

# Joshua's Journal

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† Pastor's  
Corner

Happy  
Mother's  
Day



*Message from Pastor*

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

**L**ady Grove and I extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire Joshua Family for a wonderful 30th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. Your unselfish blessings made it possible for us to have the means to enjoy a wonderful, restful, and stress free vacation. Your expressed love for us is only exceeded by our Christian love for you. Our prayer is that GOD will open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

As I write this article, we are preparing to return home. And, my mind is already on Family and Friends Day. Brothers and sisters let us work together to make this one the best ever. Therefore, we must pray, prepare, and produce a "Feast in the East." In other words, there must be a collective effort from each person and ministry in Joshua to make this happen. Together we will stand and divided we will fall. Saints, I'm depending on you to contribute in whatever way that you can to this WONDERFUL event.

Remember, keep on praying the Lord is nigh, just keep on praying and HE will hear your cry...

Joshua, 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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## A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, to you I pray on this day called Mother's Day. Let all mothers on earth give praise to You for the children that You gave. You have blessed them from above with little souls to nourish and love. Let them mold each one with care and teach them to be kind and share.

Forgiveness is the special key, start early on to help them see their fragile minds are easily impressed. Please teach them ways so they'll be blessed.

Sow godly seeds into their minds. With careful pruning, you will find young adults with such strong roots, all through life, will bear rich fruit. And then have faith for God to show them all the rest they have to know. Remember, they're His children too. For they were only lent to you.



The first love of your life is generally your Mother. She is the one without whom you could not be delivered into this world. She is the one who usually teaches and corrects you throughout your childhood years. Other than Jesus, a mother is the one whom we see the Bible gives most glory and honor. - Pamela Rose Williams

### Amazing Mothers of the Bible

- Hannah.....Samuel 1:10-11
- Eve.....Genesis 3:20
- Mary .....John 2:3-5
- Deborah .....Judges 4:4-10
- Sarah.....Hebrews 11:11-12
- Rebekah .....Genesis 25:19-34
- Anna .....Luke 2:36-38
- Ruth .....Ruth 1:16
- Jochebed .....Exodus 1:22 – 2:10
- Rachel .....Genesis 30:22-23

## A Mother's Prayer

Lord, give me strength just for today  
To lead my children in your way,  
Oh, give me wisdom, Lord, and grace  
To show to them your precious face!

And help me, Lord, to teach them, too,  
The things of Christ so rich and true,  
Just let them see in me, dear Lord,  
Your holiness in life and word.

Keep me from sinning with my tongue,  
From harsh, quick words that might have stung  
Their tender hearts that trust me so  
And watch to see which way I go.

Dear Father, keep my thoughts so pure  
That they will always know for sure  
My Lord has lead me all the way,  
Lord, grant my prayer just for today.

{Author Unknown}

## MOTHER

[məTHər] noun, verb

1. A person who does the work of many. For free.



Isaiah 66:13

**As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.**

– Isaiah 66:13 (English Standard Version)





JOSHUA

BAPTIST CHURCH



*Minister Corey and Sister Maria Anderson Children's Church Director & Associate Director*

**J**oshua Baptist Children's Church is an opportunity for children to celebrate their love for the Lord! Children's Church is a worship experience focused totally on children and building their understanding of the Bible and promoting a meaningful relationship with God.

Children's Church celebrates all the ministries that are provided for children and gets the children involved in a weekly opportunity to display what they are learning in many unique and creative ways. Our children take an active part in church from the opening ice breakers, dancing, laughter, arts/crafts, and games to the delivery of the spoken word or lesson for that Sunday. Every month, they memorize and practice a memory verse that they can use in their walk with the Lord.



We have been blessed by God to have sixteen (16) children give their lives to Christ in the last few months. God is Good!! *We invite you every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday to worship with us.* Jesus told the disciples, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Matt. 19:14)



## Ministerial Staff Member

# In the Spotlight



**M**inister Christopher Sherod Thurman is a native of Shelby, North Carolina. He graduated from Clemson University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 2011, and from Southern Wesleyan University with a Masters degree in Secondary Administration and Supervision. While at Clemson, Minister Thurman was a part of the "Call Me MISTER" Program (an initiative to recruit more minority and underrepresented male teachers in the classroom), an Assistant Director of the Clemson University Gospel Choir, and a Drum Major in the Clemson University Tiger Band. He teaches sixth grade math at Charleston Charter School for Math and Science, where he also advises the Young Gentlemen's Club and the Soundwave Riptide Singers Club.

Minister Thurman officially began his preaching ministry on Sunday, November 30, 2014, preaching the sermon "Called to Active Duty" at Joshua Baptist Church. In addition to being an Associate minister at Joshua Baptist Church, he also enjoys working with Children's Church, teaching Sunday school, and singing in the choir.

He is married to Mrs. Xaviera Livingston Thurman (Zay). Together, they have been blessed with two beautiful children: Cadence and Christopher M. Thurman.

If you don't remember anything else about Minister Thurman, please remember that

he is a born again believer in the true and living God! His favorite scripture is 1 Corinthians 9:22 (KJV) - "To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."



# Member Spotlight

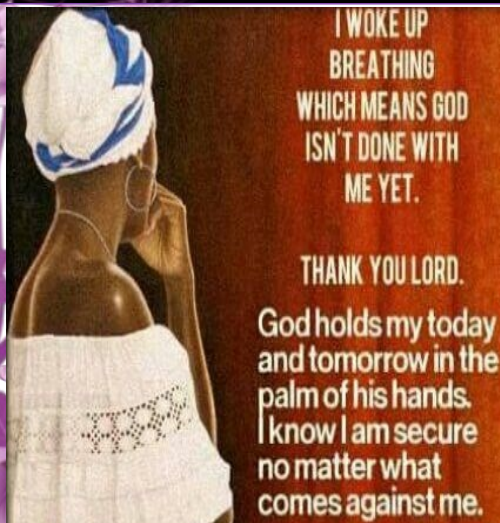
## Sis. Yvonne Johnson



### A Godly Woman

A woman of beauty  
A woman of grace  
A woman of excellence  
Beholding God's face  
She walks with the Lord with integrity  
Knowing her purpose and destiny  
No matter what happens  
She walks in God's love  
Reflecting the beauty  
Of her Father above.

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I will not  
forget  
you. I  
have  
carved  
you on  
the  
palm of  
my  
hand.

Isaiah  
49:15

### Meet Sis. Yvonne Johnson...

She is a faithful member of Joshua Baptist Church. She serves currently on the Decoration committee and Children's Church staff. She previously served as deaconess, usher and sang on the Gospel choir. Her favorite song is "What's the Matter with Jesus...He's Alright."

She is the daughter of the late Mr. Benjamin and Mrs. Mary Louise Rose and was born on April 15th.

Sis. Johnson attended Murray Hill Elementary School and graduated from Bonds Wilson High School.

Sis. Johnson accepted Christ as her personal savior and was baptized when she was a teenager. She was married to the late Deacon William Johnson Jr. They had three children, two who have gone home to be with the Lord: William "Jay" Johnson III and Santel Johnson. Their son Montell Johnson resides here in SC. Sis. Yvonne has six grandchildren.

She thanks God for giving her strength with the loss of her loved ones. God showed her the love she shared with them through it all. She said that "...weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning." Psalm 30:5 (KJV)

Sis. Johnson has battled with illnesses, but through it all she is thankful to God for His strength to go on. Many people have told her that they don't understand how she has gone through what she has and still have a smile on her face; Sis. Johnson's response to them is "Look at Jesus. Trust in God and lean not to your understanding, O Lord my God I cried unto thee and thou had healed me."

"The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace." Psalm 29:11(KJV)

Grace  
and  
Mercy



Thank God for Jesus  
YEA LORD I give  
You the Highest Praise  
HALLELUJAH!!!!



### You Are A Woman of Strength, Courage and Dignity.

One who values herself and others. A woman who stands strong in her faith in GOD. One who will not give up no matter how many obstacles come her way. If that does not make you beautiful then I don't know what does.

# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER  
AND  
HONOR



**Memorial Day or Decoration Day** is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.<sup>1</sup>The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, will be held on May 28, 2018.

The holiday was held on May 30 from 1868 to 1970. It marks the start of the unofficial summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day – Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, whereas Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. Source Wikipedia.

**2 Timothy 2:3** - *Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

## Remember Them

By Megan L. Sprigg

*We will remember them the ones who stood tall  
Who fought for their country the ones who were willing to fall*

*We will remember them the ones whose lives had shined  
Who were mighty and bold may the world be defined*

*Look at all our nations oh how far we've come  
As every person will stay in our hearts we shall stand one by one*

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/remember-them>



**John 11:25-26**, "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and, whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?'"

## Freedom is Not Free- Kelly Strong

I watched the flag pass by one day. It fluttered in the breeze  
A young Marine saluted it and then he stood at ease  
I looked at him in uniform so young, so tall, so proud  
He'd stand out in any crowd  
I thought how many men like him had fallen through the years  
How many died on foreign soil? How many mothers' tears?  
How many pilots' planes shot down? How many died at sea?  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of TAPS one night when everything was still  
I listened to the bugle play and felt a sudden chill  
I wondered just how many times that TAPS had meant  
"Amen,"  
When a flag had draped a coffin of a brother or a friend  
I thought of all the children of the mothers and the wives  
Of fathers, sons and husbands with interrupted lives  
I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington  
**No, freedom isn't free.**



- ◆ **On Sunday, May 20th help us celebrate Family & Friends Day during our 10:15 a.m. Worship Service followed by dinner and fellowship. Dress casual and bring all your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you there!!**
- ◆ **The Season's Ministry invites singles to join them on the train journey to Savannah on June 9th. Sis. Karen Pratt is collecting monies. We are looking forward to a fun time of fellowship. The cost is \$44 round trip.**

  
**Calling all graduates**

**C**ongratulations to our upcoming students who will be promoted to the next grade or graduating. We would like to recognize each of you. In order to do this, we are

asking that each student's name be printed on the church education bulletin board. Graduates when signing up, please include the type of degree you will be receiving and name of your school/college/university and provide a graduation picture by June 24th to Sis. Cheryl Scott or Sis. Betty Rouse.



## Of Mothers and Daughters



One day, a little girl is sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly notices that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then asked, "Momma, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"

[www.humormatters.com](http://www.humormatters.com)



## Crock Pot Honey Garlic Chicken

- ◆ Author: Erin Table for Seven
- ◆ ⌚ Prep Time: 00:10
- ◆ ⌚ Cook Time: 4:00
- ◆ ⌚ Total Time: 4 hours 10 minutes

### Ingredients

- ◆ 1 1/4 lb boneless chicken breast
- ◆ 1/2 cup steak sauce ( ex: A1)
- ◆ 1/4 cup honey
- ◆ 1 tsp garlic powder
- ◆ 1/2 tsp hot pepper sauce
- ◆ 🍴 Yield: Serves: 6

### Instructions

- ◆ Place chicken in crock pot.
- ◆ In a bowl, whisk together steak sauce, honey, garlic powder and hot pepper sauce.
- ◆ Pour over chicken.
- ◆ Cover and cook on low for 6 hours or high for 4 hours.
- ◆ For the last 1/2 hour of cooking, remove chicken from pot and shred/cut into pieces. Place it back into the crock pot and mix well with sauce.
- ◆ Serve with rice, noodles or serve on a bun for a sandwich.

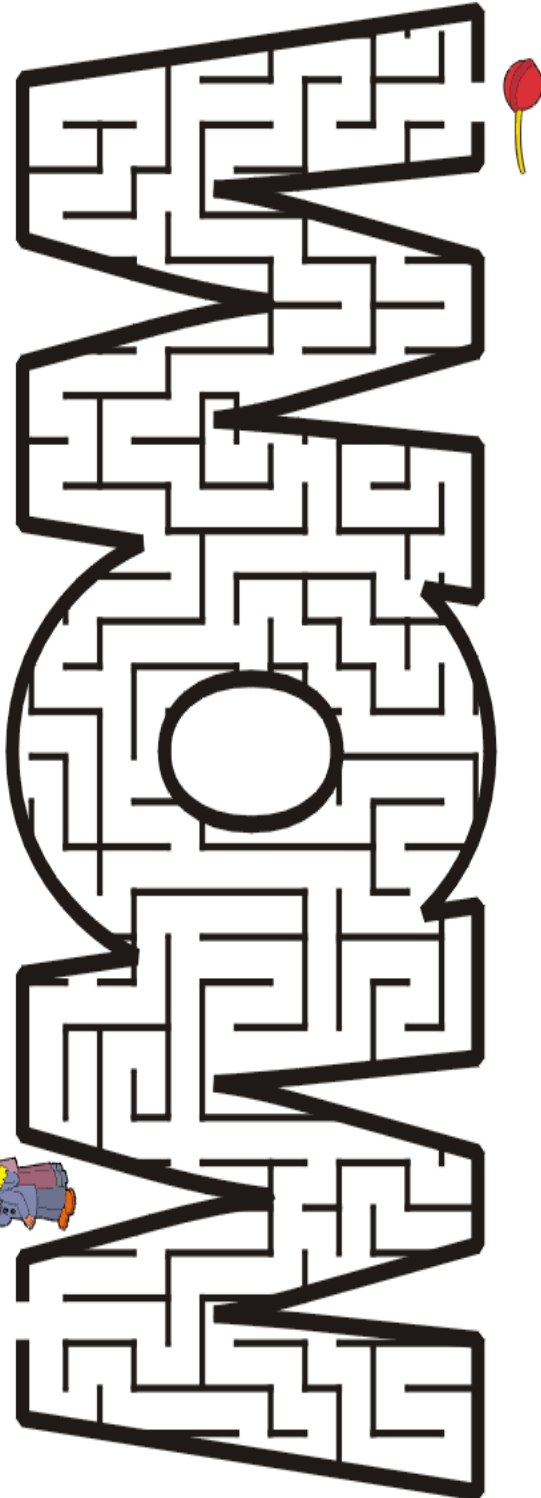
### Notes

Your cooking time will vary due to your crock pot/slow cooker and size of your chicken breasts.

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**JBC BROTHERHOOD**

Help the mother and baby find their way through the MOM shaped maze to find the missing rattle.





5—WTH U Pamper Me Day at 10:00 a.m.

6—White Oak Manor at 2:00 p.m.

10—Joint Board Meeting (Deacons/Trustees) at 6:30 p.m.

19—CRBA Mid-Session at 9:00 a.m., TBA

20—Family & Friends Day Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.

24—Pastor Grove at Abyssinia @ 7:30 p.m.—Jubilee Choir

26—Sunday School Trip to Carowinds—Joy Fest, TBA

27—Memorial Day Recognition during 10:15 a.m. Service

**Christian Experience**

Fortrena Haskell

Tennie Proctor

**Candidate for Baptism**

Tammie Proctor



3—Yvonne Strother

5—Rev. Christopher Thurman

5—Xaviera Thurman

8—Dea. Eugene Wright

23—Latonia Robinson

24—Kelly McKoy

27—Annette Wright

30—Josiah Murray

24—Bro. Glenn & Sis. Shirlene Davis



**Happy Family and Friends Day!**



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