



Joshua's Journal

Reaching People For Christ – **GOD FIRST!**

✠ Pastor's
Corner

Message from Pastor

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



“I will bless the Lord at all times: His PRAISE shall continually be in my mouth.” Thus, saith the Psalmist in Psalm 34. And what a beautiful statement of truth that is. Saints, we have so much to thank and to praise God for. And, HE is worthy of all our praise.

Looking back, the Harvest Night Celebration was a resounding success. The attendance was record-setting. And, the cooperation of the various ministries was outstanding. We thank God that we had good Christian fun, lots of food, and no unseemly incidents. Thank you, Joshua, for a job done well!

We now turn our attention to the joyous month of December. Members, plan to attend our Annual Sunday School Breakfast on Dec 9th. It will be a time of feast and fellowship, with the intention of growing our Church School. Also on the 16th, we will celebrate our Annual Christmas Cantata - the birth of Jesus Christ in songs and narration. So, come and let us worship the Lord together.

Furthermore, because ‘it is more blessed to give than to receive.’ (Acts 20:35b). We will use the monetary gifts received in the **“Gold Basket Offering”** to be a blessing to others during this season of giving.

Finally, members keep on praying and giving. The light of the LORD will show us the way. Sister Grove and I wish all a **Merry Christmas** and a prosperous and **Happy New Year.**

God loves you and we 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





"...the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

Isaiah 61:3 (NKJV)

Put On the Garment of Praise

Praise works like a magnifying glass. What you are focusing on gets bigger, to be "magnified."



King David said, "Magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears" (Psalm 34:3-4).

It's a mistake to wait until you've got no problems, fewer problems, or your problems are solved before you praise the Lord. Praise is one of the great scriptural keys to problem-solving because it gets your focus on God, the problem solver. Charles Spurgeon said: "My happiest moments are when I am worshipping God, really adoring the Lord Jesus Christ... In that worship I forget the cares of the world, the church, and everything else. To me it is the nearest approach to what it will be in heaven."

Almighty God has promised you "the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." It works like this. When you begin to praise Him with a heavy heart, you experience a new sense of hope and joy. Through worship you are reminded that Lord God is bigger than the situation you see around you, or the issues you may be having; that He's not only capable of managing your concerns but willing, wanting, and waiting to. It's important to fill your day with praise. Don't just take coffee breaks and tea breaks, take "praise breaks."

Begin to praise God for two things right now:

- 1) *His attributes—His power, love, grace, favor, guidance, etc.*
- 2) *His acts—Recall His goodness to you. Go ahead; take off the spirit of heaviness and put on the garment of praise.*

"Seven times a day I praise You."

Psalm 119:164 (NKJV)



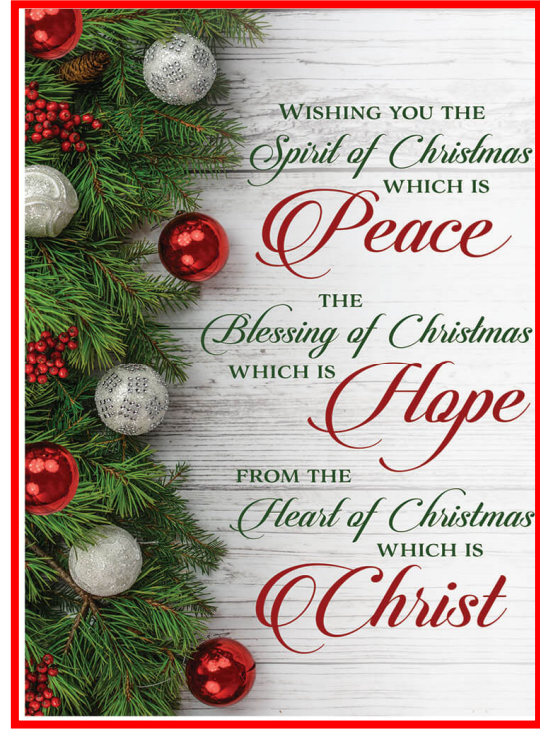
Merry Christmas

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11*



The Joy of CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATE THE SEASON



If You Look for Me at Christmas...

Author Unknown

If you look for me at Christmas,
you won't need a special star;
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of Me
amid the celebrations.
You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do,
and listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came,
and you'll find Me in the stillness,
as I'm whispering your name.

Love, Jesus

May you have
the gift of Faith,
the blessing of Hope,
and the peace of His Love
at Christmas and always



1 John 5:11 (KJV)

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Bro. Richie Lindsay

Bro. Richie Lindsay was born in Jackson, Mississippi on February 17, 1956. He attended Murrah High School in Hinds County, MS where he graduated in June 1974. He has 5 siblings.

Bro. Lindsay joined the United States Air Force after graduation. He was stationed here in Charleston, SC where he met his loving wife Bridgette Salley Lindsay. The two later married on June 23, 1979.

They have three beautiful children together: Marques Lindsay, Candace Lindsay, and Brittany Lindsay; five grandchildren Essence Harrison, Marques

Lindsay Jr, Jordan Jackson, Brenden Lindsay, and Grayson Rivers and one great grandchild, Amiya Belton.



Bro. Richie retired from the Air Force in 1994 after 20 years of service. He later took on a career at Kapstone Paper Mill where he retired again in February 2018.



Bro. Lindsay loves to put together jigsaw puzzles and spend time with his family. Bro. Lindsay is a great husband, father, and granddad. Those close to him call him "father". He is a true man of God.

*"There is nothing complex about my Christian walk with God. My parents brought me up in the church. They gave me guidance and counseling about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. They planted the seeds. I accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in my early adult life. I got caught up in the world and tried to do my own thing, but the seeds were always there. After some self-examination, the things I had been taught (the seeds) started to manifest. I prayed for a life change. The Lord blessed me with a wife and family. Today I try to read my Bible daily and do what the Bible tells me to do. I also enjoy reading Our Daily Bread along with my Bible. I love Sunday School and Bible Study because it gives me an opportunity to dig into the ground of God. I want my light to shine through me so that others will see Christ and become a sower of seeds"-
Bro. Richie Lindsay*

*Because of the Lord's great
love for us...
His compassions never fail
They are new every morning
great is your faithfulness
Lamentations 3:22-23*

2018 JBC Brotherhood Retreat



We learned a lot

Friday morning, we listened to a very dynamic Sunday School lesson from Minister Corey Anderson. The annual

Family Feud was quite a contested game with the team called "3's" taking home this year's bragging rights. As a reminder to the Brotherhood, don't

believe everything you see !!!!!



What a great three-day weekend in Myrtle Beach! The Brotherhood enjoyed their annual retreat and learned a lot about home repairs from Brother Jessie McNeal. They also heard a tremendous "Word of the Night" from Rev. Melvin Scott.



Home Repairs 101



More men joined the retreat Friday afternoon to bring our total attendance to 36. Our Past President (Deacon Glover) gave us a look back into his last 8 years of leadership, while current President (Deacon Strother) gave us a vision for the future. Many had an opportunity to take home gifts from the annual Bible/Church trivia.



Chief Reggie Burgess
N. Charleston Police Department
2018 Guest Speaker

"Moving Forward On A Mission"

1 Cor 12:6

"And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all."



Saturday morning prayer time was led by Brother Marvin Robinson and then Deacon Frank Brown showed us how we need to be "Fitting In". Deacon Joe Fields recognized Brother Zacc Oree for his Mentor work and we took a peek at Brothers doing great things in the 2018 slide show.



Listening to Preaching & Teaching



THANK YOU

Tribute to Deacon Frank Brown



Elder Cecily and Dea. Frank Brown

On November 25th, Pastor Robert L. Grove and the JBC Deacon Board presented a plague and gift to Dea. Frank Brown for his outstanding leadership, dedication and service to the church. Pastor Grove expressed his and the church's love and appreciation to Dea. Brown for always being there and giving his time to us more than we could ever ask of him. Dea. Brown thanked the church and his beautiful wife Elder Cecily Brown for her support, understanding and being in his life.

Save
the Date

February 15—17, 2019

Joshua Baptist Church Women's Retreat

Myrtle Beach, SC

The rooms are as follows:

\$125 Per Night

- 1 to a room—\$250.00 for two nights
- 2 to a room—\$125.00 each for two nights
- 3 to a room— \$83.33 each for two nights
- 4 to a room— \$62.50 each for two nights

The first 15 members to pay for their rooms will receive a prize. For more information you can see any member(s) of the WRC; First Lady Pauline Grove, Sis. Mary McNeal, Sis. Angie Green, Sis. Thalia Frost, or Deaconess Shelly Brown.



Sunday School Annual Breakfast

The Sunday School Ministry invites you to join them to enjoy their annual gift of a holiday breakfast on **December 9th at 9:00 am.**

2019 Calendar Meeting

This meeting will be held December 17th at 6 pm to place dates on the calendar for 2019. Ministry leaders please provide your annual dates to Sis. Cindy Cato or Sis. Karen Pratt prior to this meeting.

Bible Study

Bible Study will resume in January, date to be decided.





O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

How much do you know about Bethlehem's history? Without looking in your Bible, see if you can fill in the six blanks below from the nine possible answers on the right.

- After she died, _____ was buried on the way to Bethlehem (Genesis 35:19; 48:7).
- In the period of the judges, _____ and her husband left Bethlehem because of a famine (Ruth 1:1, 2).
- The Lord sent the prophet _____ to Bethlehem to anoint a son of _____ as king to replace Saul (1 Samuel 16:1-4).
- Bethlehem is also known by the name _____ (Genesis 48:7; Ruth 1:2; 4:11; Micah 5:2).
- Bethlehem was located in the tribal territory of _____ (Judges 19:1, 2, 18).

David
Ephrathah
or Ephrath
Jesse
Judah
Levi
Naomi
Rachel
Ruth
Samuel

COLOR ME ... WHAT?

The 15 words below to the right can be found in the puzzle. Use a **red** pencil to circle the ones associated with the rich man; use a **green** pencil to circle the ones associated with Lazarus; use a regular pencil to circle the ones

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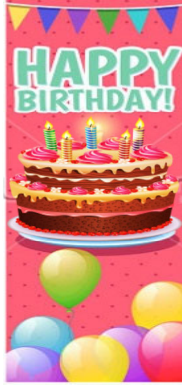


It's All Relative—One day a man decided to get as close to God as he could. He thought climbing a mountain would be the best route to get there. Once he reached the top of the mountain, he called out to God. To his amazement, God answered him loud and clear. Thrilled to have the opportunity to speak with God, he wanted to ask a few philosophical questions. "God, how long is a million years to you?" **"It's like a minute to you,"** answered God. "What does a million dollars mean to you?" **"It's like a penny,"** answered God. The man replied, "Can I have a penny?" The Lord answered, **"In a minute."**

Now That's Funny!

Answer Key: O Little Town of Bethlehem: A. Rachel. B. Naomi. C. Samuel / Jesse. D. Ephrathah or Ephrath. E. Judah
 Color Me...Red words: brothers, fire, hades, linen, purple, repent, luxury, torment; green words: beggar, carried, dogs, sores; uncolored words: chasm, Moses, remember.

DECEMBER



- 9—Ti'Maja Haymond
- 18—Lynette Witcher
- 20—Jocelyn Roberts
- 20—Min. Katrina Simmons
- 21—Danielle Capers
- 27—Lakesha Cooper
- 28—Anthony Sanders Wright

PRAYER SERVICE

COME TOGETHER IN PRAYER

- 4—Deacon Casdell Singleton—his members, Winding Chain 10-Youth, Y.E.S. Ministry & Budget Committee
- 11—Dea. Leroy Brown—his members, Winding Chain 11-Wisdom, Senior Missionary & Senior Ushers Ministries
- 18—Dea. Joe Fields—his members, Trustee Clarence & Rev. Albertha Isler—Winding Chain 12-Knowledge & Understanding, Brotherhood & Education Ways & Means Ministries
- 25—Merry Christmas!!!

Upcoming

EVENTS

- 1—Deacons' Ministry Meeting @ 10 a.m.
- 2—White Oak Manor @ 2:00 p.m.
- 3—Trustee Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 5—CRBA Ministers' Ministry Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 9—Sunday School Breakfast @ 9:00 a.m.
- 16—Christmas Cantata @ 10:15 a.m.



Christmas Cantata



- 17—Budget and Calendar Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- 19—Y.W.A. Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 31—Watch Night Service 9:00 p.m.-12:00 Midnight

- 7—Bro. Sammy & Rev. Hester King
- 24—Bro. Ernest & Sis. Betty Rouse

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



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