

Joshua's Journal

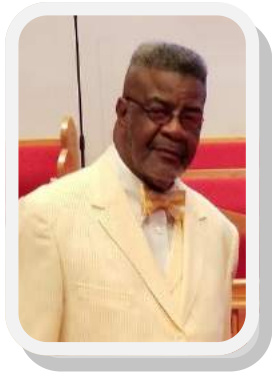
"Reaching People For Christ" – GOD FIRST | NOVEMBER 2019



The Pastor's Corner

Message from Pastor

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



Thank you Joshua for a fabulous Four Seasons Tea. The spirit of cooperation and support was electrifying. Therefore, I know now that when the people of God have a mind to work, nothing or nobody can stand in our way. My prayer for Joshua is that our faith in God will continue to lead us to enjoy the favor of God. For, we are not seeking a blessing every now and then, but we are seeking His favor as a way of life. We desire to: walk, talk, and live like we're blessed twenty-four seven.

Furthermore, as I write, we are preparing for our Annual Brotherhood Retreat. I ask all our brothers who can and will to travel to Myrtle Beach with us for a time of fellowship, fun, learning, and spiritual growth. A church with a strong brotherhood of men will be a strong fortress against the attacks of the devil. My thanks to Deacon Strother (Brotherhood President) for the time he spends planning and leading this important ministry.



Also, we will celebrate our Annual Thanksgiving Day Service on the 28th at 9:15 am. Members, plan to come and give the Lord thanks for all that He has done.

This month, we will pass out the Faithful Service Award to a deserving member(s). Pray that it is received well and without any jealousy. If it's not your year this year - just wait awhile.

Finally, I wish Lady Grove a blessed and Happy Birthday. Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you....

Remember, God loves you Joshua 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



This month's encouragement comes from a portion of the song, "My Life is in Your Hands." Please remember this: **WITH JESUS YOU CAN MAKE IT.** Put your life in His hands.

You don't have to worry, and don't you be afraid. Joy comes in the morning, troubles they don't last always. For there's a friend named Jesus, who will wipe your tears away. And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say -

Oh, I know that I can make it

I know that I can stand

No matter what may come my way

My life is in Your hands

With Jesus I can take it, with Him I know I can stand - No matter what may come my way, my life is in Your hands.



So when your tests and trials, they seem to get you down - and all your friends and loved ones, they're nowhere to be found - remember there's a friend named Jesus, who will wipe your tears away, and if your heart is broken, Just lift your hands and say—

Oh, I know that I can make it, I know that I can stand - No matter what may come my way, my life is in Your hands. With Jesus I can take it, with Him I know I can stand - No matter what may come my way, MY LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS.

Ephesians 6: 9 & 10

The Armor of God

9 And masters, do the same for your slaves. Give up your use of threats, because you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with

Him. **10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.**

I Have A Question...



Ask the Pastor

Do I Really Need to Go to Church?

I am a "new" Christian. I do not have a church home that makes me comfortable. I pray, I believe that Jesus died for me, I study my Bible and I listen to various services on TV and have received much knowledge by doing so. My life is dedicated to serving my Lord but I do not want to displease Him. ***Is it necessary to have a church home?***

This is a very good question! Although individual worship is important for our spiritual growth, we cannot overlook the scriptures in Hebrews 10:25

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..." and Acts 20:7 which says, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together..." We come TOGETHER to exhort, encourage, and enrich one another.



HOLY HOTLINES

- WORRY HOTLINE..... 1 PETER 5:7**
- FEAR HOTLINE.....ISAIAH 41:10**
- TEMPTATION HOTLINE.....1 CORINTHIANS 10:13**
- DOUBT HOTLINE.....ROMANS 10:17**
- SICKNESS HOTLINE.....ISAIAH 53:5**
- DEPRESSION HOTLINE.....PSALM 34:18**
- LONELINESS HOTLINE.....DEUTERONOMY 31:8**

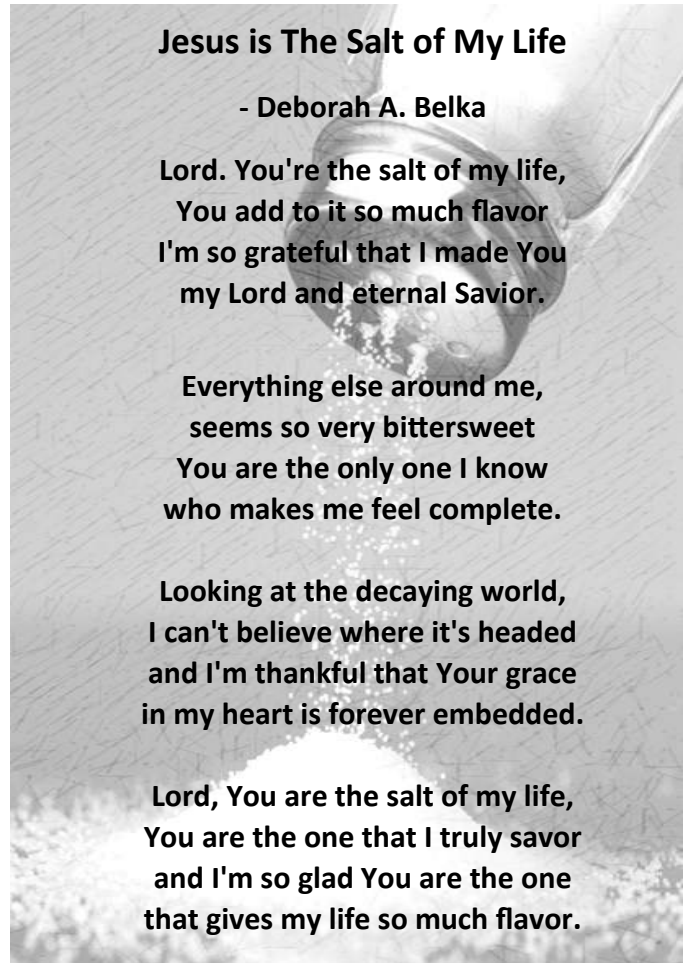
LINES ARE OPEN 24/7

Happy Thanksgiving!

GOD'S ABUNDANT GOODNESS IS CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION



THANK GOD FOR WHAT YOU HAVE. TRUST GOD FOR WHAT YOU NEED.



Jesus is The Salt of My Life

- Deborah A. Belka

Lord. You're the salt of my life, You add to it so much flavor I'm so grateful that I made You my Lord and eternal Savior.

Everything else around me, seems so very bittersweet You are the only one I know who makes me feel complete.

Looking at the decaying world, I can't believe where it's headed and I'm thankful that Your grace in my heart is forever embedded.

Lord, You are the salt of my life, You are the one that I truly savor and I'm so glad You are the one that gives my life so much flavor.

A Thanksgiving Dinner Prayer
Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our heart to You and pray,
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.
-Mary Fairchild

There's always SOMETHING to be Thankful for

THANKFUL FOR GOD'S LOVE, GRACE AND MERCY

When you fall to your knees & ask God for help- don't forget to fall back to your knees & say Thank You when He answers.

2 Corinthians 2:14 (KJV)

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place."



Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you God for everything.
Amen



Thanksgiving Blessings
No Need TO COUNT CALORIES TODAY, Just your Blessings

BE grateful



In the Spotlight



DEACON CASDELL SINGLETON

Submitted by Deaconess Chenette Singleton

Deacon Casdell Singleton is a native of Charleston, SC. He is married to Deaconess Chenette Singleton. The Singletons have been married for 41 years and have two daughters, Tranalda and Takeya and one grandson, Cameron. They reside in Summerville, SC. Deacon Singleton is a graduate of Bonds-Wilson High School where he excelled in academics and music and met his future bride. In his senior year, he served as Drum Major of the Bonds-Wilson Cobras Marching Band. After high school, he enrolled in St. Augustine's University (Falcons) where he was active in the concert band and the Falcon baseball team. He served as President of the Student Government Association in 1976—77. He received a BS degree in Business Administration and a minor in Accounting in 1977. In 1986, he enrolled in The Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University where he completed his studies in 1989 in Banking.

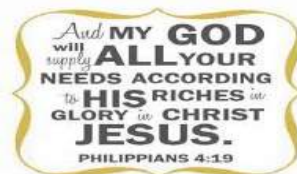
In 1977, he joined the Manufacturers' Bank of Detroit in Detroit, Michigan and since that time has worked in the banking industry with stints in Atlanta, Chicago, Nashville, Anderson and Charleston. After 42 years in banking, in September of 2019, he retired from Synovus Bank where he served as the Vice President Commercial Lending Officer for 14 years.

He is very involved in civic activities. He serves as President of the Charleston Alumni Chapter St. Augustine's University, Chair of the Finance Committee of Orphan Aid Society, Inc. (Jenkins Institute), Treasurer of Charleston County Human Services Commission, and a member of the Board of Charleston LDC. He serves as Co-Chairman of the Deacon Ministry and a member of the Trustee Ministry at Joshua Baptist Church and is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

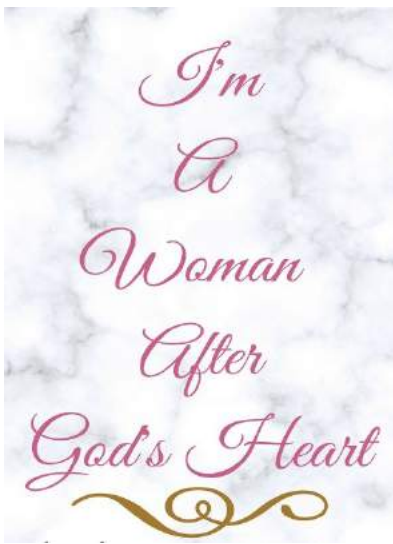
Two of his greatest joys are spending time with family and friends and using his gifts to help others. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, traveling and wood working.



The Singletons' favorite quote is:



"Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God!" - Unknown



Member Spotlight

Sister Elizabeth Frazier A Woman of God

Submitted by Sis. Ashley Jenkins, Granddaughter



As I think of my grandmother, I know the best ways to describe her are through a few scriptures that she has taught me over the years. ***“And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,”*** Deuteronomy 11:13.

She could always be found in the church. She was either preparing the pulpit, teaching, or serving God in some way. It never seemed like it was a chore. I learned first hand that serving actually brought joy and peace to her heart. She has been on more ministries than I can remember but always made time to serve. Even now, she can be found advising others or at mid-day prayer.

“She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.” Proverbs 31:26

She taught me the power of speech and so many find comfort in her words. As I grew, I realized it wasn't because of the sweet tone, but the wisdom and truth of what she says. Any time she speaks, you can hear her faith in the Lord. This causes people to flock to her to gain advice.



She always reminds you of the importance of seeking God first. Although, I know of the various issues she had to handle, many people won't know until she gives her testimony. They just see a wonderful woman of God. I have seen her put her faith in God, so she could come out on top. It allows me to know that I really can do anything with help from the Lord.

“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.” 1 Timothy 2:9-10

She has fantastic taste and always makes sure she is presentable but this is not the beauty that attracts people to her. I have learned that her actions make everyone want to be around her. She has helped grow her spiritual family wearing her Sunday Best as she did wear her scrubs at MUSC.

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:” Philippians 2:3-5

She doesn't do anything for the recognition. To be honest, she probably would not want any one to know about half the things she does. She always speaks about the crown she will get when she goes home to be with the Lord and that has always been enough for her. She is truly a woman after God's own heart.



VETERANS DAY NOV 11

*I thank my God every time I remember you.
Philippians 1:3 (NIV)*



VETERANS
Thank You!

Every waving flag,
hand-covered heart,
and deeply felt prayer
..... asking God
to bless America

is a declaration of thanks
to all those who have served.

You've shown by example
— what it truly means —
to belong to the land of the free
and the home of the brave.



Ty' Shara Pugh
Military Magnet Academy
Homecoming Queen 2019—2020

New Church Ministry

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Sis. Jocelyn Roberts and Sis. Danielle Capers

Shopping made easy for the elderly

Starting November 10, 2019, we will have a new ministry. This ministry will be available for your shopping needs every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. They are ready to take your order. For more information, please contact Jocelyn Roberts at (843) 312—7852 or jocelynroberts190@yahoo.com



IMPORTANT

Announcements



In order to maintain correct contact information, please notify your deacon, Sis. Karen Pratt or Sis. Cindy Cato when your phone number and/or address has changed.

The Missionary Ministry is having a magazine drive for Riverside Nursing Home. Please bring your collection of magazines and give them to any Missionary member between now and the end of November. Thank you for your donations.



Please print clearly your FULL NAME, amount your are giving and always indicate where your gift is to be allocated on your giving envelope (Tithe, Sunday School, WHTH U, etc.)



Christmas Cantata Practices are being held on Mondays at 6:30 pm.

Faithful Service Award recipient will be recognized during Joshua Baptist Church 10:15 a.m. service on Nov. 24th.



The **Second** reading of the **2020 Budget** and **2020 Calendar** meeting will be held November 18th at 6:00 pm. Ministry leaders, please provide dates for the 2020 calendar to Sis. Cindy Cato or Sis. Karen Pratt by Sunday, November 10th.



Thanksgiving Feasting

When the Halloween pumpkins are gone,
And the leaves have all fallen to ground,
When the air has turned windy and cold,
Then Thanksgiving will soon be around.

Thoughts of loved ones all feasting together,
Pleasant pictures from past times appear
To dwell in each heart and each mind—
Then Thanksgiving is finally here!

The kitchen has scrumptious aromas,
The dining room looks oh, so fine,
Decorations with pilgrims and turkeys,
And now we are ready to dine!

First the napkins are placed on our laps;
Now the prayer for the meal to be blessed,
Then we stuff the good food in our tummies,
And we hope for it all to digest!

By Joanna Fuchs

DECODE THE TITLE

What is this puzzle about? You will have to solve it to find out! Unscramble these words, noting the letters in the boxes. Then transfer the boxed letters to the numbered blanks to decode the title.

1. ETEHRAW
2. BOJ
3. MYNEO
4. NUHGER
5. NITRETNE
6. RECSIP
7. CILOTSIP
8. UOPITLNLO
9. RIFTFCA
10. NDCHRILE
11. SOUPES
12. TUNESFLESSAW
13. PITDYISUT
14. HAEHLT

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THE SCRAWNY TURKEY

It's the day before Thanksgiving, and the butcher is just locking up when a man begins pounding on the front door.

"Please let me in," says the man desperately. "I forgot to buy a turkey, and my wife will kill me if I don't come home with one."

"Okay," says the butcher. "Let me see what I have left." He goes into the freezer and discovers that there's only one scrawny turkey left. He brings it out to show the man.

"That's one is too skinny. What else you got?" says the man.

The butcher takes the bird back into the freezer and waits a few minutes and brings the same turkey back out to the man.

"Oh, no," says the man, "That one doesn't look any better. You better give me both of them!"

Answers to "Decode the Title": 1=weather. 2=job. 3=money. 4=hunger. 5=Internet. 6=prices. 7=politics. 8=pollution. 9=traffic. 10=children. 11=spouse. 12=wastefulness. 13=stupidity. 14=health.



- 3 White Oak Manor at 2:00 p.m.
- 4 Trustee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 6 CRBA Ministers Ministry Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Veterans Day Recognition during 10:15 a.m. service
- 10 Pastor Grove at Promiseland Missionary Baptist at 4:00 p.m.



- 12 Senior Missionary Ministry Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
- 14-16 JBC Men's Retreat in Myrtle Beach, SC
- 18 Second 2020 Budget Reading & Calendar Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Y.W.A. Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Senior Missionary Ministry 50th Anniversary at 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Faithful Service Award during 10:15 a.m. service
- 24 W.E. Hugee Male Choir 32nd Anniversary at 3:30 p.m.
- 25 Seasons (Singles) Ministry Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Thanksgiving Service at 9:15 a.m.



Candidates for Baptism

- Janiah Shaver
- Quintin Shaver

Restoration

- Sis. Shanell McGee



22—Bro. James & Sis. Sharon Jackson



Prayer Team
Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.



4—Kori Anderson	20—Trena Haskell
4—First Lady Pauline Grove	24—Alma Strother
6—Cindy Cato	
10—Chandler Moore	
19—Deacon Frank Brown	



Nov 5 ~ Dea. Norman Vanderhorst, his members, Winding Chain Team 5 (Increase), Youth Department, and Security Ministries

Nov 12 ~ Dea. Lawrence Strother, his members, Winding Chain Team 6 (Health), D.O.T.T.T.C., and G.E.D. Ministries

Nov 19 ~ Dea. Charles Pinckney, his members, Winding Chain Team 7 (New Members), Health Providers, and Praise Choir Ministries

Nov 26 ~ Dea. Leroy White, his members, Winding Chain Team 8 (Expansion), Voices of Joshua, and Gospel Choir Ministries

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

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