Trident Technical College where her studies allowed her to work at the Department of Social Services for fifteen years. She also worked at Storm Eye Institute for two years. She is now planning to attend Trident Technical College in pursue of a degree in Criminal Justice – which has been her goal for many years.

In July 2002, she served on a panel organized by past President George W. Bush on Welfare

Reform. She was licensed to preach the gospel at Joshua Baptist Church in October of 2017, where she serves as an Associate Minister.

Min. Simmons is the mother of four children: Theral, DeAngelo, Shaqulia and Ashley. She also has nine grandchildren.

Min. Katrina loves to sing and sang backup for Kurt Carr in September 2013. She loves to read and finds great joy in talking to others about the Word of God. She is well known for her social skills and concern for others.

She is passionate about her love for her family and friends, and her love for God is apparent in her conversation and life living. Her favorite scripture is: **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son."

**Ministerial License:** October 29, 2017

**Initial Sermon:** "It's A Set-up."

**Scripture:** Daniel 3:1-30



# Newest Ministerial Staff Members



**Min. Corey R. Anderson**

Corey Anderson was born and raised in Charleston, SC. He is the son of Sis. Elizabeth Frazier. He accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour at the age of 13 when he was a member of Eastside Missionary Baptist Church of Charleston, SC. He attended North Charleston High School.

After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Army and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer III after twenty years of service.

He is married to Sis. Maria Anderson and has four daughters, Yasmine, Courtney, Jadin and Kori Anderson.

After a long career in the U.S. Army away from home, he decided to come back to Charleston and

start a new life away from the Army. He possesses an Associate Degree in Business Administration, a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and is currently enrolled at Grace College and Seminary where he is pursuing a Masters Degree in Ministry.

In 2011, he and his family joined the Joshua Baptist Church family under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove. He served as a deacon at Joshua Baptist Church for the last three years. He teaches Sunday school and is the Leader of Joshua Baptist Church Children's Church.

He accepted the call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in October 2017. His passion is learning the Word of God, youth, children, education and sharing with others what God has done for him. He loves **Romans 8:28** "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

**Ministerial License:** November 19, 2017

**Initial Sermon:** "I Can Endure"

**Scripture:** Hebrew 12: 1-3

