



# Joshua's Journal

"Reaching People For Christ" – GOD FIRST | April 2019



The Pastor's Corner

## Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



During this Lenten Season, I pray that we turn our undivided attention to the Author and Finisher of our faith, Jesus Christ. What a blessing it is to be anchored in the Word of God and to know that we have been redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb.

We look forward to our Good Friday Night Service, which will include baptism. Also, our Easter Program and Worship Service is sure to excite our hearts. For we know that our Savior is risen, PRAISE THE

LORD! Members, remember to read the Gospel of Luke (24 chapters) and be willing to share what you learned in Bible Study.

Furthermore, I'd like to thank the Church Family and family members for your many gifts and acts of kindness shown during my 74th Birthday Celebration.

Finally, there are two significant events that Lady Grove and I will celebrate this month. We have been married for 51 years and Pastoring for 31 years. We both thank God for His grace, love, and mercy. Because neither of these milestones would have been possible without Him. So, I am thankful after these many years that there is still peace in God's House and our home.

Members, keep on pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. And remember, 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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July 30, 2005

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May 9, 2012

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## Do you look at everything according to the outward appearance? (II Cor. 10:7) (NKJV)

**Take Another Look**— The apostle Paul makes it clear that there are qualities we haven't yet discovered or discerned in some of the people around us. Most of our conclusions are based on limited and often flawed information. The Lord God saw qualities in David that his own family didn't recognize. To them David was just a shepherd boy. In fact, when he showed up at the battlefield and offered to fight Goliath, his oldest brother, Eliab, told him to go home and mind his own business. Yet within hours David had killed Goliath and his name had become a household word in Israel.

Joseph's brothers resented the dream Almighty God had given him, and his father's favor toward him. Nevertheless he went on to become prime minister of Egypt and ended up taking care of his entire family during a famine.

The lesson in all of this is: Be careful how you treat people who get under your skin! Learn to look past outward appearances. Remember Ruth, a peasant girl gathering barley who went on to become the boss's wife? Somebody like her may one day end up signing your paycheck, so bless her and treat her well. And learn to look beyond the distraction (outward appearance). Remember Esther, and consider the fool Haman who underestimated the beautiful girl sitting beside the king. She knew something he didn't; she had divine access to knowledge that would save her people and bring about Haman's demise. It was just a matter of time.

Bottom line: You never really know what's taking place in someone else's mind nor heart. So don't be so quick to judge them nor to write them off - take another look!

"So from now on, we do not think about what people are like by looking at them." 2 Corinthians 5:16 (NLT)

*"Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away. (KJV) Job 11:16*

**IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON** - No matter how bad things look, always remember the words, "it came to pass," **not to stay**. Life doesn't stand still; there will always be challenges. Don't let them throw you for a loop; instead, use them as opportunities to grow. Once you've grown in the areas where God almighty thinks you need additional maturity, the season you're in will pass. Nothing lasts forever.

Although it's hard to believe at the time, "You will forget your trouble and remember it... as water gone by." One author writes: "To forget isn't to develop amnesia. It's to reach a place where the misery is pulled from the memory like poison is removed from an insect bite. Once it's gone, your healing is inevitable. The memory will become as 'water gone by.' When the water that's flowing around your ankles today passes, you will never see it again."

Kristin Armstrong says: "When someone died in Old Testament times, those who were in mourning marked their faces with ashes. They allotted a specified season, after which they scrubbed up and moved on. How much healthier is that than our society? We put on makeup or a happy or stoic face, and prohibit people from having compassion and respecting the limits of where we are. We're so busy hiding, we're buried under ashes on the inside."



"God will call us to arise and shine when our light has come" (Isaiah 60:1). Ask the Lord to set your time limit and be ready to wash your face. Then move on!

"Let your light shine for all to see. For the glory of the Lord rises to shine on you." Isaiah 60:1 (NLT)



◆ **What is the purpose of a Church Resolution?**

A Church Resolution is a written statement from the Church about the faithful service of the deceased member. It is usually presented to the family.

◆ **What is the hardest part about the Pastoral Ministry?**

The hardest part about the Pastoral Ministry is staying in the Will of God through Prayer, Study and Meditation; and the preparation time needed for sermons, counseling and administrative matters.

*If you have a question that you would like the Pastor to answer, please submit to Sis. Cindy Cato or any member of the CAPPs ministry.*



Thinking of you during this time of illness, and praying you will find strength in the Lord and his never ending supply of love.

**Joshua Baptist Church Family**



**An Affirmation**

“An affirmation to say everyday: The healing power of God is working in me right now. Every day I get better and better in every way.”

-Joyce Meyer

**Fear Not**

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army encamps against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident."

- Sister Rosalie Blue
- Sister Murylen Broom
- Deacon Leroy Brown
- Brother Tony Brown
- Sister Justine Cato
- Sister Edna Clark
- Sister Ruthie Coleman
- Brother James Dent
- Sister Elizabeth Frazier

- Brother Ike Green
- Sister Liz Allen Hartley
- Sister Fortrea (Trena) Haskell
- Sister Louise Hugee
- Sister Mary Jenkins
- Sister Betty Jones
- Sister Yummy Jones
- Reverend Hester King
- Brother Sammy King

- Sister Lily Manning
- Sister Mary Ann McMillan
- Sister Catherine Pratt
- Brother Curtis Sally
- Brother Leonard Sinclair
- Deacon Joseph Wilson
- Sister Deborah Wright



Our Heavenly Father Lord,

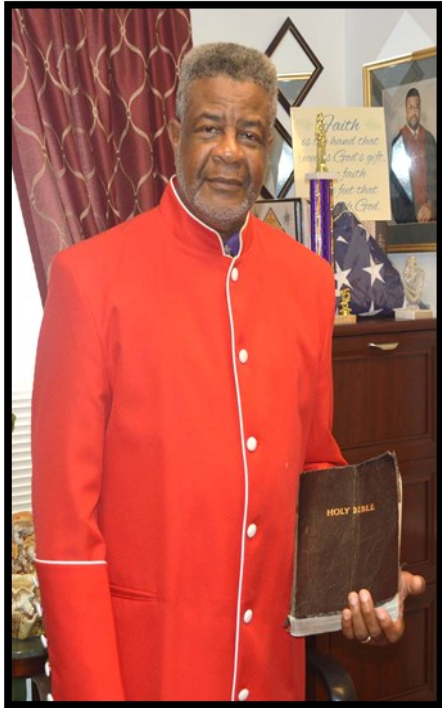
As You are the One, and we, Your servants, we pray Oh God above to heal and support all the sick and shut in listed. Destroy any sickness that is, was, and will ever be in his/her body In Jesus Name. We pray that thereafter, You rejuvenate his/her mind, body, and soul, that he/she may be granted the strength to function in all areas of his/her life. "Name" shall stand before You Oh Lord, and he/she will pray and raise his or her voice in thanks to You.

We glorify Your mighty deeds Oh Lord, and In Jesus Name, Amen.

# 31<sup>ST</sup> PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY AND FIRST LADY CELEBRATION

Honoring Rev. Dr. Robert L. And Lady Pauline Grove

**"A Shepherd Sent To Serve"**



And I will give you  
pastors according  
to mine heart,  
which shall feed  
you with knowledge  
and understanding.  
Jeremiah 3:15



**SERVICES**



FRIDAY, APRIL 26th  
@7 PM

&

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th  
@3:30 PM



*Congratulations to my Husband and Pastor.*



*Love and blessings,*

*Lady Pauline Grove*

***First Lady Celebration***



*Saturday, April 27th at 4pm*

***"A True Woman of God"***

**CHRISTIANS**  
LOVE PEOPLE

Many women  
do *Noble*  
things but you  
surpass them all  
*Proverbs 31:29*

***Pastor***

You serve the LORD faithfully and with great compassion for His flock. With Godly wisdom you instruct us and with boldness in Christ you lead us. You stay before the LORD on our behalf.

***First Lady***

You show us what it means to be truly committed to serving the LORD as you faithfully stand by Pastor's side. Your loving concern and encouragement does not go unnoticed.

You both have shared our deepest joys and stood with us in our darkest hours. We never cease to thank God for you. Thank you for the prayers you lift up for us and the wise counsel you provide. We see the fruit of the Spirit in you! We are blessed!

With Love, Honor and Appreciation,  
*The members of Joshua Baptist Church*



A very  
**Happy Wedding Anniversary**  
to a wonderful couple!



*Happy 51<sup>st</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary*

April 22, 2019

*...but as for me and my house, we will  
serve the LORD. (Joshua 24: 15 KJV)*

*In homes where GOD is first  
It's obvious to see  
Those unions really work  
For marriage still takes three.*

## *Recipe for a Happy Marriage*

*Make sure you put Jesus first!*

### **Ingredients**

- 1 gallon of prayer
- 1 gallon of reading God's word
- 1 gallon of praising God for His many blessings
- 2 cups of encouragement
- 2 cups of kindness
- 2 cups of gentleness
- 1 cup of consideration
- 1 cup of courtesy and thoughtfulness
- 2 cups of communication
- 1 cup of contentment
- 1 cup of understanding of one another's faults
- 1 cup of understanding of one another's needs
- Season with cooperation
- 3 teaspoons of pure extract of "I'm sorry" when needed

### **Directions**

Each and every day use the above ingredients.  
Add in some hobbies sweeten well with plentiful love and affection.  
Always stir well with God's love, grace and mercy.



### **Thank You**

Thanks to all who in some way blessed Pastor Grove on his b-day last month. When someone does an act of kindness, it seems to me that is the way GOD in heaven would like us all to be. I wanted to take a moment to say thanks to my family, friends, the Pastor's Aide Ministry which is led by Sis. Donna Cato and the Joshua Church family. You thought it not robbery to bless Pastor Grove with a wonderful b-day!! Know that you blessed him and GOD is blessing U!

This month, we will be married for 51 years! To God be the glory for the great things He has done in our lives.

Thank, you Joshua for your prayers and the love and kindness you have showed us.

Love and Blessings,

Lady P. Grove



# in the Spotlight

Deacon  
&  
Deaconess

Deacon Joseph and Deaconess Betty A. Fields were both born in Beaufort, SC, where they attended middle and high school together. At early ages, they both devoted their lives to Christ. They moved to New Jersey and were married in 1964. They have five children, including an adopted son.



The Fields were both blessed with great careers. Deacon Fields served as a supervisor in the Food industry for 27 years and later 14 years as a plumbing supplier and salesman. Deaconess Fields worked for 41 years in the medical field, serving as a CNA and certified Medical and Surgical Secretary and Business Associate.

After working for many years, they both retired in 2007.



The couple decided to move back to South Carolina and made their home in Summerville, SC. They attended First Emmanuel Baptist Church and later joined Joshua Baptist in December 2014. As members of Joshua, Bro. Fields was chosen to serve as a Deacon.

In 2017, they renewed their wedding vows after 53 years of marriage. In May, Deacon and Deaconess Fields will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary as they cruise to the Bahamas.



Mr. & Mrs.  
since 1964

Happy  
55<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary

## Prayer for Deacons

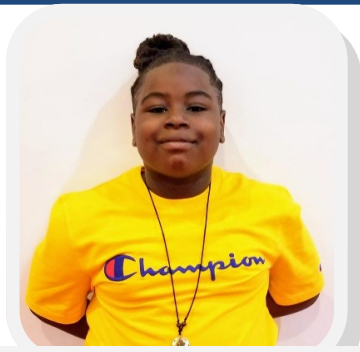
Heavenly Father, bestow Your abundant blessings on all Deacons, their families, their ministry and service.

Grant that they may be filled with grace and power as they work among the people.

By Your love and grace, continue to renew the spirit of Your servants, whom You have anointed.

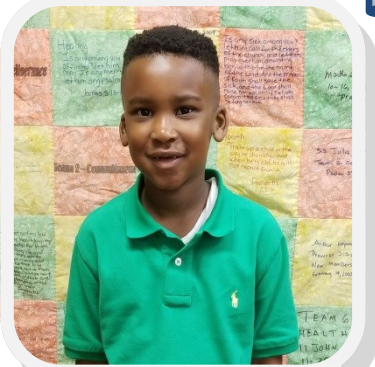
Amen.

# Church Members' Recognitions and Awards



**Timothy "TJ" Hammond**

TJ received a Community Celebration medal, because he has been a leader in Path to Success Skill by showing gratitude and appreciation for his teammates through his words and actions. He is a great team leader at school and church. He also received a Growth award for meeting his growth target on the Winter 2018 MAP Reading test! Pastor Grove gave him a "BIG" hug and the church gave him a hand of applause.



**Jordan Jackson**

Jordan likes playing basketball and is doing a great job in school! His report card described him as "AMAZING"! He continues to make academic and social progress. He has a positive attitude in the classroom and consistently makes good choices throughout the school day. He received a "BIG" hug from Pastor Grove and an applause from the congregation.



**Shanstacy Whack**

Sis. Shanstacy received her South Carolina Certified Nurses Aide (CNA) certificate from Trident Technical College (TTC). She also received a certificate in Alzheimer's care. Congratulations to Sis. Whack on a job well done!



## *Janaye Simmons Wins 1st Runner-Up in the Miss South Carolina Baptist Youth Pageant*

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, Janaye Simmons represented the Cooper River Baptist Association as a contestant, competing in the Miss South Carolina Baptist Youth Pageant. She was escorted by her brother, Jarvon Dowling, Jr. Contestants modeled church and formal attire and performed a talent. Janaye's talent presentation was a praise dance routine performed to Jekalyn Clark's rendition of the song Greater. The overall winner's selection was based upon the amount of funds raised. Janaye was crowned 1st Runner-Up after reporting a total of \$5,100.

Janaye is a thirteen-year-old youth member here at Joshua Baptist Church. She serves with the following Ministries: DREAM, Total Praise - Praise Dancers, Gifted Vessels Step Ministry and Lord's Angels Choir. She is also active with the Cooper River Baptist Association. She is the Youth Department's financial secretary, Junior Ushers Ministry Vice President and sings with the Youth Choir.

She is an eighth-grade student at Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science. Janaye is a former cheerleader and represents the school as it's queen, Miss Lightning 2018-2019. She loves

participating in pageants and previously served as Miss Dunston Elementary School and Miss Junior Emancipator, representing the Emancipation Proclamation Organization of Charleston and Vicinity. Her hobbies are singing, praise dancing, fashion designing, traveling and cooking. She plans to establish an online cooking blog soon.

Janaye is the daughter of Miss Ladonia Simmons and the late Mr. Jarvon Dowling. She loves her role of being the big sister to her younger brothers, five-year-old Jarvon (JR) and one-year old Carter. She describes herself as being unique, brave and beautiful. Her favorite scriptures are Psalm 23 and John 3:16. Her future ambition is to either pursue a law degree and become an attorney or a degree in education and become a teacher. She also plans to be involved in entrepreneurship.





# UPCOMING EVENTS



In observance of the **Lenten Season** and a way of reflection and preparation, we will be reading the entire Gospel of Luke for 40 days (March 6th - April 18th). All members are asked to refrain from eating **meats, seafood and sweets** from **Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, April 14 - 21, 2019.**

## FREE BREAST & COLON CANCER SCREENINGS

Thursday, April 11th From 5:30 PM —7:30 PM

Roper St. Francis Cancer Center on the Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital Campus, 2085 Henry Tecklenburg Dr., Charleston, SC

### To participate in the

**Breast Cancer screening,** you must be age 18 or older, and not have had a breast exam in the last 12 months. Financial assistance will be available for mammograms for those who qualify as well as onsite scheduling.

**Colon Cancer screening,** you must be 45 and older or you age must be 10 years prior to the age of a first degree relative having colorectal cancer.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE SCREENINGS.**

**TO REGISTER, CALL (843) 402-CARE.**



The CRBA Women's Auxiliary awards two scholarships annually. The "Alfair Grant Memorial Scholarship" is for high school seniors who have been accepted into a college or technical school, and the "Mildred Gibson Brown Scholarship" is for sophomores or juniors who are enrolled at a four-year institution with a declared major. Application deadline is April 27, 2019. For additional information or to obtain a scholarship packet, please contact Sis. Gail Tolbert.



Anyone needing help with **minor home repairs**, please contact your Deacon or a Brotherhood member.



Let's Talk Ministry will be celebrating their

First Anniversary on May 4th

from 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

on the corner of Cosgrove and Rivers Avenue (DSS parking area).

We are inviting everyone to come out and help us lift up the Name of Jesus.

Joshua, we don't want to do it without you.



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR PAMPER ME DAY**

May 4, 2019

10:00 am —2:00 pm

This day is set aside to minister to women by pampering them with hairstyles, pedicures, manicures, facials, etc. If you enjoy serving, please see any member of the WHTH-U Ministry to volunteer as hairstylists, braiders, manicurists, pedicurists or assist in any way necessary.

◆ **Church Bulletin:** If you would like an announcement placed in the bulletin, please notify Sis. Cindy Cato by Wednesdays at 11 am.

◆ **Journal:** The 3rd Sunday of each month is the deadline to submit articles, announcements, poems, etc., to be published in the upcoming issue. Please give your submission to Sis. Betty Rouse or a CAPPS member.

◆ **Birthdays and Anniversaries** are recognized each month in the Joshua Journal. If you are celebrating one of these events next month, please print your information on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.



# Today's Lesson:

Educate yourself.

# "GOD BLESS YOU!"

When "God bless you!" becomes no more than an automatic response to a sneeze, it suffers a great loss in meaning. Genesis 21 and 26 speak about the blessings on Isaac and Ishmael. Look up the texts noted below and fill in the blanks.



## WHO CALLED FOR A BLESSING?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 14:18-20
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 27:27-30
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Deuteronomy 33:1, 13-17
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth 2:19, 20

## WHO WAS TO BE BLESSED?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Easter Bible Facts Questions and Answers

1. Who made the statement, "Take ye him, and crucify him, for I find no fault in him."? (Mary Magdalene, Judas, Pilate, Herod)
2. Some countries have bonfires at Easter time. What is burned in these fires? (crosses made out of straw, effigies of Judas, colored paper eggs, a giant cloth, Easter bunny)
3. What kind of cloth was used to wrap the body of Jesus? (wool, linen, cotton, silk)
4. Jesus' body was placed in a sepulcher and a rock was rolled to cover the opening. What is a sepulcher? (a large pottery urn, a wooden coffin, a cave-like tomb, a hole in dug in the ground)
5. How many angels were guarding the sepulcher? (1, 4, 6, 2)
6. Which disciple is not present when Jesus goes to see them after his resurrection? (Thomas, Simon, Paul, Peter)
7. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. After his crucifixion, Jesus rose from the dead how many days later? (7, 3, 2, 5)
8. Which prisoner was released instead of Jesus? (Barabbas, Barnabas, Bartholomew, Barak)
9. What was the name of the hill where they crucified Jesus? (Gethsemane, Golgotha, Gibeon, Ararat)
10. What animal did Jesus ride on when he entered Jerusalem the week before his death? (a camel, a horse, none, he walked, a donkey)



**SAY IT AGAIN –** Two ladies were praising the merits of their respective preachers. One said, "Our minister is so wonderful. He can preach a dozen sermons from the same text." Her friend then responded, "Why that's nothing. Our minister is more wonderful still. He can take any text in the Bible and preach the same sermon from it!"

**"God Bless You!"** 1. Melchizedek, king of Salem / Abram; 2. Isaac / Jacob ended up with the blessing although Esau was the one intended to be blessed; 3. Moses / "Joseph," referring to the descendants of that man, who constitute the two tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh. 4. Naomi / Boaz

**Easter Trivia:** (1) Pontius Pilate, after which he washed his hands as a sign that he was not responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus; (2) Effigies of Judas; (3) linen; (4) a cave-like tomb; (5) two, one where the head of Jesus had been and one at the feet (John 20:12); (6) Thomas, who is told by the disciples that Jesus rose from the grave; (7) Three; (8) Barabbas; (9) Golgotha; (10) a donkey

# April Events

- 7 White Oak Manor at 2:00 pm
- 8 Trustee Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 11 WHTH-U Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 14 Lord's Angels 30th Anniversary during 10:15 service
- 15 Sunday School & BTU Congress Committee Members at 6:00 pm
- 17 Y.W.A. Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 18 Sunday School Quarterly Staff Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 19 Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm
- 20 Praise Ministry Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- 20 Brotherhood Meeting & Church Clean-Up at 9:00 a.m.
- 20 D.R.E.A.M. Session at 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Mentee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- 20 CBRA Youth Department's "Four Seasons Tea", Promiseland Baptist Church at 4:00 pm
- 21 Sunday School Easter Program at 9:00 a.m.
- 22 Seasons (Singles) Ministry Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 26 Pastor and Sis. Grove's 31st Anniversary at 7:00 pm
- 27 1st Lady Celebration for Sis. Grove, Activity Center at 4:00 pm
- 28 Conclusion of Pastor & Sis. Grove's 31st Anniversary at 3:30 pm



*Happy anniversary!*

- 12—Brother Eric & Sister Keisha Cooper
- 16—Deacon Charles & Deaconess Mary Pinckney
- 22—Deacon Leroy & Deaconess Shelley Brown
- 22—Pastor Robert & Lady Pauline Grove

### Candidate for Baptism

- Victoria Reed
- Lamar Simmons
- Daviona Washington

### Restoration

- Coletha Hayward



Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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- 5—Valeria Smiley
- 5—Tammie Proctor
- 9—Crystal Pryor
- 15—Yvonne Johnson
- 18—Darius Sheppard
- 18—Patrice Jackson
- 21—Danielle Hill
- 25—Ernest Rouse
- 26—Dea. Charles Pinckney
- 28—Janie Carroll

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

## Prayer Team

- April 9th**—Dea. Frank Brown, his members, Winding Chain Team 1 (Prosperity), Sunday School Department, and Kitchen Committee
- April 16th**—Dea. Eugene Wright, his members, Winding Chain Team 2 (Commitment), C.A.P.P.S., and Joshua Journal Ministry
- April 23rd**—Dea. Albert Hill, his members, Winding Chain Team 3 (Salvation), Decorating Committee, and W.E. Hugee Choir
- April 30th**—Dea. Arnold Jenkins, his members, Winding Chain Team 4 (Healing), WHTH-U Ministry, and Y.W.A.

**Come join us Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.**



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