

# Black History Month



## Joshua's Journal

Reaching People For Christ – **GOD FIRST** | FEBRUARY 2019



### Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



**I**t was the late, great, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said, "Morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can restrain the heartless." Brothers and sisters, we must continue to pray for our nation and bombard heaven with our petitions for empathy and sympathy for those in need. We must beseech heaven with our requests that we will soon return to our motto, "In God We Trust." Pray for our government officials to reach some agreement that will reopen the government for the betterment of our fellow-citizens.

Next, what an information filled Health & Wealth Seminar that was presented to the church and community last month. The Committee, led by Gail Tolbert, was 'spot on' in choosing the topics and presenters who came. Our attendance was time well-spent and it greatly enriched us on some very important subjects.

Furthermore, let me thank our caterer (Jenkins Family) for a delicious lunch. Also, I pray that our ladies will make plans to attend the Annual Women's Retreat in Myrtle Beach, February 15th-17th. There is nothing to lose and everything to gain. And, get ready for our Heritage Day on the 17th.

Finally members, we are a blessed people, living in a blessed time, serving in a blessed church. So, we must take a stand for right and righteousness. In the words of Dr. King, *"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."*

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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## **Responding To Our Trials**

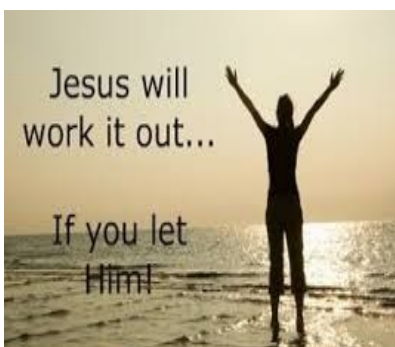
What's your usual response when you face times of trouble? Are you inclined to stand and fight? Perhaps you are convinced that you're strong enough to handle any obstacle that comes your way. Or maybe you do what so many others do... they run as far and as fast as they can.

Trials are unavoidable in this life. Instead of deciding how best to avoid them, we should instead focus on the way to respond to them. There are several things for the Christian to do when confronted with conflict. First, we should trust God, based on His Holy Word. Scripture assures us that the Lord knows our limits and will therefore never allow us to be pushed or tempted beyond our ability to persevere (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Second, we must trust in His faithfulness. In times of trouble, take the time to reflect on previous hardships. Did God help you then? What was the result of that trial? How has He shown Himself to be faithful at other times? Third, we must make a conscious decision to persevere. Romans 5:3-5 reveals that persistence is a vital part of a healthy growing Christian life. Our encouragement is that perseverance in the face of trials leads to the hope which "does not disappoint" (v.5).

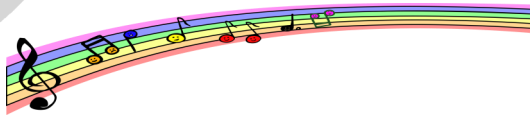
Finally, it is important to acknowledge the sovereignty of Almighty God. Our Heavenly Father is never surprised by the unexpected developments in our lives. Rather, He stands ready to work in us (Philippians 2:13), through us (1 John 4:4), and for us (Romans 8:31) to bring us to the point of victory in His Son Jesus Christ.

"So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right and trust your life to the God who created you, for He will never fail you." 1 Peter 4:19 (NLT)



"That problem that I had, I just couldn't seem to solve—I tried and I tried, but I kept gettin' deeper involved. So I turned it over to Jesus; and I stopped worryin' about it. Turned it over to the Lord, (He worked it out). **Oh yeah!**"

# Joshua Baptist Church (JBC) Gospel Choir Annual Fellowship Dinner



To God be the Glory!! The JBC Gospel Choir went out for their Annual Fellowship Dinner on Friday, January 25, 2019. The members had an awesome and fun time!



**A**ll of JBC choirs are currently recruiting for new choir members. If you are led by the Holy Spirit to join a choir, we welcome and extend an open invitation for you to join us. No experience needed; all ages are welcome.

*Gospel Choir*

*Jubilee Choir*

*Lord's Angel Choir*

*Male Choir*

*Praise Choir*

*Voices of Joshua Choir*



Choir members share the gospel through songs by encouraging believers in the walk with Christ. The choirs' purpose is to usher in the presence of God in a way that people will be edified and God will be glorified. Choirs set the atmosphere for worship by singing with power and might. Being in the choir is one way of relating to God through songs. The other way is through II Timothy 2:15 which say, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

In this choral setting, we become a family being supportive of each other. During sickness or when we are in need, we are there for each other. If you are interested in becoming a member, please come and give Pastor Grove your hand. We would love for you to join us.

A special thanks to our musicians and choir directors for all they do, and our choir and music department advisors for coming out during choir rehearsals. We solicit your prayers as we continue to do the work that God has placed in our hands and voices. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays.

God Bless,

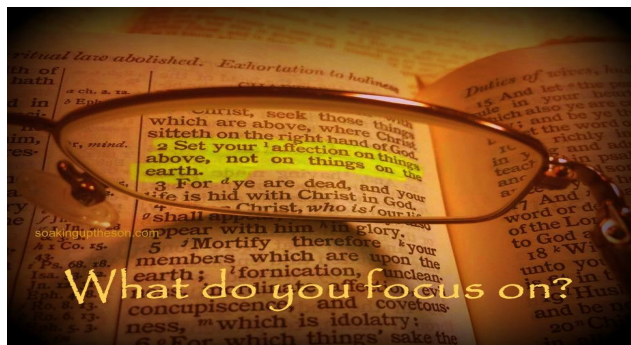
Sister Dianne Smith  
President, Gospel Choir



## Celebrating Black History

"We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends."

-Mary McLeod Bethune



## God's Focused Presence In Church, Don't Watch Others!

A lady went to the Pastor and said, "I won't be attending church anymore." He said, "May I ask why?" She said, "I see people on their cell phones during the service; some are gossiping, some just ain't living right. They are all just hypocrites."

The Pastor got silent, and he said, Okay... but can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?

She said, "what's that?"

He said, "Take a glass of water and walk around the church two times and don't let any water fall out the glass."

She said, "Yes, I can do that!" She came back and said, "It's done."

He asked her three questions:

1. Did you see anybody on their phone?
2. Did you see anybody gossiping?
3. Was anybody living wrong?

She said, "I didn't see anything, because I was so focused on this glass so the water wouldn't fall."

He told her that when you come to church, you should be just that focused on God so that YOU don't fall.

**THAT'S WHY JESUS SAID, "FOLLOW ME"!!!**

**He did not say follow Christians.**

***Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused you are on God.***

***JESUS didn't say follow Christians.***

***He said FOLLOW ME.***



## WHY ME?

By Helen Hill

Why do you hate us the way you do?

We did no wrong; it was you.

You sold us at markets like we were produce of little value or no use.

You stripped us of our dignity and took away our pride, how much longer will hate abide?

You've excelled and so have we; check our achievements and you'll see.

Because of the dark pigment in our skin, please realize it's no sin.

Jesus died to set us free, why won't you let it be?

You can cut us down like you do a tree, but growth is for me; just wait and see.

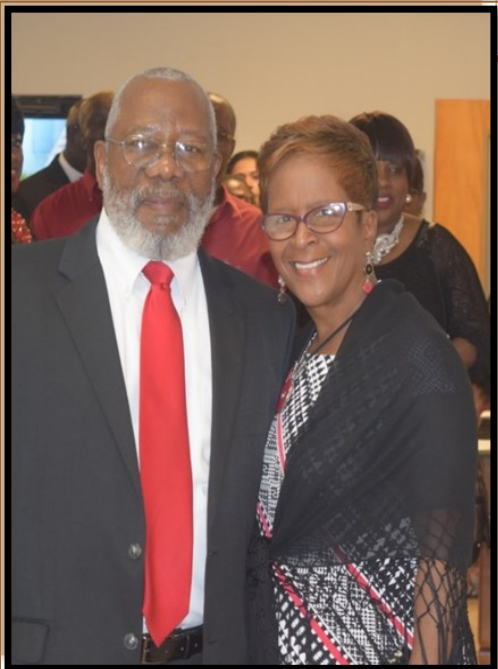
Our women were raped you see, bore your children two and three,

When my brother did the same, he was hung from a tree.

Black is beautiful,  
and I'm glad to be a proud creation of God,  
that's me!



# DEACON SPOTLIGHT



**D**eacon Frank Brown is a Charleston native (Ashleyville Community). He is the beloved husband of Elder Cecily L. Brown. They have three children and six grandchildren.

He is a graduate of Wallace High School Class of 1962. He has a very extensive educational background that includes a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice from Brenau College in Gainesville, GA; an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and Business Administration from Georgia Military College; advance studies in Criminal Justice from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL and the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

Deacon Brown had a distinguished and honorable military career for over 20 years. He served in many high level and demanding positions: Senior Drill Instructor, BNCO Instructor, First Sergeant, and Operation Sergeant. His career assignments consist of two tours of duty in Vietnam and Korea. Deacon Brown also served in Okinawa, Taiwan, Japan, France and Germany and various stateside assignments.

His professional certifications include: Clinical Addiction Counselor, NAADAC, SCAADAC (retired); State of SC Probation, Parole Agent/Supervisor (retired); Certified Criminal Justice Specialist and Certified Criminal Domestic Violence Counselor (retired). Deacon Brown is an active Notary Public.

After an illustrious criminal justice career, Deacon Brown retired from the state of South Carolina. Thereafter, he served as the counselor of a homeless veteran center. Through his leadership, many veterans were able to rediscover their lives and happiness. Throughout his career, Deacon Brown has consistently demonstrated resourcefulness, organizational abilities, foresight and understanding of people. Many lives are better because of his guidance.

He is a very committed and active member of Joshua. Deacon Brown serves as the Co-chairman of the Trustee Ministry. He and his wife, Elder Brown are team leaders of Winding Chain Team 1 (Prosperity). Deacon Brown is also the advisor to the Sunday School, Mentoring, D.R.E.A.M, Kitchen and Pearl Ministries as well as the community service coordinator.

Deacon Brown's inspirational scripture is how he lives his life: Romans 13:8a *"Owe no man anything, but to love one another."*





## MIXED-UP CONSEQUENCES

Unscramble the words below to see the consequences of Adam and Eve's sin in Genesis 3. Try not to look too quickly at the Scripture references!

- A. dhi mfro dog (v. 8) \_\_\_\_\_
- B. heyt rewe draafi (v. 10) \_\_\_\_\_
- C. maad damelb vee (v. 12) \_\_\_\_\_
- D. eev lamedb streenp (v. 13) \_\_\_\_\_
- E. clawr no lebly (v. 14) \_\_\_\_\_
- F. apin ni dirhitlbhc (v. 16) \_\_\_\_\_
- G. sharphid ni korw (v. 17) \_\_\_\_\_



## BEING THE TEMPLE OF GOD

David's concern was to build a temple for God. God's desire is that His people *be* the temple where His Holy Spirit abides. Look at each of the following texts and note what God says about the temple He desires.

1 Corinthians 3:16, 17

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Ephesians 2:19-22

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1 Corinthians 6:19

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1 Peter 2:4, 5

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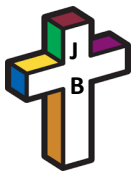
How is your temple looking? What "repairs" does it need? What additions need to be built? Jot down your ideas. (See Galatians 5:19-25 for a handy checklist.)

## Some clever and amusing thoughts on being a Christian—

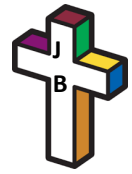
- Under same management for over 2,000 years.
- Soul food served here.
- Tithe if you love Jesus! Anyone can honk.
- You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.
- Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case!
- Come early for a good seat in the back.
- Life has many choices, Eternity has two. What's yours?
- The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.



**ANSWERS:** Mixed-up Consequences: A. hid from God; B. they were afraid; C. Adam blamed Eve; D. Eve blamed serpent; E. crawl on belly; F. pain in childbirth; G. hardship in work.



# Church Announcements



**Joshua Baptist Church  
Health Advocate  
Ministry Health Fair  
FREE**

**February 9, 2019  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Topics:**

Mental Health  
Autism  
Fire truck will be here.  
Please bring your kids.



If you would like a copy of your giving statement, please see Dea. Frank Brown, Sis. Cindy Cato or Sis. Karen Pratt.

## Black History Bowl ~ February 16th

The Black History Bowl will be held on February 16th at 11:00 A.M. at New Tabernacle Fourth Baptist Church.

If any JBC youth would like to participate in the annual Black History Bowl sponsored by the Cooper River Youth Department, please see Sister Gail Tolbert for a copy of the questions.

## Women's Retreats *Renew • Restore • Refresh*

Hi Ladies,

I hope all of you can join us for JBC Women's Retreat in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Friday evening Feb. 15th — Sunday morning, Feb. 17th, 2019. The taxation is \$35.00. Room prices listed below:

\$250 for 1 occupant                      \$125 for 2 occupants  
\$83.33 for 3 occupants                      \$62.50 for 4 occupants

**Please pay your taxation and room fees to  
Deaconess Shelley Brown or Sis. Thalia Frost.**

*Invite your friends and family to join you, This is a great time to **Retreat and Renew!***



*We Need Your Help!*

## Missionary Ministry's First Outreach Project For 2019

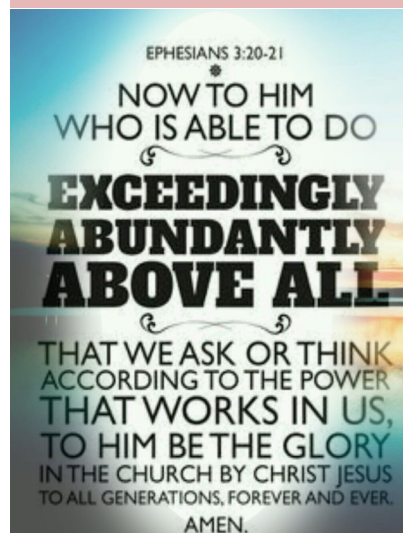
The Missionary Ministry's first outreach project for 2019 is a non-perishable food drive for 180 Place, which serves many of the homeless population in the Lowcountry. The non-perishable food items can be given to any missionary or placed in a box located in the church Fellowship Hall. **The food drive ends February 24th.**



Joshua has purchased property adjacent to the church. Members are asked to sow a seed of \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25 or other amount each month so that we can quickly pay off our mortgage. Please use the Mortgage Liquidation Seed Offering envelope and indicate the amount on the envelope.

## Bible Study Verses to Memorize

*...Hide the Word in your heart!*



## From Darkness to Light Workshops—March 23, 2019



There will be two (2) sessions of "Darkness to Light" workshops on **Saturday, March 23**. The **1<sup>st</sup> session 9:00 - 11:30 am** and the **2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 to 3:30 pm**. **All ministry leaders and volunteers who work with children are encouraged to attend one of these sessions.** The class size is limited to 25 attendees. **Please sign up on the registration sheet posted on the bulletin board.**

- ◆ **Church Bulletin:** If you have an announcement you would like printed in the bulletin, please notify Sis. Cindy Cato by Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
- ◆ **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 information on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.



The Pastor's Aide Ministry is making preparation for the *Pastor's Aide Board* celebration of our Pastor and First Lady Grove's 31st Anniversary, April 26 –28, 2019. All members are asked to participate by giving a love offering of \$50. Please do your part to be a blessing to this man and woman of God. You can give your gift to your deacon.

# BLACK HISTORY

## February 2019



- 3, 10, 17, 24—JBC Youth Dept. Black History Recognition
- 3—White Oak Manor at 2:00 p.m.
- 6—CRBA Ministers Ministry Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 9—Health Advocate Ministry Health Fair, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- 11 - SS BTU Congress Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 15-17—JBC Women's Retreat in Myrtle Beach, SC
- 16—CRBA Youth Dept. Black History Program, New Tabernacle 4<sup>th</sup> Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m.
- 17—Heritage Day during 10:15 a.m. Service
- 23—CRBA State Youth Dept. Retreat & Planning Meeting at 10:00 a.m. & 2019 Miss SC Baptist Youth Pageant at 12:00 Noon at Morris College, Sumter, SC
- 25—Seasons (Singles) Ministry Meeting at 6:00 p.m.



- 8—Shanstacy Whack
- 11—Cheryl Scott
- 12—Joshua Roberts
- 13—Seondra Roberts
- 13—Treasure Smith
- 20—Charles Alexander
- 25—Joan Simmons
- 25—James (Jerod) Dent
- 29—James Dent Sr.



- 16—Bro. Carl & Sis. Shanstacy Whack
- 19—Dea. Albert & Deaconess Helen Hill
- 28—Dea. Tony & Rev. Mary Glover



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

- 5—**Deacon Norman Vanderhorst**—His members, Winding Chain 5-Increase, Youth Department and Security Ministry
- 12—**Dea. Lawrence Strother**—His members, Winding Chain 6-Health, D.O.T.T.C., G.E.D., and Tutorial Ministries
- 19—**Dea. Charles Pinckney**—His members, Winding Chain 7-New Members, Health Advocates (Nurses) and the Praise Choir
- 26—**Deacon Leroy White**—His members, Winding Chain 8-Expansion, Voices of Joshua and the Gospel Choir

<u>Christian Experience</u>	<u>Candidate for Baptism</u>
Mary Ann McMillon	Terry McMillon
Selina Turner	Ariel McMillon
Shirley Williams	Lashonda Baskins
	Sky'Asia Wright
	Kiorria Wright
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