



Joshua's Journal

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



The Pastor's Corner

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



Almighty God continues to smile on us in so many ways. The Family and Friends Day Service was a fabulous day in the life of Joshua. I was so appreciative of the officers and members who worked long and hard to ensure that everyone was served – with love. I received many warm and gracious comments from several of our family and friends. My thanks to all for a 'job done well!'

We must prepare now for the Sunday School & BTU Congress Annual Session commencing on June 4 continuing through June 7. I am asking our members to participate throughout the Session. However, Tuesday the 4th is Welcome Night. On that night, we want to roll out the red carpet for our guests. And, we want to say to our great Cooper River Baptist Association that we are blessed and enjoying the favor of God. I know that with God's grace and your help, everything will turnout well.

On June 23rd at 3:30 pm, we will celebrate our 136th Church Anniversary. We want to come to that service with thanksgiving in our hearts and praises to Jesus our Savior on our lips. For, the LORD has brought us a mighty long way.



Also, a Church Business Meeting is scheduled for June 17th at 6:00 pm. Come and get first-hand knowledge about the business and administration of the church.

Finally, congratulations to Sister Angie Green who was an honoree and panelist at a YWCA "What Women Bring Conference 2019." She represented herself and her profession well!

Members, your prayers matter – so keep on praying! Always remember that 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.**

Adopted
September 24, 1998

Amended
July 30, 2005

Amended
May 9, 2012

Inspiration

Breathe on me, Breath of God

In the Garden of Eden, Adam was perfectly formed, but he had no life. He "had it all together," but he wasn't going anywhere until God's Spirit breathed into him. Then he started walking with God, taking initiative, and fulfilling his purpose in life. You say, "I need what God breathed into Adam that day." And you can have it!

Think about Ezekiel's Valley of Dry Bones. They were dead and in disarray. If that describes your life right now, there's good news.

Notice what else took place: a "shaking" (v7). That's standard procedure with God. Before He can use you, He shakes up your comfort zone, your proven methods, and your set-in-concrete ideas. Your past is no problem for Him, because His eyes are on your future. So come into His presence today and pray, "Breathe on me, Breathe of God. Fill me with life anew. That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do." When He does, you'll never be the same.

"Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise Him again - my Savior and my God!" Psalm 42:11 (NLT)

When Almighty God breathed into those bones they came to life, stood up, and became a force to be reckoned with. Notice that the Spirit of God came from "the four winds," or the four corners of the earth. That means there's no place where His Spirit can't reach you if you're available to Him. Notice also that when the Spirit of God came into Ezekiel's valley, broken things were mended and dead things were brought back to life. And God wants to do the same for you today!

Deacon

In the Spotlight

Deacon Albert Hill, Sr.

Deacon Albert Hill, Sr. was born and reared in Jackson, Mississippi. He is the fourth of five siblings, three sisters and one brother. Growing up, he lived a simple life. Knowing that there was a time to work and a time to play, he was able to create things that amused him.

As a teenager, he became fascinated with airplanes. After graduating high school, he made the decision to enlist in the U.S. Air Force. He spent a total of 27 years in Active Duty and Reserves. This allowed him the opportunity to travel to many different places all around the world. He also worked at the Charleston Naval Shipyard for 24 years as a rigger mooring heavy equipment aboard ships and submarines. After the Navy Shipyard closed, he started working on James Island for the Public Service District for two years as a truck driver and a supervisor for 16 years. Now, he is enjoying his retirement.



U.S. AIR FORCE

He is married to Deaconess Helen Hill, who serves as the mother of the church. He has been blessed to have her as an inspiration throughout their 36 years of marriage. They have eight beautiful children, five girls and three boys, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He has been a member of Joshua Baptist Church since 1972. He was ordained as Deacon in October 1982 and is the Chairman of the Deacon's Ministry and was the 1st President of the W.E. Hugee Male Choir, a position he has held since the choir's creation. He is also active with the Cooper River Baptist Association Deacon's Ministry where he was previously the 1st Vice President, and currently serving as Treasurer.



Deacons
Called
To Serve

Deacon Hill has found great joy in being a member and deacon at Joshua Baptist Church. He has a good working relationship with the Pastor, Deacons, and members.





Silent, Strong Dad

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He never looks for praises.
He's never one to boast.
He just goes on quietly working
for those he loves the most.

His dreams are seldom spoken.
His wants are very few,
And most of the time his worries
Will go unspoken, too.

He's there...a firm foundation
Through all our storms of life,
A sturdy hand to hold onto
In times of stress and strife.

He's there for us to turn to
when times are good or bad.
One of our greatest blessings,
The man that we call Dad.



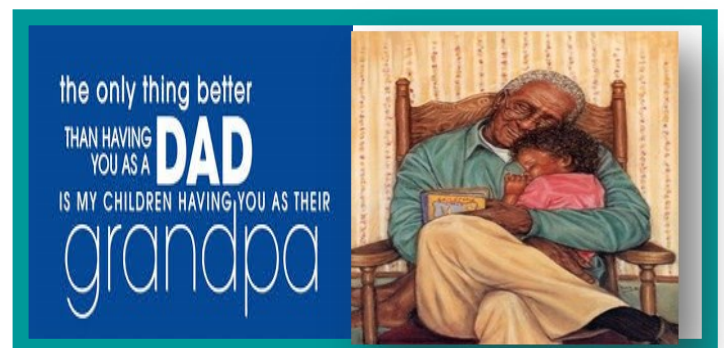
Walk a little slower Daddy

"Walk a little slower daddy" Said a child so small. I'm following in your footsteps and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast, sometimes they're hard to see; so walk a little slower Daddy, for you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up, you're what I want to be; then I will have a little child who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right, and know that I was true; so walk a little slower Daddy, for I must follow you.



WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE



Joshua Baptist Church

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

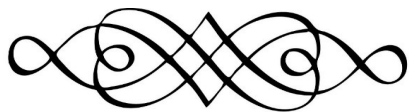
We Want to Remember

Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you. (Deuteronomy 32:7 NIV)

Come Worship and Celebrate with Us!

Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 3:30pm

Guest Speaker: Rev. Curtis J. Dayson
Pastor of Lovely Mountain Baptist Church



REMEMBER GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

*remember
God's goodness.*

*Thankful for the Past
Rejoicing in the Present
Preparing for the Future*

*I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church TOGETHER!*

Gardening God's Way

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce really love one another

There is no garden without turnips:

Turnip for meetings
Turnip for worship service
Turnip to help one another

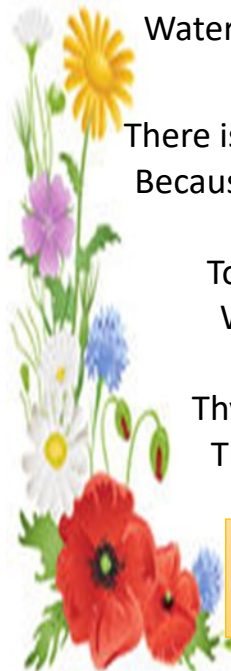
Water Freely with patience and
Cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden
Because you reap what you sow.

To enhance our garden
We must add Thyme:

Thyme for GOD
Thyme for Prayer Service
Thyme for Bible Study.

*A Beautiful Garden Is a
Work of Heart*





And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 COR. 9:8

WTH U Ministry (Women Helping the Hurting Unite)

Supporting Scripture: Jeremiah 29: 11- 13

¹¹For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹²Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (NIV)

What an awesome time we had at "You Deserve a Break Today" Pamper Me Day on May 4, 2019! It was exciting to see all who came and was blessed by the many services provided such as hair styles, braids, manicures, pedicures, and massages.

Ideally, pamper time is the perfect time to rest, relax and restore our bodies while strengthening our self-image and our sense of self-worth. It can also allow us to pause and look deeper into ourselves, to reflect on what motivates us, and what makes us happy. It can keep us healthy in body, mind and spirit and enables us to be more openhearted, calm and available to the abundance around us. Surely there's nothing more important than being fully present in our own lives and taking proper loving care of ourselves.



WTH U Ministry



Uplift M.E. Mentoring Program

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The WTH U Ministry could not have done this without the help of the many service providers and volunteers. We will forever be grateful for their service. As Sisters-in-Christ, we want you to know that you are not alone, we are WITH YOU.

Sis. Denise Glover
WTH U President

Rebuilding Every Community Around Peace (RECAP)



Chief Burgess

Rebuilding Every Community Around Peace (RECAP) is a faith-based approach to reducing violence. The program is an initiative brought to North Charleston by Police Chief Reggie Burgess. His intent is to encourage conversation on non-violence, promote a message of peace and goodwill in our communities, and show solidarity between community and law enforcement to deter violence.



Pastor Grove & Bro. Murphy



Bro. Rollison and Bro. Singleton

Joshua Baptist Church Brotherhood Ministry has teamed up with the North Charleston Police Department to assist in promoting this message of non-violence. Several men have walked the neighborhood streets to help spread the word of peace throughout the community.



Bro. Murphy, Bro. Barnes and Min. Anderson



TODAY I LEARNED

CHILDHOOD RULES

Part of being a parent is enforcing rules of behavior. Some limitations that Samson's parents placed on his life as he was growing up were given before Samson was born. In the puzzle below, find eight things that Samson was not allowed to have anything to do with. Read Numbers 6 for clues.



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A fellow quit going fishing on Sunday and began going to church. The preacher, grateful to see him, said, "Henry, it makes me feel good to see you and your wife here every Sunday."
 "Well" said the fisherman. "I figured I'd rather hear your sermon than hers."

Famous Church Quotes

- ♦ *The True Church can never fail. For it is based upon a rock.* – T.S. Eliot
- ♦ *Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a Godly Christian weapon.* – Martin Luther
- ♦ *Church attendance is as vital to a disciple as a transfusion of rich, healthy blood to a sick man.* – Dwight L. Moody
- ♦ *"Wherever we see the Word of God purely preached and heard, there a church of God exists, even if it swarms with many faults."*– John Calvin
- ♦ **Acts 2:47** Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.
- ♦ **Ephesians 1:22** And hath put all things under his feet and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,
- ♦ **Ephesians 2:20-22** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.
- ♦ **Hebrews 3:6** But Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Answer to Childhood Rules. 1=dead bodies. 2=grapes. 3=haircuts. 4=raisins. 5=strong drink. 6=vinegar. 7=Vines. 8=wine.

hello JUNE

- 2 White Oak Manor at 2:00 p.m.
- 3 Trustee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 4-7 Cooper River Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress Annual Session at Joshua Baptist Church
- 8 Health Advocates Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Let's Talk Street Ministry at 8:30 a.m., Corner of Rivers & Cosgrove Ave.



- 9 Promotion & Graduation Recognition Service during 10:15 a.m. service
- 10-14 CRBA Youth Dept. & Women's Baptist E&M Convention of SC Annual Convention, Morris College, Sumter, SC at 10:00 a.m.

- 13 WHTH-U Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Praise Ministry Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- 15 Brotherhood Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- 15 Deaconess Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- 15 D.R.E.A.M. & Mentee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Church Business Meeting at 6:00
- 19 Y.W.A. Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 23 136th Church Anniversary Celebration at 3:30 p.m.
- 24 Seasons (Singles) Ministry Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 27 VBS Meeting at 6:00 p.m.



Candidate for Baptism **Christian Experience**
 Sis. Danielle Bowels Sis. Lisa Manigault
 Sis. Kasmere Sutter

Happy Anniversary

- 12—Bro. Jessie & Sis. Mary McNeil
- 14—Rev. James & Sis. Gloria Ravenell
- 25—Sis. Nikkia & Danny Moore



HAPPY

- 2—Michiah Simmons
- 6—Rev. James Ravenell
- 10—Zy'Airea Gethers
- 10—Breyana Scott
- 12—Phaedra Sheppard
- 13—Danny Moore
- 23—Anthony Tolbert



Prayer Team Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

- June 11: Dea. Casdell Singleton, his members, Winding Chain 10 — Youth, Y.E.S. Ministry and Budget Committee
- June 18: Dea. Leroy Brown, his members, Winding Chain 11— Wisdom, Sr. Missionary and Ushers Ministries
- June 25: Dea. Joe Fields, his members, Trustee Clarence and Rev. Alberta Isler, Winding Chain 12 — Knowledge & Understanding, Brotherhood Ministry and Education Ways & Means

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