

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

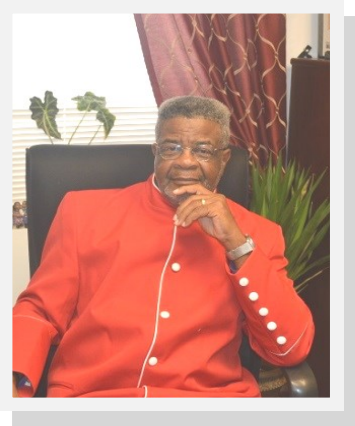
## Celebrating Our 135th Church Anniversary

Joshua Baptist Church  
1883—2018

### Pastor's Corner

*Message from Pastor*

**Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove**



**I** extend my sincere thanks to all who participated (in any way) in the successful Family & Friends Day Celebration. It was so encouraging to see both young and old doing what was necessary for everything to work well. Members, it is together we will stand and divided we will fall. Furthermore, there is no 'US' without 'U'. So, 'U' do matter and your membership here matters and is very much appreciated. We were blessed with great attendance, good food, and a visitation of the Holy Spirit.

And, I truly believe that if we are faithful in our giving and living, our Heavenly Father will keep on blessing us in the days to come.

We must now turn our attention to our 135th Church Anniversary, June 22nd & 24th. We have come a mighty long way with the LORD leading us. And, the journey is not over yet. Members, we have land to purchase and develop for parking. Noticeably, the businesses around us are changing, and, we don't know what tomorrow may hold. But, we do know who holds tomorrow. Again, I encourage you to pay your tithes and give your regular offering (purple envelope) and special offering (green envelope). Both are needed to bring us to being debt-free.

Finally, I 'm asking the Church to pray for growth in our Sunday Church School, Prayer Service, and Bible Study. Thank God for those who are now attending. But, we should have a greater interest in these ministries. So, I'm seeking ideas for increase in the attendance. Of course, if your idea is adopted, I would expect you to be one in the number. I hope to hold a few 'listening sessions' to hear your thoughts on the matter. Until then, text, email, call or just pull me aside to talk - I will listen!

Remember, God loves you 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

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**Motivation**

*is what gets you started;*

**Habit**

*is what keeps you going.*

## The Habit of Prayer

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. (Mark 1:35)

As Jesus walked along the shores of Galilee, He encountered two fishermen, Peter and Andrew. He called them to leave their nets and follow Him. Soon He met James and John and they too were called to discipleship. Jesus then entered Capernaum’s synagogue and began to teach about God but was interrupted by a man possessed of an impure spirit. He commanded the spirit to leave the man, and it did.

He left the synagogue and went into the house of Peter and Andrew where He found Peter’s mother-in-law sick and near death with a fever. Jesus took her hand, lifted her up and the fever left her. As if that wasn’t enough for one day’s work, that evening multitudes of people brought all their friends and family who were diseased or possessed with demons for Jesus to heal them. It had been an exhausting day when Jesus went to bed that night.

You would expect, after such a tiring day, the Master would sleep late the next morning. He certainly would be justified in doing so. Instead, Mark 1:35 records, “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.” As exhausted as He must have been, Jesus would allow nothing to interfere with His practice of rising early and praying alone.

It’s good for us to get into the habit of talking with God early in the morning. Our days can go south in a hurry, so spending quality time with God in the morning, as Jesus did, can prepare our hearts for whatever our day may bring. Make it your habit.

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Always pray to have  
Eyes that see the best in people,  
a Heart that forgives the worst  
a Mind that forgets the worst  
and a Soul that Never  
loses faith in God.

## The Penalty for Pride

“Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.” (Proverbs 16:18)

Have you noticed that you make your greatest mistakes immediately after enjoying your greatest victories? Why is that? Likely the answer is pride. The Bible warns us about the penalty for pride. “Pride goes before destruction.” (Proverbs 16:18) A graphic illustration of this is seen in King David’s life. After a tremendous series of victories, David was so proud of himself, he decided to determine his troop strength. You can read the story in 2 Samuel 24.

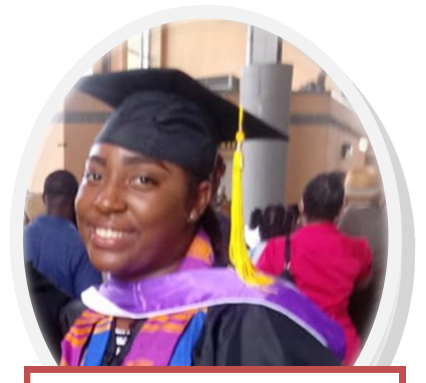
There’s an old fable about two ducks and a frog that played together in a small pond. Each summer the pond shrank to a small puddle and they were forced to go elsewhere. The ducks could fly to more water, but not the frog, so he hit upon a great idea. The frog said to the ducks, “If you held a stick between your mouths, I could cling to it and fly away with you.” They agreed and took off with the frog holding on for dear life. When they passed over a farmer, he said, “What a clever stunt. I wonder who thought of that?” Immediately the prideful frog said, “I did,” lost his grip, and crashed to the ground.

There’s truth in that old fable, as there is in the story of David. Beware of pride in your life. It may lead to the same kind of painful end the frog met, or to the devastation it brought to David’s life, and to his people. Pride may be the sharpest of Satan’s weapons. Recognize it. Admit it. Confess it. And get rid of it.

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Trident Technical College  
Associate—Human Services

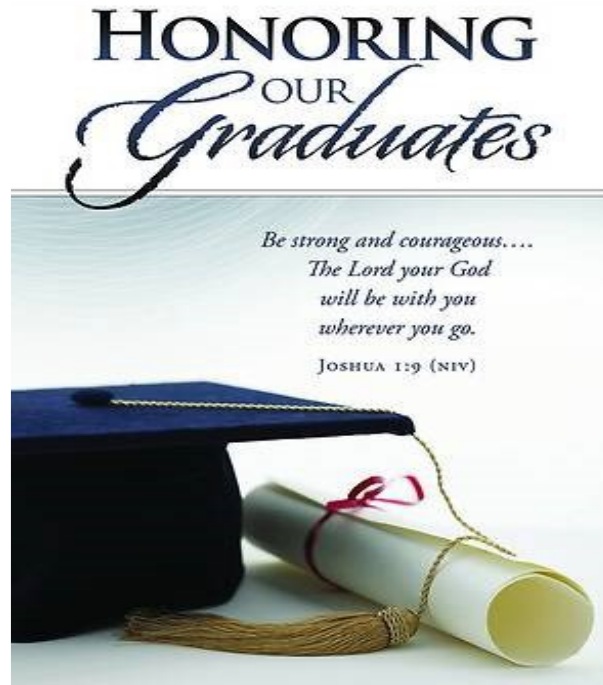


**Thomasette Peek**  
Benedict College  
BA in Mass Communication



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*Thank you, Lord*  
for your grace

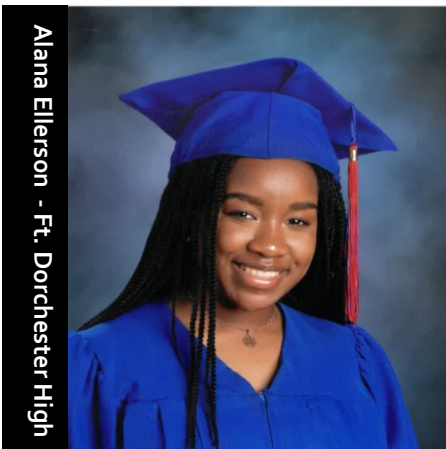


# HONORING OUR Graduates

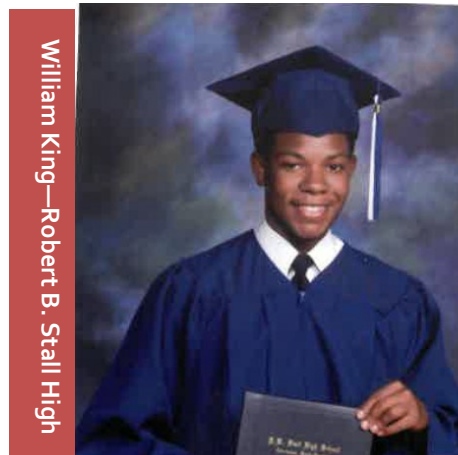
*Be strong and courageous...  
The Lord your God  
will be with you  
wherever you go.*  
JOSHUA 1:9 (NIV)



**Quinny King**  
Limestone College  
BS in Healthcare Administration



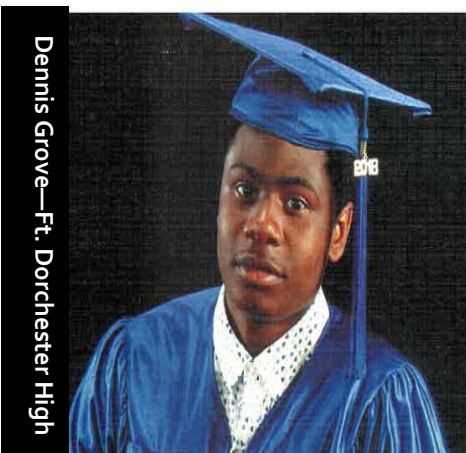
Alana Ellerson - Ft. Dorchester High



William King—Robert B. Stall High



Sa'dyah Hill—Ft. Dorchester High



Dennis Grove—Ft. Dorchester High



Amera Roper—James Island C. High



Jonor Sanders—Berkeley High



Angelique was born on August 21, 1991 to the late Mr. Dexter Frost and Mrs. Thalia Frost. She is a recent graduate of Trident Technical College with an Associate Degree in Applied Science - Human Services. She knew that in order to be successful and provide a good life for her son Jaylen, she had to get serious about furthering her education. After a long “off and on” struggle through college, she persisted and finally finished strong with a 3.769 GPA.”

She enjoys music, fashion and shopping, and all things girly!! Her favorite scripture is Ephesians 3:20 “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.”

Angelique will continue to further her education; this fall, she will enroll at Limestone College in the Bachelor of Social Work program. She aspires to become a woman of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.



*Janaye is the daughter of Miss Ladonia Simmons and the late Mr. Jarvon Dowling. She participates in numerous activities involving her church, school and community.*

*She is an active member here at Joshua Baptist Church. Janaye is a former JBC cheerleader and currently is a member of All God’s Children Choir, Gifted Vessels Steppers, Junior Ushers Ministry, and is a praise dancer with Total Praise. She attends Sunday School, YES Ministry and Children’s Church. She can be seen participating with the Youth Department’s devotion team conducting devotional service on second Sundays . Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”*

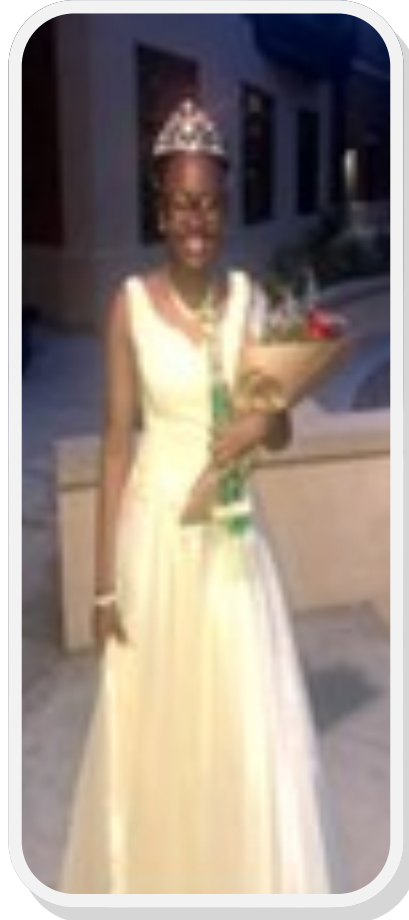
*Janaye is a member of the Cooper River Baptist Association’s Youth Department. She also participates with the Association’s Youth choir, Youth Ushers, and is the Financial Secretary of the Youth Department.*

*She attends Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science, where she just completed seventh grade. Along with her middle school academic courses, she completed a course in horticulture as well as Multi Media Basics, where she earned high school credits. She is a former Zucker cheerleader and was recently crowned Miss Lightning 2018-2019. She loves wearing a crown and was crowned Miss Dunston Elementary twice during her elementary school days as well as Miss Junior Emancipation representing the Emancipation Proclamation Association.*

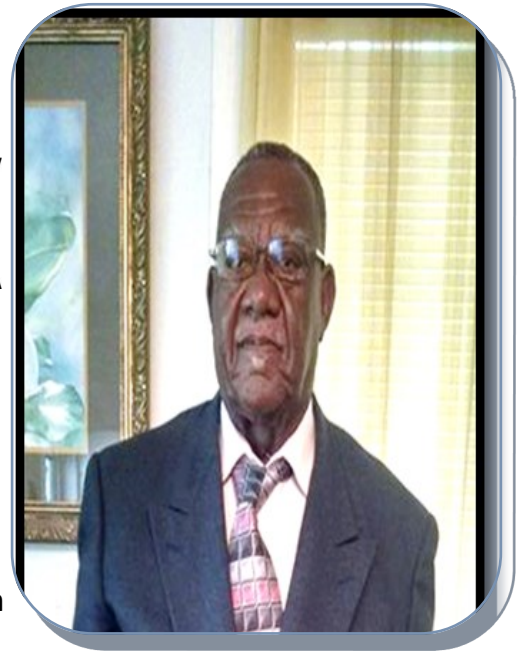
*Janaye’s hobbies are singing, praise dancing, and fashion designing. She describes herself as being beautiful, unique, confident and brave. She also loves her role of being a ‘big sister’ to her younger brothers, Jarvon (JR) who is 5 years old and Carter who is three months old.*

*Janaye’s future ambition is to become an attorney and to be involved in entrepreneurship.*

**Janaye Simmons**



## Ministerial Staff Member In the Spotlight



Rev. Abrou Dean Choice was born on April 20, 1939 and raised in Laurens, SC. He is the third of six children born to Mr. Johnny and Mrs. Pearl Choice. He received his education in the Laurens Public School system. As a young boy in Laurens, he attended an AME church in Clinton, SC.



In his late teens, he joined the United States Army to serve our country. He served for four years, until he was honorably discharged. He later moved to Charleston, SC, where he met and married Shirley Murray in 1977.

He joined the Greater Bethel Baptist Church family and served as a deacon for many years under the leadership of Rev. J. L. Wright. The Lord then called Deacon Choice to become a minister. He attended Morris College for Theological Studies. On March 13, 1983, he was licensed to preach by Greater Bethel Baptist Church.

After many years of service and training under Minister Wright, Minister Choice was called to join the Community Baptist Church family. He was ordained on September 30, 1991. He served as Pastor of Community Baptist for over 20 years before retiring.



In April of 2015, he and his family joined Joshua Baptist Church.

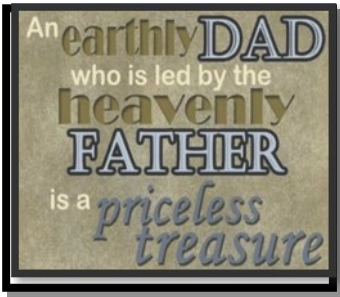
Rev. Choice is a devoted family man. He loves to spend quality time with his children and grandchildren whenever he can. He is passionate about people and spreading The Gospel. He is always ready and willing to help anyone but most of all he is always willing and ready to serve the LORD in whatever capacity is needed.



# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

## Proverbs 14:26 (NIV)

Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.



## 1 Kings 15:11 (KJV)

And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.



## HOW I LEARNED THE VALUE OF WORK

*My dad owned a fruit market on a busy street. The sidewalk in front of his store collected dust and trash, which needed to be swept daily. At age six, I used to hide behind bags of potatoes when my dad asked me to sweep, but while sweeping one day, I began to find dollar bills under the dust and trash. I had no idea where the money came from. My dad had been putting money on the sidewalk—and soon, I was happy to sweep even when no money was found.*

R. Berdine

LOVE is the TIE that BINDS this FAMILY TOGETHER

I gave my father \$100 and said, "Buy yourself something that will make your life easier." So he went out and bought a present for my mother.

"A Father Means"  
By Author Unknown  
"Father" means so many things  
An understanding heart  
A source of strength and of support  
Right from the very start.  
A constant readiness to help  
In a kind and thoughtful way.  
With encouragement and forgiveness  
No matter what comes your way  
A special generosity and always affection too  
A Father means so many things  
When he's a man like you.



## THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST

*My dad delivered bread for a living. We enjoyed each other's company, so he'd drive home at lunchtime and I'd go with him. One day, we delivered to a large grocery store. When we pulled in back, the manager saw me and said, "I heard it's your birthday, so go pick out anything in our toy aisle free." I excitedly grabbed some paper dolls, but the big surprise was still ahead. Dad, the store manager, and the employees stood with a huge lit cake, singing me "Happy Birthday." I'd turned seven, and this was my first-ever birthday party. Thanks, Dad!*

D. Gunn





Sis. Gail Tolbert along with the Staff at the Ronald McDonald House were very, very grateful for Joshua's donations. God bless all who made a donation.

**Father's Day Prayer**

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**SUBMITTED BY THE BROTHERHOOD**



Lord's Angels Anniversary will be celebrated on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Rehearsal Schedule**

Wednesday, June 6th @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 7th @ 6:30 pm

Possibly Saturday, June 10th: Time TBA



**Winding Chain Session - June 30th**

The Winding Chain Teams 4, 5 and 6 will host the next session at 10:00 am. ALL Winding Chain members are asked to be in attendance.



*Save the Dates*

**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 9th —13th from 6:00—8:00 pm**  
**Theme: "Game On"**

SC Coalition for Voter Participation (SCCVP) is sponsoring a "Youth Citizenship Academy Summer Program at Joshua" from 8:30 am—2:30 pm. The Graduation will be held on June 16th at from 10—12 pm. Please see Sis. Karen Pratt or Sis. Cindy Cato for an application.

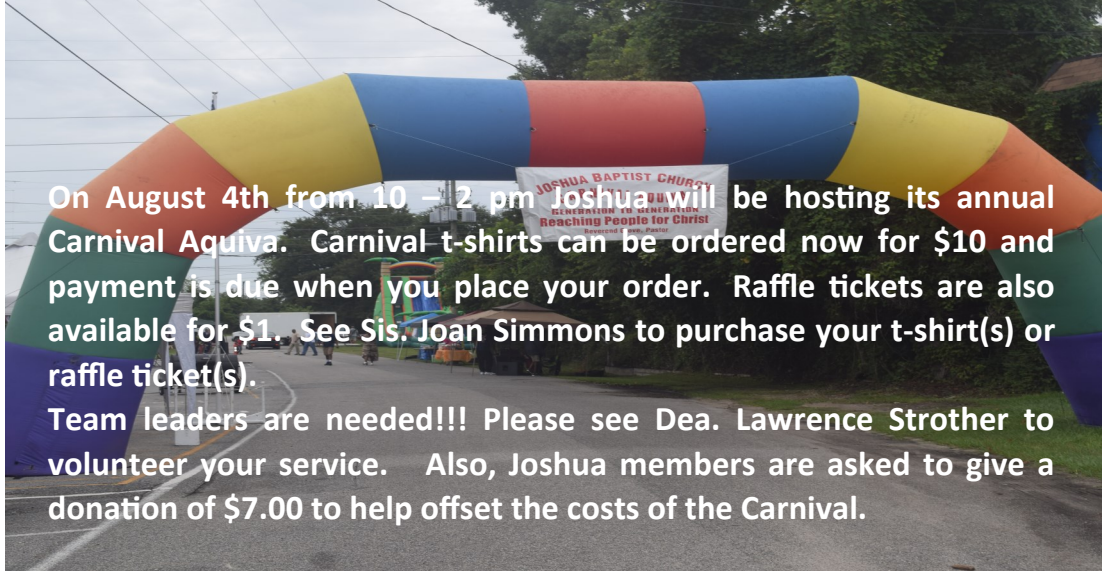


Our Church's  
Anniversary

**June 22nd & 24th**

Pleas join us....

We will be celebrating our 135th Church Anniversary. The theme for this year is "Look Where He Brought Us From." Proverbs 3: 5-6.



On August 4th from 10 – 2 pm Joshua will be hosting its annual Carnival Aquiva. Carnival t-shirts can be ordered now for \$10 and 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. Also, Joshua members are asked to give a donation of \$7.00 to help offset the costs of the Carnival.

# June

3—White Oak Manor @ 2 pm

3—Pastor Grove at Union BC @ 4 pm w/Gospel Choir

5-8—CRBA Sunday School and BTU Congress  
@ Jerusalem BC

6—CRBA Ministers' Ministry Meeting @ 6:30 pm

9—Sunday School Trip to Savannah, GA

10—Lord's Angels Anniversary @ 10:15 am

10—Graduation/Promotion Recognition @ 10:15 am

11-15—Youth Citizenship Academy, 8:30 to 2:30

12—Youth Day, Women's Baptist E&M Convention  
of SC Annual Session, Simpsonville, SC

22—135th Pre-Anniversary Celebration @ 7:00 pm

24—Conclusion of 135th Church Anniversary  
@ 3:30 pm

30—Winding Chain Session (Teams 4-6) @ 9:00 am



24—Rev. James & Sis. Gloria Ravenell



**New Members**

Christian Experience/

Candidate for Baptism

Michelle Jones



2—Michiah Simmons

6—Rev. James Ravenell

10—Zy'Airea Gethers

10—Breyana Scott

12—Phaedra Sheppard

23—Anthony Tolbert



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