

Martin Luther King Jr.



Joshua's Journal

Reaching People For Christ – **GOD FIRST!**

✠ Pastor's
Corner



Message from Pastor

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove

Happy New Year to all God's children! What a blessing it is to have lived to see the beginning of a new year. When we look back at year 2018, we must say thank you Jesus. He took us over some high mountains and thru some low valleys. Our church family suffered some losses and enjoyed some gains. And through it all, we give God the highest praise. Saints, I encourage us this year to cast all our cares upon the Lord because He cares for us.

Furthermore, members please sign up for the Health and Wealth Seminar. The information that will be shared with you is invaluable. As a people, we still fall woefully short on our preparation of last wills & testaments; obtaining health and life insurance; knowing the steps to obtain affordable housing; senior citizen concerns; and other life-impacting matters. So, please take advantage of this effort to minimize the trauma of your being caught with this work undone. Remember, today is all that you have. So, don't procrastinate about these very important things. It is extremely hard for your family to try and figure things out for you if you're not there to provide guidance.

Moreover, I am encouraged by the workers in the Church who 'stay on the wall' despite personal sacrifices and difficulties. I don't always call your name. But God sees, and He knows. Members, let us hold fast to our purpose of "Reaching People for Christ."

Finally, we must follow the instructions left to us by Jesus the Christ, "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." If we trust and obey His Word, everything will be alright.

God loves you, and Sister Grove and I 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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Train of Life

Life is like a journey on a train with its stations, with changes of routes and with accidents! At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station, our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other significant people will board the train: siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize that they vacated their seats! This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations,

hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship with all the passengers...requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is that we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way – Love, forgive, share and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this, because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life without us. I wish you a joyful journey for the coming years on your train of life. Reap success, give lots of love and be happy.

More importantly, be thankful for the journey!

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train!



Blessings Jar

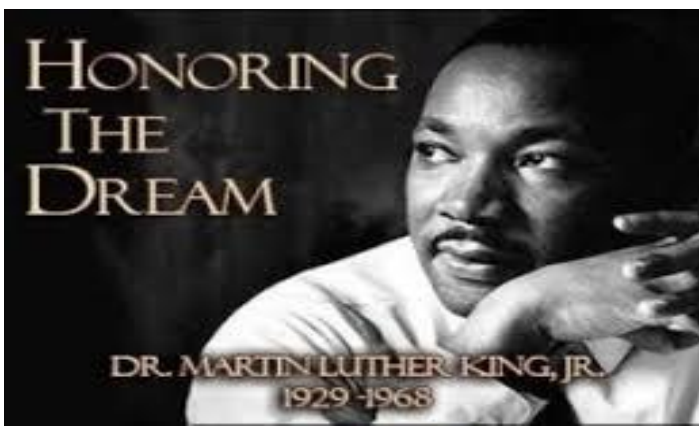
Ephesians 3:20 (KJV) *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*

- * **Salvation**
- * **An answered prayer**
- * **An encouraging word or call from a friend**
- * **A scripture verse**
- * **Accomplished goals**
- * **The beauty of nature**
- * **Health**

And the list goes on and on...you name it. These are your blessings. Whenever you recognize God's blessings (in times of joy AND times of difficulty), just write it on a piece of paper with the date, fold it up and place in the blessings jar.

On New Year's Eve, pour out all the blessings and read them. It will be an awesome reminder of GOD's faithfulness. You can use any scripture of your choice.

We never want to take God's blessings for granted!



MLK Trivia

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on what date?

- a. January 15, 1934
- b. January 15, 1936
- c. January 15, 1929
- d. January 15, 1932

Led by King, what 1955 boycott lasted for 385 days?

- a. Albany Housing Boycott
- b. Birmingham Bus Boycott
- c. Selma, Alabama School Boycott
- d. Montgomery Bus Boycott

During a historic march to Washington, DC Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous speech "I have a dream ...". On what date was the speech delivered?

- a. August 28, 1965
- b. August 28, 1969
- c. August 28, 1967
- d. August 28, 1963

Martin Luther King, Jr. was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1964. In which prize category?

- a. Medicine
- b. Chemistry
- c. Literature
- d. Peace

While at the White House on November 2, 1983, which President signed a bill creating a federal holiday to honor King?

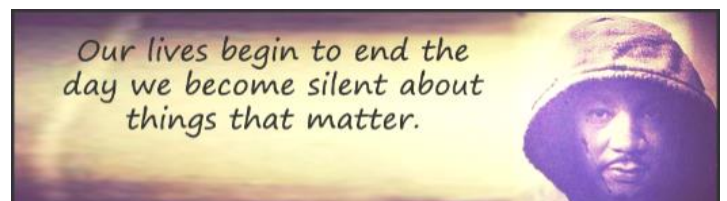
- a. Bill Clinton
- b. Ronald Reagan
- c. George H. W. Bush
- d. Jimmy Carter

King was 39 years old when he was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. In which city?

- a. Nashville, Tennessee
- b. Montgomery, Alabama
- c. Louisville, Kentucky
- d. Memphis, Tennessee

15 Inspirational Quotes from Dr. King

1. We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."
2. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."
3. "Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude."
4. "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."
5. "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."
6. "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"
7. "Never succumb to the temptation of bitterness."
8. "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."
9. "We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."
10. "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."
11. "Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability but comes through continuous struggle."
12. "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend."
13. "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right."
14. "Let no man pull you so low as to hate him."
15. "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."



Student Spotlight On...

Ariel Ellerson

Hi, my name is Ariel. I am the eldest daughter of Brother Zach and Sister Andrea Oree.

I am a senior at Coastal Carolina University. My major is English with a minor in Psychology.



Usually in my free time, I enjoy writing stories and poems or sleeping.

When I am given the opportunity to return home from school, I tend to help out in Children's Church in the Teen's Class.

After I graduate in May 2019, I intend to return home and begin

searching for a career based on my interests as well as continuing my education at a local university.



For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
says the
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
WITH
Hope.
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.

You really can change the world if you care enough.

- Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of The Children's Defense Fund.



Tomorrow's Leaders are
Today's Students

Class of
2019



Words of

Encouragement

From Lady Grove

I t's a blessing to be here in 2019 to tell the world of the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Savior; He lives! We can reminisce with the saints and tell the unsaved about the love of Jesus.

To the married ones, let this be the year of give and take to each other. Sometimes I think we forget that God made man as the head (And men, please don't abuse the privilege!). Ladies, we need to learn our boundaries. God ordained marriage... not separation or divorce.

Singles Ministry, be more committed to each other. I know some may feel like you have it all under control but others may not be as blessed. If you are not attending classes, come join the singles every fourth (4th) Monday of each month. Ages 18 and over are invited.



To my husband, my friend and my Pastor; only the Lord knows how He blessed little ole me with you!

And to the entire Joshua Baptist Church family, I love each of you so much. Please continue to keep Pastor and me in your prayers.

To God be the glory for the great things He has done and is doing right now!

Love and blessings,

Sis. Pauline Grove, JBC First Lady



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WORDS OF WORSHIP

Having the appropriate attitude of awe and reverence wasn't enough for the writer of Psalm 96. He encouraged his readers to put praise of God into specific actions. Match the action words on the left with the specific responses on the right. Note that some have been paraphrased.

TODAY
is the day to
learn something
NEW

- ___ 1. GIVE
- ___ 2. SAY
- ___ 3. DECLARE
- ___ 4. FEAR
- ___ 5. SING
- ___ 6. SHEW FORTH
- ___ 7. BRING
- ___ 8. COME
- ___ 9. BLESS/PRAISE
- ___ 10. WORSHIP

- ___ A. the Lord in the beautiful splendor of holiness.
- ___ B. an offering.
- ___ C. the Lord above all gods.
- ___ D. to the Lord a new song.
- ___ E. into His courts.
- ___ F. to the Lord the glory due His name.
- ___ G. to the heathen nations, "The Lord reigns!"
- ___ H. His name.
- ___ I. His wonderful deeds among all people.
- ___ J. His salvation from day to day.

WORTHY OF PRAISE

Cross out words in the following categories to reveal a hidden message.

- The names of fruit
- Words rhyming with bell
- Words containing more than one *o*.
- Articles of clothing
- Words containing *rr*



ORANGE	ROOTED	DOOR	RETELL	HE	JACKET
BURROW	TIE	ERRAND	COMMANDED	WELL	ARROW
KILT	CORRUPT	OUR	PEAR	LIME	FOOL
COLOR	LOOK	LEMON	BELT	MERRY	HAT
EXISTENCE	GEL	PAJAMAS	TERROR	SWEATER	COMPEL
KIWI	APPLE	DELL	SPOON	CORPORATE	MELON

Hidden message: _____

Answers to Words of Worship: 1=F, 2=G, 3=I, 4=C, 5=D, 6=J, 7=B, 8=E, 9=H, 10=A. Answers to Worthy of Praise: He commanded our existence!



A New Year Prayer for the Elderly

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

52 Week Money Challenge

WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE		WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE
1	\$1.00	\$1.00		27	\$27.00	\$378.00
2	\$2.00	\$3.00		28	\$28.00	\$406.00
3	\$3.00	\$6.00		29	\$29.00	\$435.00
4	\$4.00	\$10.00		30	\$30.00	\$465.00
5	\$5.00	\$15.00		31	\$31.00	\$496.00
6	\$6.00	\$21.00		32	\$32.00	\$528.00
7	\$7.00	\$28.00		33	\$33.00	\$561.00
8	\$8.00	\$36.00		34	\$34.00	\$595.00
9	\$9.00	\$45.00		35	\$35.00	\$630.00
10	\$10.00	\$55.00		36	\$36.00	\$666.00
11	\$11.00	\$66.00		37	\$37.00	\$703.00
12	\$12.00	\$78.00		38	\$38.00	\$741.00
13	\$13.00	\$91.00		39	\$39.00	\$780.00
14	\$14.00	\$105.00		40	\$40.00	\$820.00
15	\$15.00	\$120.00		41	\$41.00	\$861.00
16	\$16.00	\$136.00		42	\$42.00	\$903.00
17	\$17.00	\$153.00		43	\$43.00	\$946.00
18	\$18.00	\$171.00		44	\$44.00	\$990.00
19	\$19.00	\$190.00		45	\$45.00	\$1,035.00
20	\$20.00	\$210.00		46	\$46.00	\$1,081.00
21	\$21.00	\$231.00		47	\$47.00	\$1,128.00
22	\$22.00	\$253.00		48	\$48.00	\$1,176.00
23	\$23.00	\$276.00		49	\$49.00	\$1,225.00
24	\$24.00	\$300.00		50	\$50.00	\$1,275.00
25	\$25.00	\$325.00		51	\$51.00	\$1,326.00
26	\$26.00	\$351.00		52	\$52.00	\$1,378.00

2019
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

6—White Oak Manor at 2:00 p.m.

8—Bible Study resumes at 7:00

8—Y.E.S. resumes at 6:00 p.m.

9—Bible Study resumes at 12:00

9—G.E.D. resumes at 6:00 p.m.

9—Pearls Ministry resumes at 6:00 p.m.

12—CRBA Ministers' Ministry Leadership Conference
Workshop, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

13—Youth Department MLK Tribute during 10:15 service

14—Church Business Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

19—JBC Health & Wealth Seminar, 8:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

19—CRBA Youth Dept. "Get Acquainted Meeting"

Mt. Olive Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m.

20—Children's Church resumes at 10:15 a.m.

24—Sunday School Quarterly Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m.

26—CPR Certification Training at 10:00 a.m.

28—Seasons (Singles) Ministry Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1—Thalia Frost

4—Tevin Rouse

7—Marilyn Capers

11—Maria Anderson

11—Harvert Latham

16—Gwen Frazier

19—Chenette Singleton

21—Timothy Haymond Jr.

22—Aynna Pugh

23—Dea. Albert Hill

25—Karen Pratt

25—Norman Vanderhorst Jr.

28—Louise Huges

28—Journey Murray

29—Martharean Reaves

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY!

Prayer Team

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

8—Deacon Frank Brown, his members,
Winding Chain 1-Prosperity, Sunday School
Department and Kitchen Committee

15—Dea. Eugene Wright, his members,
Winding Chain 2-Commitment, C.A.P.P.S. and
Joshua Journal Ministries

22—Dea. Albert Hill, his members, Winding
Chain 3-Salvation, Decorating Committee and
W. E. Huges Male Choir

29—Deacon Arnold Jenkins, his members,
Winding Chain 4-Healing, WHTH U and Y.W.A.
Ministries

Candidate for Baptism

Little Miss Ty'quasia Boxtick

Restoration

Bro. Donald Grove, Jr.



2—Bro. Harvert & Sis. Althea Latham

13—Bro. Stevie & Sis. Andrea Grampus

22—Min. Corey & Sis. Maria Anderson

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