



# Merry Christmas

## Joshua's Journal

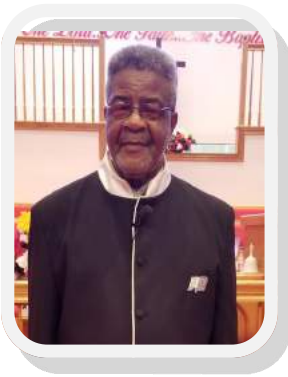
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The Pastor's Corner

Message from Pastor

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



**M**erry Christmas to all of you from all of us! I do pray that this Holiday Season will find you in good spirits and enjoying the matchless grace of Jesus the Christ. The greatest heavenly gift that we can ever receive is the Christ of Christmas. The greatest gift we can enjoy on this earth is to be in excellent health. So, if you do not receive the gift that you were hoping for under the Christmas tree, just thank God for the Tree of Life and for your health and strength. When you add it all up, the full cost of these things is *no charge*.

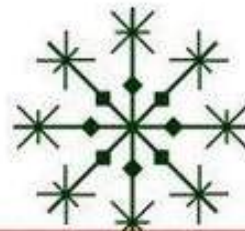
Don't blow up your credit card trying to please people who oftentimes don't really care.

Also, I want to congratulate those who received the "Faithful Service Award" for 2019. This positive recognition for those who are being faithful to the work of the church has been noticed and is appreciated.

Members, we are standing on Holy Ground and worshipping a Holy God in a Holy Place called Joshua. Understand that this is all made possible by Jehovah-Jireh (Our Provider). So, let us hold fast to our purpose of "Reaching People for Christ".

Finally, my brothers and sisters, I am so thankful for your selfless support of the ministries here at Joshua, for we cannot spell success without "u".

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.

Adopted  
September 24, 1998


Amended  
July 30, 2005


Amended  
May 9, 2012





Late one Christmas Eve, I was in my easy chair. The kids were in bed, the gifts were wrapped, the milk and cookies were in place. As I sat back admiring the tree with its decorations, I couldn't help feeling that something important was missing. It wasn't long before the tiny twinkling tree lights lulled me to sleep.


I opened my eyes, and you can imagine my surprise when I saw Santa Claus himself standing next to my Christmas tree. He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot just as the poem described him, but he was not the "jolly old elf" of Christmas legend. The man who stood before me looked sad and disappointed, and there were tears in his eyes.


"Santa, what's wrong?" I asked, "Why are you crying?" "It's the children," Santa replied sadly. "But Santa, the children love you," I said. "Oh, I know they love me, and they love the gifts I bring them," Santa said, "but the children of today seem to have somehow missed out on the true spirit of Christmas. It's not their fault. It's just that the adults, many of them not having been taught themselves, have forgotten to teach the children." "Teach them what?" "Teach the children the true meaning of Christmas. Teach them that the part of Christmas we can see, hear, and touch is much more than meets the eye. Teach them the symbolism behind the customs and traditions of Christmas which we now observe. Teach them what it is they truly represent." Santa reached into his bag and pulled out a tiny Christmas tree and set it on my mantle. "Teach them about the  Christmas tree. Green is the second color of Christmas. The stately evergreen, with its unchanging color, represents the hope of eternal life in [Jesus](#). Its needles point heavenward as a reminder that mankind's thoughts should turn heavenward as well."

Santa reached into his bag again and pulled out a shiny star  and placed it at the top of the small tree. "The star was the heavenly sign of promise. Teach the children that God always fulfills His promises, and that wise men still seek Him." "Red is the first color of Christmas." "Red is deep, intense, vivid. It is the color of the life-giving blood that flows through our veins. It is the symbol of God's greatest gift. Teach the children that Christ gave His life and shed His blood for them that they might have eternal life. When they see the color red, it should remind them of that most wonderful Gift."

Santa found a silver bell  in his pack and placed it on the tree. "Just as lost sheep are guided to safety by the sound of the bell, it continues to ring today for all to be guided to the fold. Teach the children to follow the true Shepherd, who gave His life for the sheep."

Santa placed a  candle on the mantle and lit it. "The glow of the candle represents how people can show their thanks for the gift of God's Son that Christmas Eve long ago. Teach the children to follow in Christ's foot steps... to go about doing good. Teach them to let their light so shine before people that all may see it and glorify God. This is what is symbolized when the twinkling lights shine on the tree like hundreds of bright, shining candles, each of them representing one of God's precious children, their light shining for all to see."

Again Santa reached into his bag and this time he brought forth a tiny red and white striped cane.  "The candy cane is a stick of hard white candy: white symbolizes the virgin birth and sinless nature of Jesus and the firmness of God's promises. It's a 'J' to represent the precious name of Jesus. It also represents the Good Shepherd's crook, which He uses to reach down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen sheep who have gone astray. The original candy cane had three small red stripes, which are the stripes of the scourging Jesus received by which we are healed, and a large red stripe that represents the shed blood of Jesus, so that we can have the promise of eternal life." "Teach these things to the children."

Santa brought out  a wreath made of fresh, fragrant greenery tied with a bright red bow. The bow tells the story of good will towards all and its color reminds us of Christ's sacrifice. Even its very shape is symbolic, representing eternity and the eternal nature of Christ's love. It is a circle, without beginning and without end. These are the things you must teach the children."

I asked, "But where does that leave you, Santa?" "I'm only a symbol myself. I represent the spirit of family fun and the joy of giving and receiving. If the children are taught these other things, there is no danger that I'll ever be forgotten." "I think I'm beginning to understand."

"That's why I came," said Santa. "If you don't teach the children these things, then who will?"



# Merry Christmas!



## Go Tell It on the Mountain...

### A Christmas Prayer

by Robert L. Stevenson

Loving Father,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.



Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing  
which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.



May the Christmas morning  
make us happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven,  
for Jesus' sake.

Amen.



# Feliz Navidad

**1 John 5:11 (KJV)**

*And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son*

**Matthew 1:21 (JKV)**

*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins*



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Luke 2:10

Who can add to Christmas?  
The perfect motive is  
that God so loved the world.  
The perfect gift is that  
He gave His only Son.  
The only requirement is  
to believe in Him.  
The reward of that is that  
you shall have everlasting life.

~ Corrie Ten Boom ~

All the Christmas presents  
in the world are worth  
nothing without the  
presence of

# Christ

- David Jeremiah



There are so many wonderful things about Jesus!

There are so many wonderful things about Him.

His name is *Wonderful*.

He's a *Wonderful Counselor*.

He is the **Mighty GOD**.



Fall on your knees!  
O hear the angel voices!



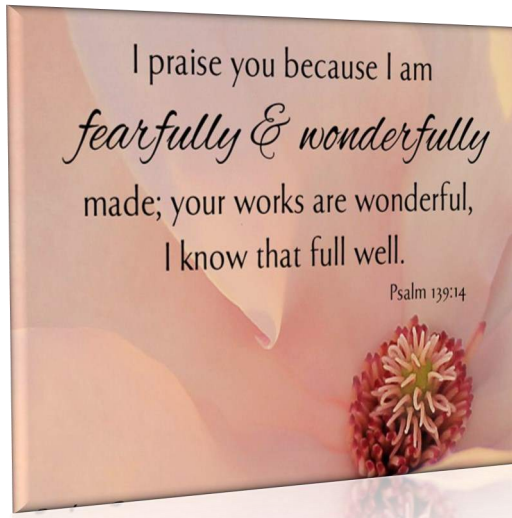
## ...Jesus Christ is Born!



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Sis. Janet Broom

Written by Sis. Gail C.W. Tolbert



Janet & Momma

**J**anet Nechelle Broom is a native of Spartanburg, SC. She is the daughter of Mrs. Murylen H. W. Broom and the late Mr. Pervis Broom. As the youngest child of all her siblings, she has always been spoiled and the apple of her family’s eyes. To meet Janet is to love her. She has a beautiful smile and a warm personality. She loves people and is quite social.

At Friendship Baptist, her former church, she was active in several ministries. Those include the praise dancers and the young adult choir. Janet loves the Lord and is excited to come to church. She is always the first one dressed in her family on Sunday mornings. Janet does a great job helping to take care of her mother.



Janet works at the Goodwill on Trolley Road in Summerville, a job she really enjoys. She absolutely loves talking on the phone to her friends, shopping, traveling, attending church, going on outings with her friends from the center each month, trying new restaurants, and coloring beautiful pictures.



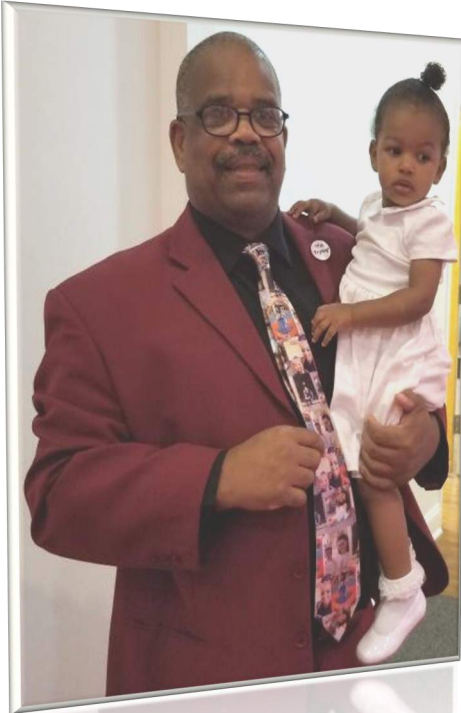
*Jesus Loves Me*

*I love my Family*



Pictured (from L to R) with her sister, Sis. Gail Tolbert, her brother Rev. Tyman M. Wallace, her mother Sis. Murylen and her brother-in-law, Bro. Tony Tolbert.

# Deacon Spotlight



**D**eacon Lawrence Strother arrived at Charleston AFB in October 1986. He is married to Deaconess Alma E. (Magee) Strother. They have six children and ten grandchildren.

Deacon Strother began attending Joshua in 1989. He served in the Trustee ministry for two years and was later called forward as a Deacon in 2013 and was ordained July 14, 2014.

**CALLED TO SERVE**

1 Timothy 3:2-7



He serves currently as advisor to the Pre-GED Program, Department of Transportation Traffic Control (DOTTC), Carnival Aquiva, Education Ways & Means and JBC Church Anniversary ministries. Along with being an advisor, he also serves currently as President of the Brotherhood Ministry, Men's Retreat Coordinator, a GED tutor, a DOTTC driver, Mentee Ministry mentor, Youth Enrichment Service member, and Grant Administrator.

He is the Maintenance Operations Officer for the 437th Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina. He directs & orchestrates the aircraft maintenance efforts of over 400 active duty airmen, civilians & reserve personnel in seven flights across fourteen Air Force career fields. His other job requirements include being responsible for technical and administrative supervision over subordinates and workers in accomplishing total aircraft inspections, troubleshooting, repair modification, jacking and total engine run of aircraft to an in-commission status (to include preflight) in an integrated maintenance environment within Maintenance Squadron.



Deacon Strother received his Bachelor of Science degree from University of Maryland University College in 1999 and his dual Master's degree in Human Resource/ Management in 2007 from Webster University.



## 2019 JBC MEN'S RETREAT



Deacon Wright gave us right-hand information on what is a Trustee and what Trustee duties are all about.



Dr. Kevin Ray of Physicians Foot Care gave us instructions on how to care for our body, especially our feet.



**WHATCHA  
GONNA  
DO!?!?**



**Your Actions Express Your Priority!**

**GOD WILL  
OPEN DOORS  
NO MAN CAN  
SHUT.**



"Thank You" to the 35 men that journeyed to Myrtle Beach for our Annual Men's Retreat. We all had a wonderful time! We enjoyed learning, laughing, teaching, singing, and preaching.

Also, "A Special Thanks" to Brothers Stacy Holbert and Derrick Beckwith who attended the retreat for the first time. Our theme "*Moving Forward Through Open Doors*" was well received, and Rev. Scott never ceases to bring a great message.

Please make room on your schedule for next year and let's make 2020 a bigger and better Brotherhood event. God Bless everyone !!!



Addison Goss

# Pearls Ministry



Anazhia Warren

Addison Goss and Anazhia Warren are the two youngest Pearls Needlework Ministry members. Addison made a cloth lap cover for a resident at White Oak Manor. The Pearls Ministry has been working hard in 2019. They have crocheted hats for infants at Saint Francis Hospital, crocheted hats and scarves for the Dept. of Mental Health, and the homeless. They also sewed small blankets for the residents of White Oak Manor. Pink crocheted ribbons were made for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. If you would like to join the Pearls Needlework Ministry, they meet every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Submitted by Sonya Jenkins



Aynna Amaria Lashae Pugh is a 10th Grade Cadet Scholar who has been recognized for her academic excellence by her principal Robert L. Perrineau, Ed.D of Military Magnet Academy, Charleston County School District as the lone Principal Honor Roll recipient for the 1st Quarter of the 2019—2020 academic school year at the Military Magnet Academy. Cadet Pugh achieved an “A” average of 92 or higher in all her current courses.

Aynna is the daughter of Sis. Shanstacy Pugh. Keep up the GREAT WORK!! We, at Joshua Baptist Church, are “Very Proud of You.”



Happy Birthday  
Sis. Nellie Banks

Sis. Nellie E. Banks (centered) celebrated her 106th birthday along with her family members at Joshua Baptist Church, Sunday, November 3rd. She was born on October 30, 1913 on Wadmalaw Island, SC. She is the mother of four children: Theresa, Lorraine, Rose and Robert. She relocated back to SC after living in Harrisburg, PA for more than seventy years. May God continue to bless Sis. Banks with many more happy and healthy years.

## Congratulations to JBC's 2019 Faithful Service Award Recipients



Six members of Joshua Baptist Church were selected for the 2019 Faithful Service Award. Pastor Robert L. Grove recognized them for their dedication and willingness to go above and beyond in service to the Lord and our community on 11/25/19.

Sis. Betty Rouse, Sis. Cindy Cato, Dea. Eugene Wright, Sis. Trudie Dukes, Trustee Clarence Isler, & Sis. Gloria Ravenell



# JBC Children's Church Award Ceremony

## The Ten Commandments

1. Thou shalt have no other GODS before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy GOD in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet.



Jadin Anderson	Aniyah Hughes	Ty'Shara Pugh
Kori Anderson	Antwann Hughes	Anarje Skinner
Daniel Base	Jordan Jackson	Jasmine Taylor
Diaonna Base	Terrance King	Michaela Taylor
Morgan Black	Amiya Larkins	Cadence Thurman
Jahden Bryant	Anthony Macon	Taylor Vick
Jordan Dent	Shamiya Macon	Anthony Wright
Zy'aria Gathers	Zyairah Macon	
Ti'Maja Haymond	Stevie Pierce	



JBCC Navy Vest

JBC Children's Church Quarterly Ceremony was held on November 17th during Church Service. The children pictured and/or listed above learned the Ten Commandments and can recite them in order. They were awarded with a personalized JBCC hooded navy vest.

## Pink Sunday At Children's Church



Sisters Cheryl Brown, Joan Mack, Mae Miller, Brothers Stevie Grampus and Isaac Green were honored by Children's Church on Pink Sunday. They are all cancer survivors and were treated to dinner.

## Thanksgiving Celebration

Children's Church held a beautiful Thanksgiving program on November 17th. They shared why they were thankful. They also showed thanks by inviting a few church members to their celebration to let them know that they are thankful for them. The honorees were Sis. Cindy Cato, Lady Pauline Grove, Rev. Melvin Scott & Dea. Eugene Wright.



**Both events were hosted by Sis. Martharean Reeves and Sis. Valeria Smiley, JBCC.**





## HOW GOD LOOKS AT PEOPLE

Throughout Scripture, we read of times when God used those whom the world would have considered “less than desirable” to accomplish his purpose. Unscramble the words to the right to review some of those times from Scripture.

### The World Would Choose . . .

1. A great orator to present a case before a ruling authority
2. A great general to lead a huge army
3. A man of proper lineage to be king
4. A noble statesman to prepare the way for a visit by the king's son
5. Highly educated theologians to debate and confront others of similar standing
6. Professional teachers to teach others

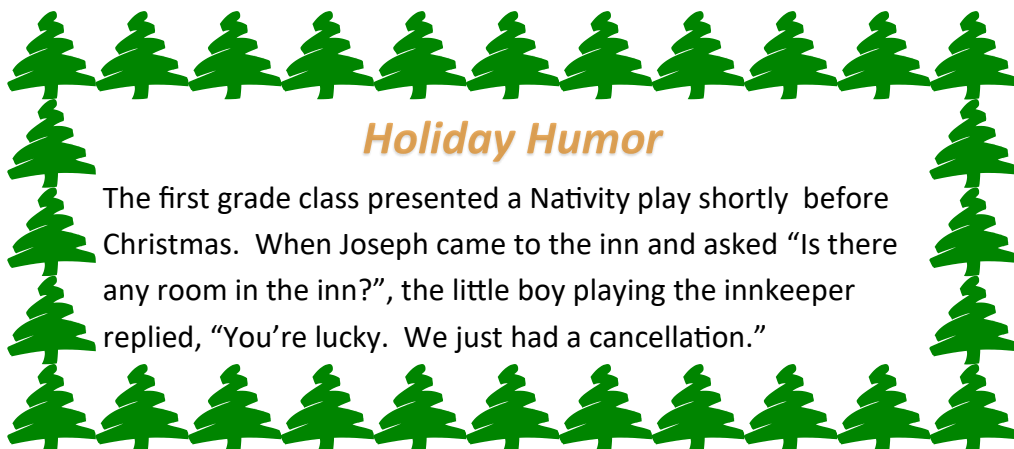
### God Chose . . .

- A man named \_\_\_\_\_, self-described as not “eloquent” and “slow of speech and tongue,” to be God’s spokesperson (Exodus 4:10).
- A man named \_\_\_\_\_, self-described as “least” in his family, to lead a group of 300 men armed with trumpets, jars, and torches (Judges 6:15; 7:7, 16, 22).
- A shepherd boy named \_\_\_\_\_ to be king of Israel (1 Samuel 16:1, 13).
- A rugged man dressed in camel’s hair clothes called \_\_\_\_\_ the Baptist to be the forerunner of Jesus (Matthew 3:1-6).
- Two “unschooled, ordinary men” named \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to confront the high priest and other members of the Sanhedrin. (Acts 4:13)
- The husband and wife tentmaking team of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who had been expelled from Rome, to teach Apollos, who was already “a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures” (Acts 18:2, 3, 24-26).

ESSMO OEGDIN AIDV OJHN (used twice)  
RTEPE QLUAI LILCPARSI

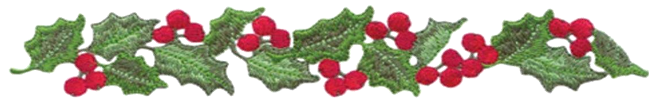


Answer Key to How God Looks at People:  
1. Moses; 2. Gideon; 3. David; 4. John; 5. Peter and John; 6. Aquila and Priscilla.



### Holiday Humor

The first grade class presented a Nativity play shortly before Christmas. When Joseph came to the inn and asked “Is there any room in the inn?”, the little boy playing the innkeeper replied, “You’re lucky. We just had a cancellation.”



- 1 White Oak Manor at 2:00 p.m.
- 2 Trustee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 2 CRBA Women’s Auxiliary Presidents Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 4 CRBA Ministers Ministry Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Deacons’ Training Session at 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Sunday School Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
- 14 D.R.E.A.M. End of the Year Celebration at 12:00 Noon
- 18 Y.W.A. Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Christmas Cantata at 10:15 a.m.
- 31 Watch Night Service  
9:00 p.m. – 12:00  
Midnight



3— Dea. Anthony Glover, his members, Winding Chain

9— Deliverance, Chosen Ones, Gifted Vessels and New Members Class

10— Dea. Casdell Singleton, his members, Winding Chain 10 - Youth, Y.E.S. Ministry and Budget Committee

17— Dea. Leroy Brown, his members, Winding Chain 11 Wisdom, Sr. Missionary and Sr. Ushers Ministries

**Joshua members are encouraged to be a part of these spirit filled services.**



7—Bro. Sammy & Rev. Hester King

24—Bro. Ernest & Sis. Betty Rouse



9—Ti’Maja Haymond

18—Lynette Witcher

20—Jocelyn Roberts

20—Min. Katrina Simmons

21—Danielle Capers

27—Lakesha Cooper

28—Anthony Sanders Wright



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