

Joshua's Journal

Reaching People For Christ – GOD FIRST | April 2018



Happy 30th Pastoral Anniversary



Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



Happy Resurrection Day. For this is the day that the Lord has made, and we should rejoice and be glad in it. I pray that the Saints of God be unusually blessed during this special time of the year. Thank God for your faithfulness and act of obedience in reading Psalm 27 and the Gospel of John during the Lenten Season. And, the 'Supreme Record Keeper' knows just how well you did.

Brothers and sisters, you deserve a big, big, hug and thank you, for your support of the Celebration Dinner for Reverend Scott. Everything was done decently and in order.

I also want to thank my church family, family, and friends for your thoughtfulness and numerous acts of kindness, as I celebrated my 73rd birthday. Your giving will not be in vain. I believe that the seeds of grace that we sow in this life will spring up and produce a great harvest. Not in the hereafter and bye and bye, but right here on earth. Saints, you can't beat God's giving no matter how you try.

Also, let us continue to pray for those in bereavement and for all who are struggling with health issues.

Members, as the Lord lay it on your hearts, take time to thank the team that keeps the church clean and ready for service (all are members of Joshua). They are doing a really good job week in and week out.

Remember to bring your tithes and give your offerings in support of our mission of "Reaching People for Christ". We want to be debt free and owe no man but to love.

Finally, remember anything that is over your head is under the feet of Jesus. So, "Hold On". God loves you and Lady Grove 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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September 24, 1998

Amended
July 30, 2005

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May 9, 2012



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Submitted by Deaconess Helen Hill

If God Should Go On Strike

How good it is that God above
has never gone on strike,
Because He was not treated fair
in things He didn't like.
If only once, He'd given up and
said, "That's it. I'm through.
I've had enough of those on Earth
so this is what I'll do:
I'll give my orders to the sun
cut off the heat supply!
And to the moon—give no more light,
and run the oceans dry.
Then to make things really tough
and put the pressure on,
Turn off all the vital oxygen till
every breath is gone!"
You know He would be justified
if fairness was the game,
For no one has been more abused
or met with more disdain
Then God, and yet He carries on,
supplying you and me
With all the favors of His grace,
and everything for free.
Men say they want a better deal,
and so on strike they go,
But what a deal we've given God
to whom all things we owe.
We don't care whom we hurt
to gain the things we like;
But what a mess we'd all be in
if God should go on strike.

— Walt Huntley



One Guy Didn't

Submitted By The Brotherhood

Three guys were tried for crimes against humanity.
Two guys committed crimes. One guy didn't.

Three guys were given government trials.
Two guys had fair trials. One guy didn't.

Three guys were whipped and beaten.
Two guys had it coming. One guy didn't.

Three guys were given crosses to carry.
Two guys earned their crosses. One guy didn't.

Three guys were mocked and spit at along the way.
Two guys cursed and spit back. One guy didn't.

Three guys were nailed to crosses.
Two guys deserved it. One guy didn't.

Three guys agonized over their abandonment.
Two guys had reason to be abandoned. One guy didn't.

Three guys talked while hanging on their crosses.
Two guys argued. One guy didn't.

Three guys knew death was coming.
Two guys resisted. One guy didn't.
One, Two, Three guys died on three crosses.
Three days later. Two guys remained in their graves.
One guy didn't.

Author Unknown

Rejoice! It's Easter!
Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled
Let not your soul be sad
Easter is a time of joy
When all hearts should be glad.
Glad to know that Jesus Christ
Made it possible for men
To have their sins forgiven
And, like Him, to live again.
So at this joyous season
May the wondrous Easter Story
Renew our Faith so we may be
Partakers of "His Glory!"
Easter
greetings
*May Your Easter be Filled
with Blessings*



Resurrection SUNDAY

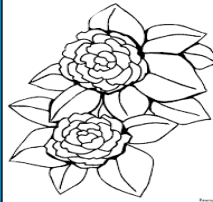
Revelation 1:18 (NIV)

I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Why do Christians celebrate Easter?

1. Because Easter represents the moment God's only Son, Jesus, took on your death sentence, served the term, and called it finished! [John 17:4](#), [John 19:30](#)
2. Jesus took on the darkest evils of the world through the worst death, just in case you'd decide to believe in Him 2,000 years later. [1 Peter 2:24](#)
3. Because the sting of our failure to perfectly follow God's laws was swallowed up by the victory of Christ's empty tomb. [Isaiah 25:8](#), [1 Corinthians 15:54-56](#)
4. Because Jesus Himself said it was the day He'd be glorified. [John 12:23-25](#)
5. Because the same power that quaked the earth that stole death from hell and made it life, that rolled away the stone that pushed back darkness, is alive to do God's work in our hearts today. [Acts 4:33](#)
6. Because when we find our lives at a dark, dead end, Jesus has already been there, and He's gone ahead of us to make another way. [Mark 16:6](#)
7. Because we killed the author of life, but God used Jesus' death to give our story a happy ending. [Acts 3:15](#)
8. Because we need to remember that nothing amazing happens without sacrifice. [Romans 5:8](#)
9. Because Jesus is the hope of the world, but He's also the hope of my world. [Matthew 12:20-21](#)
10. Why do Christians celebrate Easter? Because Jesus. [1 John 4:19](#)

(Source: Life Church)



"It's All Because Of Love"

– Leslie Rummel

God found fault in mankind
and knew the time had come;
to make an atonement for our sin
He sent His only Son.

God, in His humility,
gave to us His child;
the world, however, expected a King
Not a Babe so meek and mild!

The Father named Him Jesus,
He was the Son of Man.
They called Him King of Kings
who is the Great I Am!

His time on Earth was limited.
There was so much to tell;
through miracles and parables
He taught the people well.

Nails pierced His ravaged flesh
and many felt such loss.
For God had sent His only Son
to be slain upon a cross!

Jesus said, "It is finished!"
And died one sorrowful day.
But death had no sting and victory was won.
He rose and the stone rolled away!

God's mission was accomplished.
Please know that it is true;
our history, the present, and what's to come
Is a gift from God to you!

No event has been more powerful,
On Earth or Heaven above;
For He was, and is, and is to come,
And *It's All Because Of Love.*



Ministerial Staff Member

In the Spotlight

Reverend Hester Grant King was born in Charleston, SC. She has been married to Brother Samuel King Sr. for over 50 years. She has four children and ten grandchildren. She was employed with the Charleston County School District for over 20 years. Reverend King accepted the Lord as her personal savior as a child in elementary school. She was baptized and became a member of Joshua Baptist church and served on the Usher ministry and choir.



She was called into the ministry in May of 1983 and later became ordained in June of 1996. Her two favorite scriptures are Psalms 23:1-2 (KJV) *"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters."* And Psalms 27:14 *"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."* You can often hear her singing *"Sit Down Servant or Let it be Real (whatsoever you do for the master, let it be real)."*

Reverend King served on the Confinement Ministry and currently serves on the Pastor's Aid Ministry and Winding Chain Team One here, at Joshua. Also, she was a member of the Evening Star Prayer Band and named as an honorary Usher member as she traveled with our Senior Usher Ministry. She has been supportive of ministries in the Cooper River Baptist Association by becoming a member of Cooper River Women's Auxiliary and serving as 3rd Vice President of the Evangelist Team.

Reverend King loves to cook and have family gatherings. Despite her humble beginnings, if you ask Reverend King who she really is, she will tell you, *"I am a child of the Almighty with all the rights, privileges, and blessings that go with that position."* She will also tell you, *"God is my Father, and it gives Him pleasure to see me enjoying life, to see me succeeding, to see me trusting in Him despite any hardship this life may throw my way."*



30th Pastoral Anniversary

April 13th - April 15th

Dear Pastor,

Thank you for the Sunday mornings and Bible Study on Tuesdays.

Thank you for the seeds you plant and disciples you nurture.

Thank you for the sermons you preach and the prayers you lift up.

Thank you for the wise counsel and the words of encouragement.

Thank you for the sacrifice and the service.

A pastor never gets to say "I'm off duty".

Never gets to punch out at 5.

We don't know how many sleepless nights they spend on their knees praying for the church. How much opposition they face. How many family opportunities they miss to meet with hurting people.

We can't carry their burden for them but we can do what the Bible tells us to: Pray for them. Encourage them.

Support them.

By blessing them we will only be blessed in return.

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith"

Hebrews 13:7(NIV)



Pastor Robert L. and First Lady Pauline Grove



Pastors are special but a Pastor's wife is a blessing.

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

30th Celebration of First Lady Pauline Grove

"Mirror, Mirror: Reflecting God's Grace"

1 Samuel 16:7



Friday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. – The speaker will be **Rev. Mary Ann Manigault**, Pastor of Promiseland Missionary Baptist Church.

Sunday, April 15th at 3:30 p.m.—The speaker will be **Rev. Dr. Clary L. Samuels**, Pastor of Victory Missionary Baptist Church.



30th Pastoral Anniversary "A Leader to Follow"

Pastor & Lady Grove

You're

APPRECIATED

FOR YOUR



LEADERSHIP

FAITHFULNESS

DEDICATION

COMPASSION

STEADFASTNESS

MOTIVATION

SELFLESSNESS

THANK YOU



Dolores Peacock Parson joined JBC in June 1999 and served on several ministries. Sis. Pearson has moved her membership, but will always be a part of Joshua. She served on the following ministries faithfully during her time at Joshua.

Sunday School Youth Department
Power Hour Breakfast Committee
D.R.E.A.M.
Served as a trustee

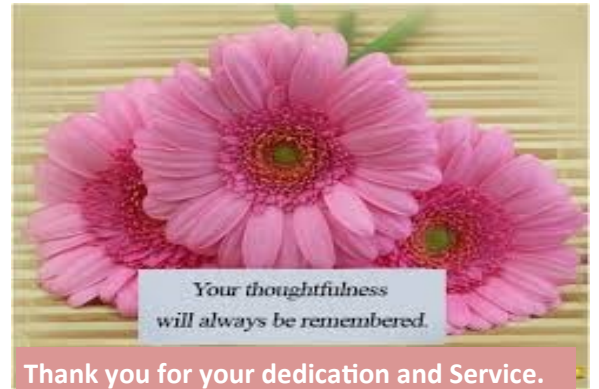
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Young Adult Ushers
Beginners Spanish Teacher
Assistant Clerk

Karen Pratt, Church Clerk presented Dolores with a certificate of Appreciation along with 1st Lady Pauline and Pastor Robert L. Grove and the Joshua Church Family.



Family, ministerial staff, church family and friends continually remember before our Lord and Father Rev. Melvin, Scott, Assistant Pastor, work produced by faith, labor prompted by love, and endurance inspired by hope in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We Appreciate and Love You!!!



Your faithful service

is a

Reflection
of God's love





Happy Easter!



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| CUSTOM | PRAYER |
| DEATH | RESURRECTION |
| DISCIPLES | ROAST |
| EGG HUNT | SACRAMENT |
| EGGS | SATURDAY |
| EUCHARIST | SUNDAY |
| FAMILY | THURSDAY |
| FASTING | TOMB |
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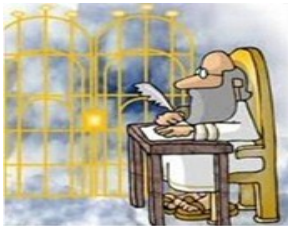
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The Funny Story of the Taxi Driver and St Peter



One Easter a priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them.

'Come with me,' said St. Peter to the taxi driver.

The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool.

'Oh my word, thank you,' said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set.

'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,' said the priest. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a priest, went to church every day, and preached God's word.'

'Yes, that's true.' St Peter rejoined, 'But during your Easter sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.'

April EVENTS

1—Easter Program ~ 9:00 a.m.

1—White Oak Manor ~ 2:00 p.m.

4—6 CRBA Ministers Ministry Revival ~ 7:00 p.m.

8—Ordination Service Min. Chris Thurman ~ 3:30 p.m.

13—Pastor and First Lady Grove's 30th Anniversary Program ~ 7:00 p.m.

14—Program for First Lady Grove ~ 5:00 p.m.

15—Conclusion of Pastor & First Lady Grove's 30th Anniversary ~ 3:30 p.m.

21—Church Clean-Up ~ 9:00 a.m.

21—CBRA Youth Department Four Seasons Tea, New Tabernacle Fourth Baptist Church ~ 4:00 p.m.

22 - Pastor & First Lady Grove Celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary

Celebrating Anniversaries this Month

16—Deacon Charles & Deaconess Mary Pinckney

17—Brother Jackie & Sister Catherine Pratt

22—Deacon Leroy & Deaconess Shelley Brown

22—Pastor Robert & Lady Pauline Grove



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REJOICE!



Christian Experience

Sylvia Wade Capers

Restoration

Tristan Sean Smiley



5—Valeria Smiley

9—Crystal Pryor

10—Dea. Bobby Harper

15—Yvonne Johnson

18—Darius Sheppard

18—Patrice Jackson

21—Danielle Hill

25—Ernest Rouse

26—Dea. Charles Pinckney

28—Janie Carroll



Christ Is Risen