



# Joshua's Journal

Reaching People For Christ – **GOD FIRST**

† Pastor's  
Corner

*Message from Pastor*

*Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove*

Where the  
Spirit of the Lord is  
there is **FREEDOM**.

2 Corinthians 3:17

## 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



We are looking forward, with great excitement, to an outstanding Vacation Bible School experience this year – 'Game On'. It's all for you the members. So, come out and appreciate those who are planning and preparing a unique growth moment for us. And Joshua, it's time to focus our attention on growth. We do not want the size of the buildings to be larger than the people. God has done too much for us to get lazy and careless in our Prayer Service and Bible Study.

So, beginning **July 3<sup>rd</sup>**, I'm requesting that the ministries of the Church cease all activities in the Church, i.e., rehearsals, meetings, practices, etc., between the hours of 6—8 PM. That time will be devoted **exclusively** to prayer and study for our youth and adults. And, for those who cannot attend the Bible Study on Tuesday nights, then hopefully you will try to attend the Wednesday Noon Day Bible Study. I fully understand that this will be an inconvenience for some and a sacrifice for others, but I am seeking to move us forward from the *status quo*.

Members, we are not bound by tradition. And, a house divided against itself cannot stand. The Bible says that, "When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all (120) with one accord in **one place**" (Acts 2:1). Notice, there were not some in the upper room and some in another room - they were all together. And, that is what I am seeking for Joshua. That we all pray, study, and worship **together**. I want all the ministries of the Church involved in this change. Our Deacons Ministry will make it happen with your prayers and cooperation.

Be blessed and always remember that God loves you and Sister Grove and I do too!

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# INSPIRATION

## *Make the Best of Each Day*

Today I choose life. Every morning when I wake up, I can choose joy, happiness, negativity, pain... To feel the freedom that comes from being able to continue to make mistakes and choices - today I choose to feel life, not to deny my humanity but embrace it.

If we take the time to truly think of the many blessings we are so privileged to enjoy, we would be willing and ready to give thanks and praise to a Mighty God for his undying love toward us.

“FOR ME “



Many years ago, I attended church with a family member who struggled with alcoholism. Even through her struggle with an addiction, she would make her way to church often. She had an absolutely beautiful voice and was encouraged to join the choir. My mind goes back to a favorite song of hers. Being blessed with other talents, she rearranged the words to a song and helped to share a very powerful message.

The main lyrics:

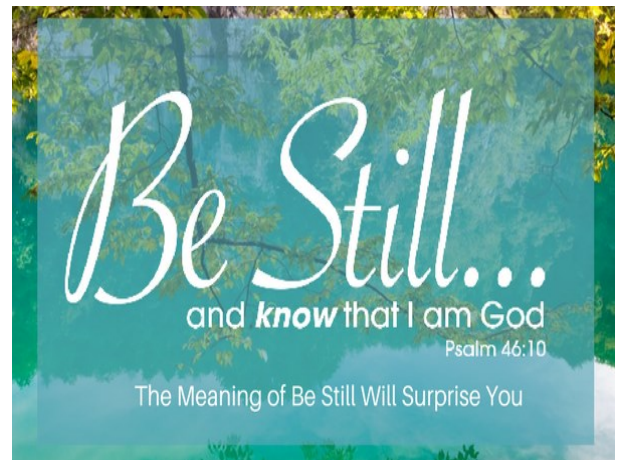
**Once my soul was far from the Heavenly way. I was lost and undone as can be. But one day the Savior, in all of His love, reached down from above—He reached out His hand “for me.”**

***The hand of God is always there to help us, even when we don't realize it.***

## **Affirmations of Peace** **And Harmony**

- ◆ I am as God created me.
- ◆ As I become more and more aware of myself, I become more peaceful and at ease with all that happens in my life.
- ◆ I am connected to divine love and wisdom.
- ◆ I am harmonious and at peace regardless of my surroundings.
- ◆ I use my emotions, thoughts and challenges to lead me to deeper, more intimate places with God.
- ◆ I am grateful for all that I am.
- ◆ I feel God's love within me and all around me.

**GOD IS**  
**THE ALMIGHTY**



*Reverend  
Mary Kenlaw Glover*

**Ministerial Staff Member  
In the Spotlight**



**R**ev. Mary Kenlaw Glover is the daughter of the late Leander James and Missionary Mary Louise Kenlaw. She is married to Deacon Anthony T. Glover. They have nine children, 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She attended South Carolina State College and the College of Charleston where she earned her Degree in Early Childhood Education. She graduated from the International Seminary in Plymouth, Florida, with an emphasis in Practical Theology. Rev. Glover also studied at Trident Technical College and Charleston Southern University.

Her dedication to the education and care of children led her to serve as a teacher and Preschool Director for more than 25 years.

Rev. Glover preached her initial sermon in December 2007, and has been busy in the vineyard ever since. She serves as the president of the Cooper River Baptist Association Ministers' Ministry while remaining involved in multiple ministries at home at Joshua Baptist Church. She is an integral part of the Ministers', Missionary, Deaconess, and Children's Church Ministries. Rev. Glover serves as the Assistant Chaplain for the Pastor's Aide Ministry and as Advisor of the Praise Ministry. Her work with the Praise Ministry, which includes Praise Dancers, Steppers, Cheerleaders, an Drama Group, allows her to continue leading and guiding our children as they develop personal relationships with the Lord.

Rev. Glover also leads the New Members Youth Class and strengthens the Winding Chain as Assistant Leader of the Deliverance Team, which prays daily at the 3:00 hour. As stated in Matthew 9:37 "...The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few...", therefore, God has entrusted Rev. Glover with a new ministry, 'The Altar of Prayer Ministry.'

Rev. Glover's favorite scriptures are Psalms 24 and 91. Her favorite words are as follows:

*"If I can help somebody, as I travel along,  
If I can help somebody with a word or a song,  
If I can show somebody that they are traveling wrong,  
Then my living, shall not be in vain."*

Rev. Mary Glover loves the Lord and God's people; and she is devoted to her family!







## Developing a Life of Prayer

By Dean Ridings

### Becoming a Christian

Taking God at His word transformed the life and ministry of a young man named Dawson Trotman. Dawson was deep into Scripture memorization. One verse that captured his attention was **Jeremiah 33:3** – *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not"* (KJV).

Again and again he reviewed and meditated upon this verse. Did God really mean it – call upon Me; I will answer you; I will show you great and mighty things? Pondering this led to a 42-day "prayer meeting," in which Trotman and a few others with him got serious about praying for local youth and cities, and then expanded out to other cities in their state, other states in their nation, and finally the world.

The small band of brothers prayed for two hours every morning – three on Sundays! In six weeks' time, they had spent more than 100 hours in prayer, asking God to use them to win and train individuals for His glory around the world. They didn't know how, but they claimed Jeremiah 33:3 and trusted God to fill in the details.

"We didn't even know what we were praying," Trotman said. "I didn't realize that within four years, men from every state of the nation would walk into our front room and find the Savior. God answered our prayers abundantly, and there was the beginning of our work called today by the name, Navigators."

***Submitted by  
The Brotherhood Ministry***

**CALLING ALL  
BOARD  
LEADERS!!!**



We need your help!!! Please provide Sis. Michell Herring, Church Historian, with a hard copy of your Auxiliary Board history. Please submit before September 1, 2018. Thank you.

## **Carnival Aquiva Generation to Generation**

**August 4th  
10 am - 2 pm  
Joshua Baptist Church**

- ⇒ Order your t-shirts NOW for \$10. Payment is due when you place your order.
- ⇒ Raffle tickets are also available for \$1.
- See Sis. Joan Simmons to purchase your t-shirt(s) or raffle ticket(s).**
- ⇒ Team leaders are needed!!! Please see Dea. Lawrence Strother to volunteer your service.
- ⇒ Joshua members are asked to give a donation of \$7.00 to help offset the costs of the Carnival.

**GAMES, ACTIVITIES, FOOD, PRIZES, ETC.**

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS , FAMILY &  
NEIGHBORS!**



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

## Praying for America

By Deborah Belka

Father, keep us safe  
as we celebrate  
our country's freedoms  
that have made us great.

Let us not go further  
down the road of sin  
help us to turn from  
the wickedness within.

Bring us back  
to trusting in you  
give this Nation  
a heart that is new.

Make us humble  
let us see our shame  
so we can prayerfully  
call upon Your name.

Heal our land  
scour out the pride  
so You can be  
once again our guide.

Father, keep us safe  
until such a time  
this Nation comes out  
of its downward climb!

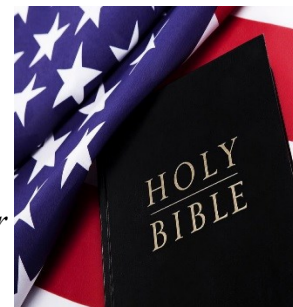
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HAPPY

Independence  
DAY

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)**

*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*



**1 Peter 2:16 (ESV)**

*Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.*

VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 9- 13**

**6PM – 8PM**

**GET READY, GEAR UP, GAME ON!**

The Sunday School ministry and Vacation Bible School team are excited to welcome you all to a week full of learning, worship, and FUN for all ages!

Prepare to be dived into God's word, tackling real life situations and strengthening your relationship with Him the whole time. The thematic scripture for this year's VBS is 2 Peter 1:3-*"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue"*

We have fun experiences planned for **ALL AGES** and look forward to enjoying Christian fellowship and fun while "Reaching People for Christ!"

We're always in need of volunteers! If you are interested in being a Vacation Bible School volunteer, please contact Rev. Chris Thurman:

704-477-4793 (text) or  
email [cst4jesus@gmail.com](mailto:cst4jesus@gmail.com)







1—White Oak Manor at 2:00 pm

8—Praise Choir Anniversary at 10:15 am Service

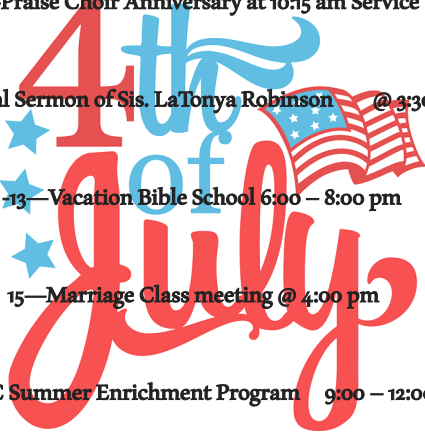
8—Initial Sermon of Sis. LaTonya Robinson @ 3:30 pm

9 -13—Vacation Bible School 6:00 – 8:00 pm

15—Marriage Class meeting @ 4:00 pm

16 -27—JBC Summer Enrichment Program 9:00 – 12:00 Noon

20—Praise Ministry Extravaganza @ 7:00 pm



1—Deacon Joseph Wilson—90th!!

1—Sa'dyah Hill

4—James Jackson Jr.

4—Leonard Monroe

4—Reverend Melvin Scott

5—Deaconess Sonya Jenkins

6—Betty Rouse

9—Andrea Oree

10—Alana Ellerson

10—Shaniah Macon

10—Deacon Lawrence Strother

11—Dorothy Love

14—Dashawn Grove

14—Regina Lopez

15—Stevie Grampus Jr.

15—Zabresha Smalls

17—Satrina Robinson

17—Ty'Shara Pugh

18—Steven Heyward

18—Zyairah Macon

18—Hattie Nesbitt

19—Simeon Fedee

20—Tamera Green

22—Deacon Arnold Jenkins

24—Minister Corey Anderson

24—Cameron Singleton

25—Octavius Peek

25—Deacon Casdell Singleton

27—Amora Pryor

27—Curtisha Salley

30—Antoinette Lopez

30—Annette Williams



**New Members**

**Restoration**

DeAndre Lee



*Happy Anniversary*

12—Dea. Arnold & Sis. Sonya Jenkins

14—Bro. Dennis & Sis. Sarah Grove Sr.

20—Rev. Christopher & Sis. Xaviera Thurman

30—Bro. Alvin & Sis. Julia Dennis

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