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Joshua's Journal

"Reaching People For Christ" – **GOD FIRST** | AUGUST 2019



The Pastor's Corner

Message from Pastor

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



As I write, I am praying for bright sunshine for our Annual Carnival AQUIVA 2019 - 'From Generation to Generation.' This is our time to show forth the love of Christ as we celebrate His bountiful blessings towards us. We look forward to a time of sharing good food, fun, fellowship and friendship with the community. My prayer is that someone will meet Christ at the Carnival and accept Him in the pardoning of their sins.

For there is no secret to what God can do, if we ask in faith and believe.

Next, for your information, I have asked Trustee Joan Simmons to serve as the church Wedding Coordinator. So, the first step for anyone considering marriage in Joshua will be with Trustee Simmons. This is done so that the couple can be fully vetted before they are referred to me for marriage counseling and wedding planning.

Also, your support of our Four Seasons Tea (Sept 29th) is requested and appreciated. So, get ready, get ready, get ready! Furthermore, I express my thanks to those who have voluntarily opened the Activity Center so that our young people can use it for basketball games and some clean fun. We thank God for the vision!

In addition, our Vacation Bible School- 'In The Wild', was extraordinarily good. A big "THANK YOU" to our Sunday School Staff and the host of volunteers who made it happen.

Finally, my brothers and sisters, '...be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might...' And remember, God loves you and Sister Grove and I do too.

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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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September 24, 1998

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July 30, 2005

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May 9, 2012



Overcoming Stress

Focus on one thing at a time. Are you being pulled in different directions today? People constantly tried to do this to Jesus and distract Him from His goal in life. The Holy Bible says, "At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for Him and when they came to where He was, they tried to keep Him from leaving them" (v.42). Jesus was about to leave and they tried to make Him stay. Here's how He responded: "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom... to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." He refused to be distracted by less important matters. Indeed, He was a master at this.



KEEPING ON

I've dreamed many a dream that never came true
I've seen them vanish at dawn
But I've realized enough of my dreams, thank God,
To make me want to dream on

I've prayed many prayers when no answer came
Though I waited patient and long
But answers have come to enough of my prayers
To make me want to keep praying on

I've trusted many a friend that failed
And left me to weep alone
But I've found enough of my friends true blue
To make me keep trusting on

I've sown many seed that fell by the way
For the birds to feed upon
But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hands
To make me keep sowing on

I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain
And gone many days without song
But I've sipped enough nectar from the roses of life
To make me want to live on

– anonymous

Everybody had a Plan B for His life. But, He responded, "No, I must keep moving toward my goal." And Jesus kept right on doing what He knew His Father had told Him to do. Jesus was determined. He was persistent. He was focused.

So when you have a dozen different things to do, pick the most important one and stick with it until it is completed. Then pick the next most important and do the same thing, until you have completed the list. When we diffuse our efforts, we're ineffective. When we concentrate our efforts, we're more successful. Diffused light produces a hazy glow, whereas light that's concentrated glows so much brighter. The Lord Jesus didn't let interruptions prevent Him from concentrating on His goal. He didn't let other people make Him tense or stressed or irritated. Let Him be your example today... and every day.

"I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying, for He speaks peace to His faithful people. But let them not return to their foolish ways." Psalm 85:8 (NLT)

— WE —
Appreciate Our
DEACONS



Thank you to each of our Deacons and their wives who have served our Church and Lord so faithfully and unselfishly!

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.
 - Hebrews 6:10 (KJV) -

Please join us for Men's Day during 10:15 a.m. Service on August 25th for fellowship and good food.

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 1 Corinthian 16:13 (ESV)

The Man in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self and the world makes you king for a day
 Just go to the mirror and look at yourself
 and see what that man has to say

For it isn't your father or mother or wife
 who judgment upon you must pass
 The fellow whose verdict counts the most in your life is the one staring back from the glass

Some people may think you a straight-shooting chum and call you a wonderful guy
 But the guy in the glass says you're only a bum
 if you can't look him straight in the eye

He's the fellow to please never mind all the rest
 for he's with you clear up to the end
 And you've passed your most dangerous difficult test if the man in the glass is your friend

You may fool the whole world down the pathway
 of life and get pats on the back as pass
 But your final reward will be heartaches and tears
 if you've cheated the man in the glass.

You Are Invited To
 Denim & Diamonds
 A Celebration of Love
 25th Appreciation Dinner
 Honoring
Our Deacons
 Friday, August 23, 2019 @ 6pm
 JBC Activity Center
 2482 Faber Road, N. Charleston, SC

A night of fun and fellowship!!

Ladies wear denim dress or jeans & bling.
 Gents wear denim or casual attire.

JOIN US FOR A
Four Seasons Tea

"Everybody in the BODY is Somebody Special"

**Sunday, September 29, 2019
 @ 5:00 PM**

**JBC Activity Center
 2482 Faber Road
 North Charleston, SC 29405**

SPOTLIGHT

Preston T. Capers



Medal of Honor:

Deputy Preston Capers, who showed exceptional valor in the line of duty. Deputy Capers acted bravely to save others despite imminent risk to his own life. Assistant Sheriff Mitch Lucas called his actions "absolutely stellar"

Source: Charleston County Sheriff's Office

GOD hold those who serve and protect in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Sgt. Preston T. Capers is the son of Sis. Kathy Yellets and step-son of Mr. Damian Yellets and the father of three year old Natalie Capers.

At the age of 17, he joined The Army National Guard with the consent of his mother and is now a sergeant.

Bro. Capers has also worked his way up the ranks with the Charleston County Sheriff Department. He worked as a Correctional Officer at the Al Cannon Detention Center before becoming a Sheriff Deputy. He is also a member of the S.W.A.T. team.

He is currently taking on-line courses at Herzing University. Bro. Capers made the President's List during the Fall and Summer semesters of 2018 by earning a GPA of 4.0 and made the Academic Dean's List with a GPA above 3.50 for the Spring 2019 Semester.

"I thank God for my son, I'm so proud of Preston" ~ Sis. Kathy Yellets

Bro. Capers will leave soon for his third deployment on August 9, 2019 and will return August 10, 2020.

Let us continue to pray for him and his family.

Ephesians 6: 10 (KJV)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

1 John 4:4 (KJV)

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

The task ahead of you, is never as great as the Power within you.



Pictured: Preston with his mom, step-dad & daughter.





Submitted by the Wednesday Bible School Class



I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning – to the end.

*He noted that first came her date of birth spoke the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the **dash** between those years. (1904 – 2003)*

*For that **dash** represented all the time that she spent alive on earth...And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our **dash**.*



So think about this long and hard... Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger, show appreciation more and love, the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

*If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special **dash** might last but a little while.*

*So when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash...would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your **dash**?*



Reading the poem "The Dash" brought back memories. Pastor Grove preached about the dash at my mother's home-going celebration on Thursday, August 25, 2005. The subject was "Living And Dying With Hope" starting around the 13th verse of 1 Thessalonians 4.

I've seen the dash on tombstones, headstones, and obituaries. Until that day, I have never given that little symbol a second thought. I didn't realize that something I thought of as *small and insignificant* was so powerful.

No matter, if we are on earth for one day or hundred years, that little dash represents our lives; how we lived; what we did with our God given time here on earth; what we did for GOD, family and others; what we contributed to this world and so much more!

From that very day in 2005, I never looked at the dash (-) the same.

Written by Sis. Cheryl Scott



Ask The Pastor...

Q: "What is Fasting? Why should we fast and how often should someone fast?"

A: Fasting is the voluntary abstinence of food and drink for a set period of time. You can fast as often as you are led to do so by the Holy Spirit. You can engage in a TOTAL FAST, or PARTIAL FAST. The purpose is to deny the flesh and feed the spirit - in order to get closer to GOD.



Vacation Bible School was a very powerful week of learning and fellowship for all ages! We were able to study amazing encounters with Jesus. Everyone got to enjoy the different crafts, games, and snacks!

A special thanks to our volunteers who helped make this possible, and to everyone who gave a helping hand or donated food or supplies to help make this event successful.



We can't wait until next year!

WHICH BOOK DO YOU NEED TO READ BEFORE GOING BACK TO SCHOOL?



CHRISTIAN LEARNING

TIME PEACE

Think about the time you spend with God each week—not just the quantity but the quality. Choose one of the timepieces below that best describes the quality of time you seek the peace of God in your life.

stopwatch—I try to squeeze in time with God when possible. But during that time I am always counting the minutes until I can complete the task and move on to other things.

sundial—I soak up any time I can get with God. It's like enjoying a sunny summer day outside. I don't worry about spending too much time with Him.

hourglass—I am regimented with my time with God. I turn the timer over, and as soon as the sand starts to trickle out, I begin my time with God. I need this structure in my schedule to help me develop good spiritual habits.

grandfather clock—Just like a dependable clock in my living room, God is always present in my life. I don't have a set time in my schedule to read or serve or pray—it just comes naturally as the occasion arises.

time machine—I come to the end of each week with regret. I look back and realize that other things got in the way of my time with God. I wish I could go back in time and do things over, making time with God a priority.



Quick Joke

When you look depressed, people remind you to keep your chins up.



IN WITH THE NEW

The past cannot be undone, but God has made provisions for us to be renewed! Look up the following Scripture verses to help you contrast the Old Covenant with the New Covenant. This week, spend time thanking God for your new heart and new start!

	OLD COVENANT	NEW COVENANT
1. Where it is written (Deuteronomy 9:10; Jeremiah 31:33)		
2. When it began (Jeremiah 31:32; Acts 2:1-4, 37-39)		
3. What sacrifice(s) is required: (Hebrews 7:27)		
4. How people know God (Exodus 20:18-21; Jeremiah 31:33, 34; Philippians 3:8-10)		

In with the New: 1=Old: Written on tablets of stone. New: Written on the human heart. 2=Old: At Mt. Sinai, after God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. New: On the Day of Pentecost, when people were baptized and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. 3=Old: Daily sacrifices by the priests for their sins and the sins of the people. New: One perfect sacrifice: Jesus died in our place to save us from our sins. 4=Old: They know him at a distance; they only know what someone else tells them. New: They know him personally and intimately.

happy birthday

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| 2 – Andrea Grampus | 21 – Kathy Yellets |
| 5 – Rev. Albertha Isler | 22 – Stevie Grampus Sr. |
| 12 – Jacqueline Dent | 22 – Janaye Simmons |
| 15 – Dea. Stanley Perry | 28 – Barbara Jenkins-Dent |
| 16 – Ja'Maya Pugh | 30 – Gloria Ravenell |
| 17 – Rev. Hester King | 31 – Jordan Jackson |
| 18 – Marcus Glover | 31 – Christine Rollison |



Aug 6 ~ Dea. Norman Vanderhorst, his members, Winding Chain Team 5 (Increase), Youth Department, and Security Ministries

Aug 20 ~ Dea. Charles Pinckney, his members, Winding Chain Team 7 (New Members), Health Providers, and Praise Choir Ministries

Aug 27 ~ Dea. Leroy White, his members, Winding Chain Team 8 (Expansion), Voices of Joshua, and Gospel Choir Ministries



Restoration

Sis. Bernice Wilson

Christian Experience:

Sis. Courtney Grant

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4 White Oak Manor at 2 p.m.
- 5 Trustee Meeting at 6 p.m.
- 7 CRBA Ministers Ministry Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 8 WHTH U Meeting at 6 p.m.
- 10 International Seminary Graduation at 3 p.m.
- 10 Health Advocates Meeting at 10 a.m.
- 13 "Back to School" Prayer Service at 6 p.m.
- 14 G.E.D. & Pearls resume at 6 p.m.
- 17 CRBA "Back to School" Program, Jerusalem Baptist Church at 11 a.m.
- 18 Children's Church Award Ceremony during 10:15 a.m. Service
- 21 Y.W.A. Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 23 25th Deacons' Appreciation Dinner at 6 p.m.
- 25 Annual Men's Day during 10:15 a.m. Service
- 25 Pastor Grove will be speaking at Victory Missionary Baptist Church at 4 p.m.
- 26 Seasons (Singles) Ministry Meeting at 6 p.m.
- 31 Deacons Training Class at 9 a.m.



3—*Bro. Clarence & Rev. Albertha Isler*

9—*Bro. Michael & Min. Latonia Robinson*

14—*Dea. Lawrence & Sis. Alma Strother*

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