

LENT

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

Joshua's Journal

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



The Pastor's Corner

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



Our GOD is still blessing HIS own! We have been favored with a significant increase in our membership this year. And, I don't believe that HE is finished with us yet. Saints, the more workers the LORD sends, the greater the work we can do.

Furthermore, I want the membership to increase your use of the Activity Center. We are still 'smoothing out the wrinkles' and hope to make use of the building much easier soon. Also, let us continue to pray and to

thank Almighty God for the growth and for where HE has brought us from. For, HE has truly brought us a mighty long way.

Members, especially Ministry Leaders, make sure that you attend one of the sessions of the Darkness to Light Seminar on March 23rd. Our insurer requires that we take certain precautions and provide training for those who are teaching or interacting with children. So, get signed up so our instructor, Dr. Herring, will know how many attendees to prepare for.

In addition, we congratulate Janaye Simmons for becoming 1st runner-up in the Miss SC Baptist Youth Pageant. Thank you, Joshua, for your selfless support of her quest.

I am asking each ministry that is planning an activity/event at Joshua to make sure that you go through the Pastor, Church Clerk, and Security before the date is announced.

Finally, please continue to pray for our members who have some health challenges and haven't been able to attend church. We don't know what tomorrow may hold for us. 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.

Adopted

September 24, 1998

Amended

July 30, 2005

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May 9, 2012



Lift Them

"Jesus stooped down." John 8:6 (NKJV)

Remember the woman caught in the act of adultery? The Pharisees stooped to pick up stones. Jesus stooped to pick her up. Which group are you in? You can't be choosy about who you help. Some of us think we should only help those who believe like we do. No. "Uphold the weak, be patient with all" (1 Thessalonians 5:14).

There's a story about a man who fell into a pit and couldn't get out. A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there." An objective person came along and said, "Well, it's logical somebody would fall down there." A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits." A judgmental Christian said, "You deserve your pit." A realist said, "Now that's a pit." A geologist told him to appreciate

the rock strata in the pit. A tax agent asked him if he was paying taxes on the pit. A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit." An optimist said, "Things could be worse." A pessimist said, "Things will get worse." Christ

Jesus, seeing the man in the pit, reached down, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.

Have you noticed how the Lord ends His parable about the Good Samaritan? "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). You have the power to affect the lives of everyone around you. Your words of encouragement can be the difference-maker in someone's day, week, or even life, sending them in a whole new direction. But it's very difficult to encourage people if you don't know what they need.

Today, become a student of people. Learn what makes them tick, know what lifts them.

"Do that which makes you complete. Be comforted. Work to get along with others. Live in peace. The God of love and peace will be with you."

2 Corinthians 13:11 (NLV)



Peace Is "An Inside Job" The Psalmist wrote, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest." (Psalm 55:6—NKJV) Have you ever felt that way? Sorry, there's no escape! Wherever you go - there you are! **Peace is "and inside job."**

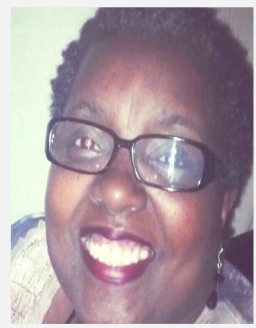
According to many oceanographers, even the worst ocean storms rarely extend more than 25 feet below the surface. Gales can rip the ocean, causing tidal waves 100 feet high, but just 25 feet below the surface the water is as calm as a pond. **The point is this: The only place you'll ever find peace in the midst of life's storms is through an in-depth personal relationship with Jesus Christ.**

Part of God's purpose in allowing the storms of life to blow, is to drive us deeper—deeper into His waiting arms and deeper into dependence upon Him. Someone once said, "God takes life's broken pieces and gives us unbroken peace."

When you focus on the Lord who never meets a problem He can't solve, you'll experience in-depth peace. And you'll carry that peace with you wherever you go. Others will notice it and seek your advice when they too face trouble. You see, when you know that the God within you reigns supreme, you won't succumb to the pressures that surround you.



The Season of Lent begins 40 days (March 6—April 18) prior to Easter. In observance of the 2019 Lent Season and as a way of reflection and preparation, all members are asked to give up meats, sweets and seafood from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, April 14th—21st. We will be reading St. Luke Chapters 1—24.



On behalf of Joshua Baptist Church, we give a “Special Thank You” to our very own Sis. Marilyn Capers for supporting us by participating in the Wal-Mart Foundation’s Volunteerism Always Pays (VAP) program. She volunteered 25 hours of her precious time to our local communities and received a gift of \$750 in honor of her service which was donated to our church on her behalf.

Thank you again for your time, thoughtfulness and faithful service!



Little Hats,

Big



Joshua’s Pearls Needlework Ministry crocheted and donated over 50 red hats for babies to Roper St. Francis Hospital in February for the Little Hats, Big Hearts Initiative.

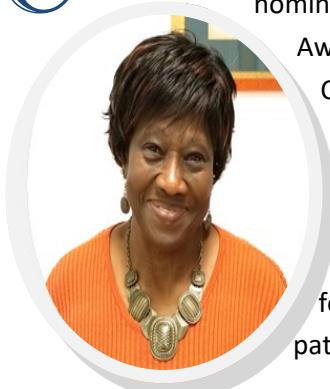
The Little Hats, Big Hearts Initiative is volunteers helping the American Heart Association (in connection with the Children’s Heart Foundation) celebrate American Heart Month by knitting and crocheting adorable red hats for babies born in February at participating hospitals.

A “Special Thank You” to the Pearls Needlework Ministry for taking time to crochet these beautiful red hats and giving to the babies.



Congratulations to Deaconess Betty Fields on her nomination for the 2019 Humanitarian Award for Summerville Medical Center (SMC). She came in 2nd place out of three other volunteers for the award. These volunteers are recognized because they demonstrate extraordinary concern for the welfare and happiness of patients and our community.

Deaconess Fields has been volunteering for nine years. As of 2018, she thanks God for being able to provide 295 hours and 30 minutes of volunteer services. She enjoys assisting and helping the sick and needy. She has been a certified nurse’s assistant for over 30 years. The volunteer who received the 1st Place Award is a retired nurse from SMC for 19 years. Deaconess Fields said that she deserves it. May God continue to bless Deaconess Fields for her hard work, generosity and faithfulness!



Submitted by Sis. Maria Anderson

Thirty-nine children have learned the first 12 books of the Bible since Sunday, January 20, 2019. Approximately five children have learned all of the old testament books. The children will start learning the next 12 books in March and continue learning their books until the next Boot Camp which is scheduled in May.

At this time, they will be tested to see if they have learned all the books of the Bible. The Children’s Church staff is planning something big for this event.



Thanks to everyone who assisted in helping the children learn their books of the Bible. A special shout out goes to all our kids! We are very thankful and proud of your dedication!!!

Women's Retreat

Virtuous Woman of God

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and anoint you as He has anointed women who have gone before you.

Be Blessed

with the patience of Sarah, who learned through trial and testing to submit to God's plan and His authority.

Be Blessed

with the balance of Martha's heart of servanthood and the heart of genuine love and worship shown by Mary.

Be Blessed

with joy, just as Mary, the mother of Jesus, joyfully received God's word, as well as her high calling to be a mother for our Savior.

Be Blessed

with the faith of Lois and Eunice, who willingly raised the young child Timothy, with the word of God. They knew the importance of preparing the next generation to serve Jesus.

Be Blessed

child of God and know that the Lord sees you as a beautiful white rose. May you grow in knowledge and wisdom as you gracefully blossom into the character of a Proverbs 31 woman. Jesus gave His life for you. Walk in His righteousness and the unfailing love of your eternal Father.



WOMEN OF PURPOSE

Go to sleep with a prayer. Pray about everything, talk to God. Just let it out, all the good, all the bad. He's always listening, prayer does change things. Even if you think God isn't listening, let me tell you He always is. He's always working on something for you. Breathe and ask for forgiveness and also forgive others. Remember, tomorrow is a new day. Start fresh & clean.



Congrats and thank U to all who attended the Women's Retreat. We had a glorious time in the Lord!

The theme was "Women of Purpose". Our speaker was Min. Donna Edwards. We had some Me, We and Thee time. Thank U Jesus. This retreat was led by Sis. Mary McNeal. To God be the Glory; she did an excellent job!

Each year we try to bring in different speakers and ideas. Thanks to everyone for their help and participation. Next year we pray to have transportation Friday and Saturday.

You can start paying anytime you want for 2020. Please let today be the beginning of your first payment.

Love and blessings,

First Lady Pauline Grove

Deacon

In the Spotlight

Written by Deaconess Shelley Brown



Deacon Leroy Brown is married to the beautiful Deaconess Shelley Brown. He is a native Charlestonian and was educated in the schools on James Island where we reside. He also attended the College of Charleston. We are proud parents of three daughters and two sons. We have eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He is a retired Sunday School teacher of James Island Congregational Church beginner's class. Deacon Brown is a brick mason by trade, and his work spans the entire Tri-State area. He is also a retired member of the Political Action Committee and board member of the NAACP.



Deacon Brown feels extremely blessed to be a member of Joshua Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert L Grove. He is a faithful member who enjoys attending Bible Study and Prayer Service. He and his wife are team leaders for Winding Chain 11—Wisdom. In his spare time, he visits and sits with neighbors who are sick and shut-in.

Deacon Brown's hobbies are fishing and crabbing, which he has taught our grandchildren. They enjoy it as much as he does.

Deacon Brown was once a member of a singing group. He still enjoys singing.

His favorite hymn is, "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder", and his favorite scripture is Luke 12:48.

Luke 12:48 (KJV)

But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. **For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required:** and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

*We are climbing, Jacob's ladder
We are climbing, Jacob's ladder
We are climbing, Jacob's ladder*

Soldier of the Cross

*Every rung goes higher and higher
Every rung goes higher and higher
Every rung goes higher and higher*

Soldier of the Cross

*Sinner, do you love my Jesus
Sinner, do you love my Jesus
Sinner, do you love my Jesus*

Soldier of the Cross

*If you love Him, why not serve Him
If you love Him, why not serve Him
If you love Him, why not serve Him*

Soldier of the Cross



Chosen
To Serve



Take Good Care of Yourself, God

A little boy offering his prayers was heard to say, "Dear God, please take care of Mom and Dad and look after my sisters and brothers and me. And please, God, take good care of yourself. If anything happens to you, we're all sunk."

BRINGING ORDER TO CONFUSION

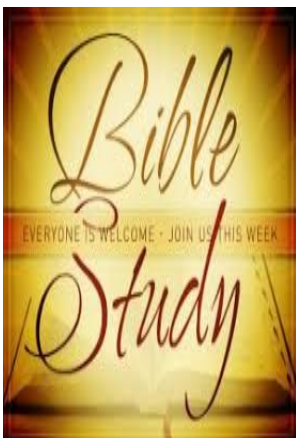
God brought confusion on the order the people of Babel were trying to create. Your task is to bring order to the confusion of the sequence below. Place the events from Genesis 11 in the correct time sequence, from the first (1) to the last (9).

- ___ A. God confounds the language so people can't understand one another.
- ___ B. God comes down to see what the people are doing.
- ___ C. Everyone speaks the same language.
- ___ D. The people agree on a plan and begin to make bricks.
- ___ E. God says that if the people are left to their own devices, there will be no limit to the harm they can do.
- ___ F. The people settle in a plain of Shinar.
- ___ G. The place was named Babel.
- ___ H. The people begin to build a city with a tower to reach to Heaven.
- ___ I. God scatters the people over all the earth.



Church Bulletin Bloopers

- When parking on the north side of the church, please remember to park on an angel.
- The church office will be closed until opening. It will remain closed after opening. It will reopen Monday.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a great chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
- If you need to heave during the service, please do so quietly.
- A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife.
- Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.
- The sermon this morning: GOSSIP ... THE SPEAKING OF EVIL. The closing song: I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY!
- The class on prophecy has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.



Prayer Service & Bible Study... Each Tuesday, Pastor Grove, officers and ministry leaders pray for our spiritual growth and encourage us to put biblical precepts into practice. Consistent attendance allows us a time of learning, a time of fellowship and it gives us regular time for sharing, praying, and discussing how to apply concepts learned from God's Word. Also each Wednesday, there is Noon Day Bible Study. Come join Rev. Albertha Isler and Mother Elizabeth Frazier.

Learning together gives us extra fuel to keep us strong throughout the week. We pray you will consider joining us.

Bible Study Memory Verses
...Hide the Word in your heart!

Ephesian 3:20-21

How to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Answer Key: Bringing Order to Confusion: 1-C, 2-F, 3-D, 4-H, 5-B, 6-E, 7-A, 8-I, 9-G



Joshua Baptist Church Health Advocate Ministry hosted a FREE Health Fair on February 9, 2019 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Our *Guest speakers' presentations were very informative and interesting. Thanks to all who attended and participated.*



Deaconess Sonya Jenkins
CDMH Clinic Director presented on Children's Mental Health.

Tameka Carn
Founder/CEO, Unique Minds presented on Autism.



Church Announcements



The Darkness to Light program raises awareness and educates adults on how to prevent, recognize and react to child sexual abuse. Two sessions: **Session I: 9:00 am—11:30 am** and **Session II: 1:00 pm—3:30 pm** will be held on **Saturday, March 23, 2019, at Joshua Baptist Church.**

All members who work with children regularly are required to attend one of these sessions. The class size is limited to 25.

Please sign up on registration sheet posted on the bulletin board.



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



The Pastor's Aide Ministry is preparing for our **Pastor and First Lady Grove's 31st Pastoral Anniversary on 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 and give your gift to your deacon.



Joshua 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.

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
PAMPER ME DAY
May 4, 2019
10:00 am —2:00 pm**



This day is set aside to minister to women by pampering them with hairstyles, pedicures, manicures, facials, etc. If you enjoy serving, please see any member of the WHTH-U Ministry to volunteer as hairstylists, braiders, manicurists, pedicurists or assist in any way necessary.

If you know of a woman who has not been pampered by WHTH-U before and feel this is something she would truly benefit from, please submit her name so she will be formally invited to attend.

March EVENTS

- 2 - CRBA Y.W.A. "Love Feast" in JBC Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- 3—White Oak Manor at 2:00 p.m.
- 4—CRBA Benedict College Rally at JBC at 7:00 p.m.
- 6—CRBA Ministers Ministry Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 9—VBS Expo, Church of Life Park, Mt. Pleasant
8:30 a.m.—12 Noon
- 23—"Darkness to Light" Workshops, 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
- 25—Seasons (Singles) Ministry Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 30—Y.W.A. Pre-Anniversary, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- 31—Y.W.A. Anniversary during 10:15 Service
- 31—Divine Deliverance Pastor Anniversary, 4:00 p.m.
WE Hugee Choir.

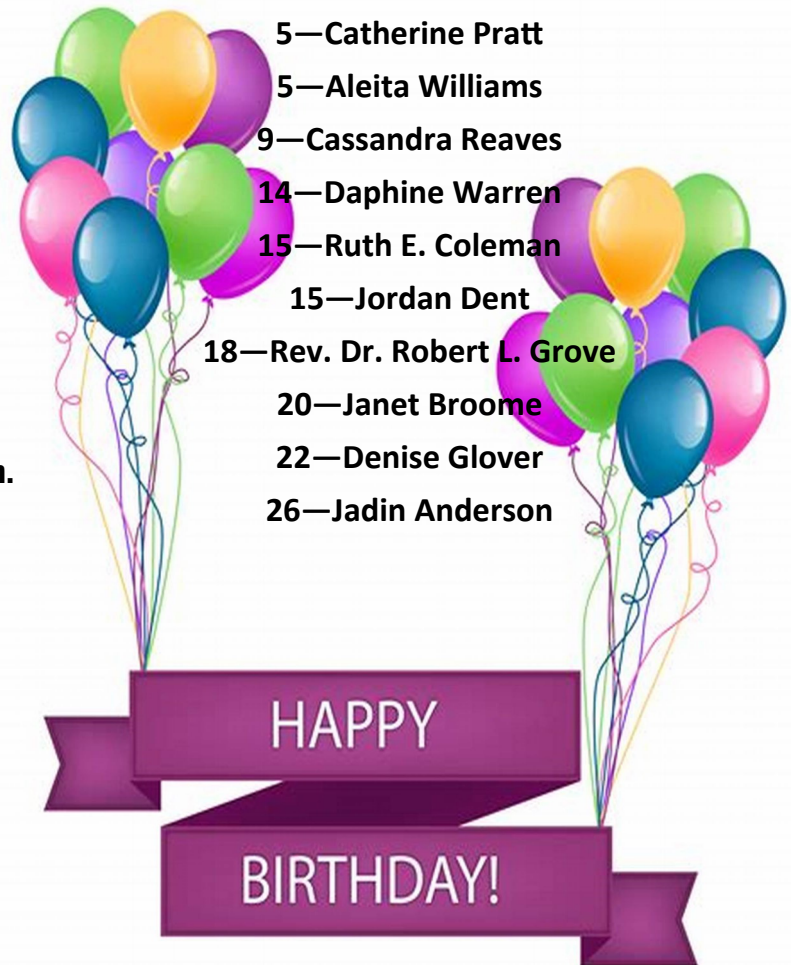


Come join us Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M.

- 5—Dea. Anthony Glover, his members, Winding Chain
- 9—Deliverance, Chosen Ones, Gifted Vessels and New Members Class
- 12—Dea. Casdell Singleton, his members, Winding Chain
- 10—Youth, Y.E.S. Ministry and Budget Committee
- 19—Dea. Leroy Brown, his members, Winding Chain
- 11—Wisdom, Sr. Missionary and Sr. Ushers Ministries
- 26—Dea. Joe Fields, his members, Trustee Clarence and Rev. Alberta Isler, Winding Chain
- 12—Knowledge & Understanding, the Brotherhood Ministry and Education Ways & Means



- 1—Betty Fields
- 1—Mary Pinckney
- 4—Fred Barnes
- 4—Ife Cromwell-Milton
- 4—Trudie Dukes
- 5—Catherine Pratt
- 5—Aleita Williams
- 9—Cassandra Reaves
- 14—Daphine Warren
- 15—Ruth E. Coleman
- 15—Jordan Dent
- 18—Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove
- 20—Janet Broome
- 22—Denise Glover
- 26—Jadin Anderson



Candidate for Baptism

Master (Chevarlo) Tyler Cohen

Christian Experience

- Sis. Francene Aiken
- Sis. Kimberly Briggs
- Sis. Louerelza Monroe

Happy Anniversary

25—Bro Anthony & Sis Gail Tolbert

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