

Joshua's Journal

Reaching People For Christ – **GOD FIRST** | FEBRUARY 2018

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Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



Precious memories how they linger... It is with much sadness and sorrow of heart that we say farewell to Deacon James Cummings. However, we sorrow with hope knowing that if we 'listen to the inner voice' we will see him again.

As I write this article, my family (siblings and in-laws) are preparing for our annual retreat in Myrtle Beach. I am more aware than ever that time waits on no one. So, we must enjoy each other, pray for one another, and spend time together, while there's still time. Brothers and sisters, don't put off for tomorrow those things that should be done today. Make the call, write the letter, go and visit family and loved ones today - because tomorrow is not promised.

Furthermore, we thank God for the JBC Activity Center. And, for the many faithful members who made the journey possible: To God be all the glory! There are just a few more 'cosmetic' details to be addressed. And, those are being identified and will be taken care of soon. Joshua, we are poised, prepared, and positioned for victory. God has given us the tools to work with. However, too many are not using those tools. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. So, we must stay focused and involved in the on-going work of the church. Your continued financial support and attendance is needed and is necessary.

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.

Adopted
September 24, 1998

Amended
July 30, 2005

Amended
May 9, 2012

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

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In Loving of Memory...



Deacon James Cummings Jr.

January 23, 1938 - January 23, 2018

Gone, but will never be forgotten
Nicknamed the gray haired deacon with
lots of wisdom will always be remembered
by many for one of his favorite words of
wisdom: *"Listen to the inner voice."*

Although we are apart
Your spirit lives within our hearts.

Forever Loved, Forever Missed
By the Joshua Baptist Church Family

Words of Inspiration

**Let go so you can make room
for more. If you get too
focused on holding onto
things you think are yours
you miss out on living the life
that is meant for you. You
must be willing to let go of
what you think is planned, so
you can have the life that is
waiting for you, a life that is
often more rewarding than
your imagination.
@commandinglife**



What is Lent?

Is it an official Christian holiday? What does it mean to observe Lent? Lent is the span of time in the church calendar that starts with Ash Wednesday (This year, Feb 14th and ends with Easter Sunday April 1st.) Ash Wednesday commemorates the beginning of Jesus' 40-day fasting and temptation in the desert, and Easter Sunday commemorates Jesus' resurrection from the grave after his crucifixion.

Lent, then, is generally observed as a time for Christians to reflect, repent, and pray as a way of preparing their hearts for Easter. It is commonly observed by many Christian denominations—Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and others—although not every Christian church or denomination does so. Because Lent is not officially instituted in Scripture, observing it isn't in any way a "requirement" of Christianity. However, Christians from many different theological persuasions choose to observe it as a way of focusing their thoughts on Jesus Christ during the Easter season.

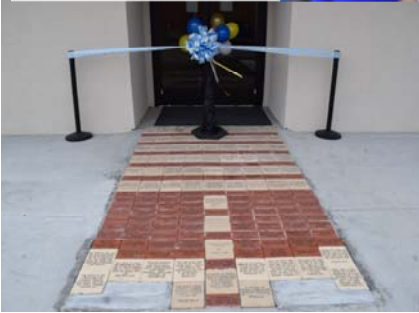
How Do You Observe Lent?

It differs from person to person and church to church, but some of the things Christians opt to do to observe Lent include:

- On the first day of Lent (Ash Wednesday), some Christians **mark their foreheads with ash** as a symbol of sorrow and mourning over their sin. (See Job 42 for an example of ash used as a symbol of repentance.)
- **Special worship services**, or additions to regular worship services, that focus in various ways on man's need for repentance. This often takes the form of extra Scripture readings and prayer.
- Some Christians choose to **give up a habit or behavior** during Lent as an exercise in prayerful self-denial. This might range from something as simple as not drinking soda during Lent to a full-blown program of [fasting](#).
- Some Christians commit to a **special devotional activity** during Lent—for example, daily Scripture reading, regular prayer for a specific person or topic throughout Lent, or volunteer work in their community.

The choice to observe Lent is a personal one—the whole point is to focus your heart and mind on Jesus during the journey to Easter. Millions of Christians around the world do observe Lent each year; if you've never done so, why not give it a try? Whether you observe Lent in a small or major way, you'll be amazed at what happens when you devote a part of each day to reflecting on Jesus Christ and God's Word. Whether you call it "Lent observance" or "daily devotions" or anything else, time spent reflecting on Jesus Christ is time well spent!

Joshua Opens It's Activity Center



The JBC Activity Center Dedication Service was held on January 27, 2018. This was a joyful day and a long time in the making.



In 1988, Pastor Grove received a vision

regarding Joshua Baptist Church. This became his mission and driving force behind the renovation of the original church structure, the construction of the beautiful sanctuary and fellowship hall, and a new activity center. The Lord has blessed Joshua with the right people and parishioners to make this vision a reality.

We will bring glory to God through our use of this wonderful center. We now have more capacity to expand our Children's Church, provide a safe environment for Harvest Night to those in the surrounding neighborhoods, provide even more space and opportunities for fun games and activities during Carnival Aquiva and many more events.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve on the Building committee and as Chairperson for this Dedication service. I look forward to all of us enjoying this Activity Center for years to come. Submitted By Sis. Andrea Oree



Ministerial Staff

In the Spotlight

Rev. James Ravenell



"I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth." (Psalms 34:1).

These are the words that you can hear from Rev. Ravenell at any given time; for he is so grateful unto God for the calling He has placed on his life.

Rev. Ravenell was born in Charleston Heights, on June 6, 1955 to Wilhelmena and James Ravenell.

He graduated from Garrett High School in North Charleston. He proudly served in the United States Navy for six years.

He was ordained at *Ministries of Restoration* in Hanahan, SC on October 29, 2000, under Apostle Richard Brown.

On May 29, 2016, he was ordained at Joshua Baptist Church under Pastor Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove where he serves as an Assistant Minister. He is a member of the Brotherhood at Joshua and a member of the Cooper River Baptist Association Ministers' Ministry.

He married the love of his life, Gloria Wright, on June 21, 2014.

Those who know him well will tell you that he is a funny guy who loves to laugh. He is presently a truck driver and he loves being on the road. Driving allows him to spend time with the Lord and gives him time to mediate.



Danielle Capers

was born to
Marilyn Capers
and the late Leroy
Capers Sr. on
December 21,
1992 in Charleston, SC.



Member
Spotlight

In 2015, she obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree from the illustrious Claflin University where she studied Human Performance and Recreation. Post-graduation, Danielle had the pleasure of being employed as a recreation specialist at the Arthur W. Christopher Community Center in Downtown Charleston.

Her hard work, determination, and dedication has assisted her in co-founding a non-profit mentoring program, *Uplift M.E.* mentoring program. The mission for the *Uplift M.E.* mentoring program is to uplift, motivate and encourage youth to be productive and successful individuals in life. "She has always dreamed of mentoring young girls and boys, who may not have been as privileged as others to have the guidance and discipline so many of us were blessed to have." Growing up, she was the only girl with three older brothers. Although her mother has always been her confidant and backbone, there is nothing like having a big sister. Danielle's desire is that the young girls in her community benefit from this mentoring program.

Matthew 20:28 states, "*Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.*" "She lives by this scripture and will work diligently in upholding the responsibility of serving and giving back to her community."

In her free time, Danielle (also known as Dee Dee to her family and friends) loves to sing, listen to music, and make others laugh. "*Life can be troubling, but laughter is the greatest medicine after God. By keeping God first, she plans to beat all adversity and be a role model for those around her.*"

Danielle is the granddaughter of Joshua's Assistant Pastor, Rev. Melvin Scott.



*Submitted by
Brother Kenneth Murphy*

As we prepare for the New Year, please consider joining me for this flight.

Hello and welcome to Flight 2018,

This flight is scheduled to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your attitude and blessings are secured and locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time: Negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away.

Should we loose attitude under pressure during the flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by faith. Once your faith is activated, you can assist other passengers.

There will be no baggage allowed on this Flight.

The Captain (God) has cleared us for take off. Our Destination is Greatness . Please share with others if you are taking this flight with me.



Happy New Year!!!

SCHOLARSHIPS!



If you are a SC Federal Bank at work customer and looking for additional funding for school, be sure to check out their scholarship program.

This year, the credit union is offering a total of \$50,000 in scholarships. As a Bank at Work employee, you and your dependents are eligible for all levels of scholarship awarded, and the top scholarship awarded in the amount of \$10,000. The Credit Union has set aside \$15,000 of the \$50,000 **only available to Bank at Work employees and/or their dependents. Six \$2,500 scholarships** will be awarded – three for students planning to attend a traditional university, and three for students planning to attend a technical program.

Visit scfederal.org/scholarship to apply and view eligibility requirements. The **deadline** to apply is **February 22, 2018**.

Please spread the word. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, please email scholarship@scfederal.org.



There are more than 120 scholarship funds available to TTC students, ranging in value from \$500 - \$3,000.

The application period for the 2018-19 academic year is open **January 16 - March 2, 2018**.

The college will use your application to determine your eligibility for all TTC scholarships for the 2018 -19 academic year.

To access a detailed list of scholarships go to the following link: <https://www.tridenttech.edu/foundation/pdf/TTCScholarships.pdf>

The process is very simple and the college will use your application to determine your eligibility for all available TTC scholarships. Some TTC scholarships are based on financial need and the college encourages all students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov.

Important: New students must apply to the college, receive a student ID number and email account, and submit high school transcripts and placement test scores before accessing the scholarship application.

For more information contact us at scholarships@tridenttech.edu.

I will give thanks and praise to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. PSALM 139:14 (AMP)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Why Christians Should Celebrate Black History Month

As a believer, I see racial and ethnic diversity as an expression of God's manifold beauty. *No single race or its culture can comprehensively display the infinite glory of God's image, so He gave us our differences to help us appreciate His splendor from various perspectives.*

God's common and special grace even work themselves out in the providential movement of a particular race's culture and history. We can look back on the brightest and darkest moments of our past and see God at work. He's weaving an intricate tapestry of events that climaxes in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And one day Christ will return. And on that day, we will all look back at the history — not just of a single race but of people from every nation, tribe, and tongue — and see that our Creator had a plan all along. He is writing a story that points to His glory, and in the new creation, His people won't have a month set aside to remember His greatness. We'll have all eternity.

Jemar Tisby, 2016 The Witness

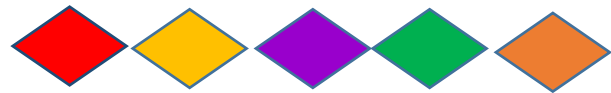


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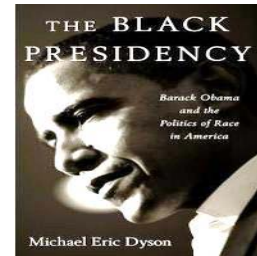
At age 88, her dying words were, "Follow the Lord Jesus"

Rosa Parks

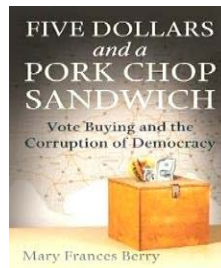
"Since I have always been a strong believer in God," I knew that He was with me, and only He could get me through that next Step" (that is, refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man.)



Must-Read Books for Black History Month (Submitted by The Brotherhood Ministry)



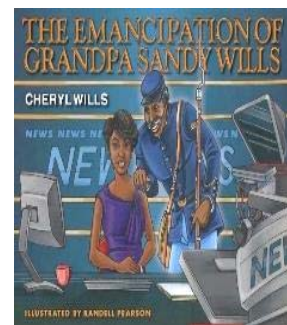
Michael Eric Dyson [The Black Presidency: Barack Obama and the Politics of Race in America](#) won't be final word on our nation's first Black president, but this is a must-read for right now.



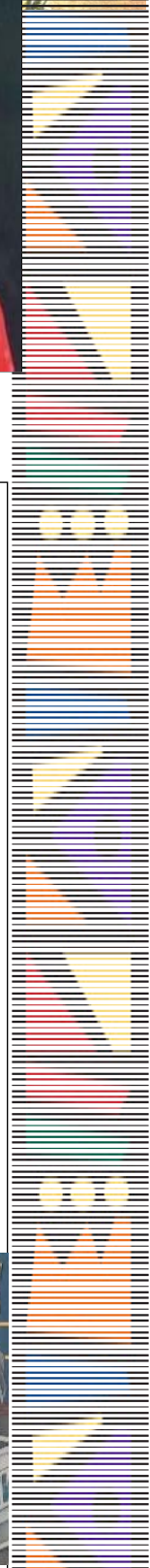
[Five Dollars and a Pork Chop Sandwich: Vote Buying and the Corruption of Democracy](#), Mary Frances Berry exposes election fraud, from vote buying to absentee ballots in communities that we call home.

[The Emancipation of Grandpa Sandy Wills](#)

The award-winning journalist Cheryl Wills traces her great-great-great-grandfather's path from nineteenth-century slave plantations in Tennessee to freedom.



Children are a Gift from the Lord...
Psalm 127:3



February EVENTS

- 3—Sunday School Tailgate and Silent Auction at 4:30 p.m.
4,11,18, 25—JBC Youth Dept. Black History Recognition
 4—White Oak Manor at 2:00 p.m.
6, 13, 20, 27—Y.E.S. Sponsored Karate Classes at 6 p.m.
 6—Deaconess Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
 6—Children’s Church Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
 7—CRBA Ministers Ministry Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 8—WHTH U Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 10—Nurses’ Ministry Adult’s Health Fair
16-18—Women’ Retreat in Myrtle Beach
 17—Praise Ministry Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
 17—Brotherhood Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
 17—D.R.E.A.M. Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
 17—CRBA Miss SC Baptist Youth Pageant, Morris College 10 a.m.
 18—Heritage Day at 10:15 a.m. Service
 19—CRB Association’s Choir “Christian Around the Clock” at 7:00 p.m.
 21—Y.W.A. Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 24—CRBA Youth Dept. Black History Program, Oak Grove BC at 11:00 a.m.
 24—Michael Allen’s Wedding at 2:00 p.m.
 26—Seasons Ministry Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Candidates for Baptism

Jay’Asia McNeal
 Isis Stewart

Watch Care

Janet Broom

Restoration

Candace Lindsay
 Patrice Manuel

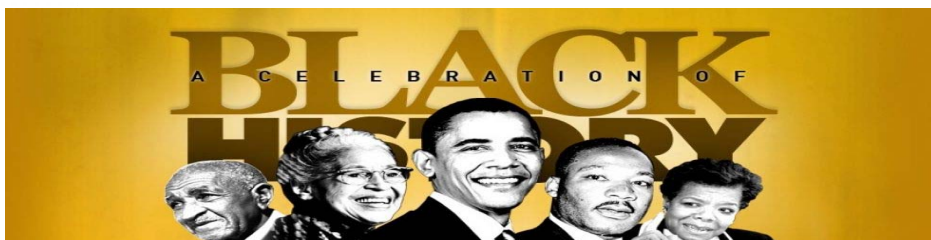


HAPPY

Birthdays

- 2—Jaylin Fernandez
 5—Kennerde Powell
 7—Jarrard “Jay” Coleman
 8—Shanstacy Whack
 8—Destini Williams
 9—Amiya Larkins
 11—Cheryl Scott
 12—Joshua Roberts
 12—Berry Tyleek Scott
 13—Albert Hill Jr.
 13—Bridgette Lindsay
 13—Seondra Roberts
 15—Dolores Peacock-Parsons
 17—Richie Lindsay
 22—Quinasia Johnson
 22—Amir Jordan
 22—Dallas Moore
 24—Lauren “Puddin” Reid
 25—James “Jerod” Dent Jr.
 25—Joan Simmons
 27—Kayla Brown
 27—Anarje Skinner
 29—James Dent Sr.

- 16—*Carl & Shanstacy Whack*
 19—*Dea. Albert & Helen Hill*
 28—*Dea. Tony & Rev. Mary Glover*



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St. Valentine's Day's Quiz

Biblical love stories, and other affairs of the heart

By KRISTEN CAMPBELL

Religion News Service

Take this quiz and see what you know about some of the Bible's favorite couples, along with a few other matters of the heart.

1. In an effort to protect himself, Isaac tells the locals that his wife, Rebekah, is his:

- a. mother b. cousin c. sister d. daughter

2. What is the setting for Jesus' first miracle?

- a. A wedding b. A temple c. A boat d. His kitchen

3. Where does Jacob meet his future bride?

- a. A well b. A bar mitzvah c. A bonfire d. The Red Sea

4. A black and gold casket said to hold the remains of St. Valentine can be viewed each Valentine's Day at a church in:

- a. Paris b. Rome c. London d. Dublin, Ireland

5. Who gets Samson to reveal the secret of his strength?

- a. Eve b. Abraham c. Mary d. Delilah

6. Name the couple who offered religious instruction to Apollos and who received greetings in Paul's epistles.

- a. Adam & Eve b. Priscilla & Aquila c. Antony & Cleopatra d. Mary & Joseph

7. Hosea once purchased his wife, Gomer, with what currency?

- a. Silver b. Barley c. Wine d. All of the above

8. While some say Song of Solomon contains erotic imagery, others say its language is describing the relationship between:

- a. Church and state b. Christ & the church/God & Israel
c. Law and gospel d. Husbands and wives

9. Who was Jezebel's husband?

- a. Isaac b. Moses c. Ahab d. Omri

10. Which couple had a perfect marriage -- at least at first?

- a. Mary & Joseph b. Hannah & Elkanah c. Adam & Eve d. Ruth & Boaz

11. What is the levirate law?

- a. If a man dies without bearing children, his widow is to marry the deceased's brother
b. A priest cannot divorce his wife
c. The firstborn son of a priest must become a priest d. None of the above

12. In addition to being the patron saint of love, St. Valentine is also the patron saint of:

- a. Beekeepers b. Plague c. Both a and b d. Neither a nor b

13. In his first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul says love:

- a. Protects b. Trusts c. Perseveres d. All of the above

14. Who is widely believed to have been the disciple "whom Jesus loved"?

- a. Mary Magdalene b. Martha c. Peter d. John

15. Both the Hebrew Bible and New Testament contain a directive to " -- your neighbor as yourself." a. Love b. Annoy c. Cook for d. None of the above

Answers:

- 1.c 2.a 3.a 4.d 5.d 6.b 7.d 8.b 9.c 10.c 11.a 12.c 13.d 14.d 15.a



JOIN US FOR

JBC Annual Women's Retreat

February 16—18, 2018

Taxation/Registration Fee is \$35

ROOM RATES PER PERSON

One Person — \$220

Two People — \$110

Three People — \$73.33

Four People — \$55

Need to Arrange Transportation?

Contact Sis. C. Robinson
Church Phone - 843-225-8050



Upcoming Event ~ June 9th

Trip to Savannah, GA

*If interested, please sign up on Church bulletin board.
More information to come...*



An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, 'Stop—Acts 2:38!' (..turn from your sin...).

The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, 'Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you.' 'Scripture?' replied the burglar, 'She said she had an AXE and two 38's!'



Keeping families close

RMHC Wish List Collection

February 1 – March 31

The **Senior Missionary Ministry** will be collecting items to donate to the **Ronald McDonald House of Charleston**. There is a box in the Fellowship Hall for donated items, or you can give your donation(s) to any missionary. The Ronald McDonald House offers support, lodging, and meals to families whose children are in local hospitals regardless of their financial status. Thank you for being a blessing to this ministry and organization.
Submitted by Sis. Gail Tolbert

The Ronald McDonald House of Charleston uses the same items that you use in your home, just more of it. The lists below are items that are needed on a regular basis. Items can be dropped off at the House:

81 Gadsden St. Charleston, SC 29401.

Kitchen Items

- Plastic Forks
- Paper Plates
- Tupperware
- Coffee Filters (flat bottom)
- Coffee Stirrers
- Coffee creamer/ powder & liquid
- Disposable coffee cups
- Bulk & packs of sugar & Splenda
- Manual Can Openers
- Fresh Fruit
- Mini liquid creamer
- 'One Dish' Microwaveable meals
- Individual sized snacks: granola bars, fruit cups, chips, cereal, oatmeal, trail mix, etc.

Personal Items

- Umbrellas
- Razors
- Feminine hygiene items

Office Supplies

- Copy paper
- HP 61XL Ink (Black & Tri Color)
- Highlighters
- Permanent markers
- Stamps
- Pens
- Sheet Protectors

Household Supplies

- Liquid Bleach
- Liquid dishwasher detergent (no powder)
- HE Laundry detergent (NO pods)
- Fabric Softener Sheets
- Lysol disinfectant wipes
- Antibacterial hand soap
- Pillows
- **White** Linens:
 - ◊ Sheets (Twin & Queen)
 - ◊ Bedspreads (Twin & Queen)
 - ◊ Pillowcases
 - ◊Pillow protectors
 - ◊Bed & box spring protectors
 - ◊ Towels
 - ◊ Wash cloths
 - ◊ Hand towels
- Zip-lock plastic bags (Gallon)
- Heavy duty trash bags (33 gallon size)
- Light Bulbs
- Storage bins with lids
- Arm & Hammer Cleaner
- Air freshener
- Lysol Bathroom SPray
- Scrubbing Bubbles Daily Shower
- Swiffer dusters & wet cloths
- Palmolive antibacterial dishwashing liquid

For questions about any of the big-item needs of the Ronald McDonald House, please contact the Director of Operations at 843-723-7957 ext. 304 or Jennene@RMHCharleston.org

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Items can also be purchased off of our [Amazon Wish List](#) and will be mailed directly to the House.