

DEACONS

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor.



Deacons—Appointed Servants of the Church

Joshua's Journal

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



Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



Brothers and sisters, as I think about America – land that I love, I am reminded of the words of a novel by Charles Dickens, 'A Tale of Two Cities' (1859). He wrote, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair..." Saints, from coast-to-coast, we are marching, holding rallies, praying to GOD for relief, and yet here we are with the COVID-19 numbers climbing. It seems that many in our nation and around the world are asking GOD to just remove this virus so that they can return to business as usual.

However, I am mindful of the fact that prior to the onset of this plague, civilization was in an 'eat, drink, and be merry' state of being. During times of plenty, we were not marching for justice, nor kneeling before Jesus. But now, Almighty GOD has our full attention, all around the world. And if we do not come through this crisis with a greater and deeper appreciation for our Creator and for each other, then awful will be our condition.

Continue to pray that Jehovah will soon heal the land and fill our hearts with HIS love.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

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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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Lord, how greatly are they increased who make attacks on me! In great numbers they come against me. Unnumbered are those who say of my soul, there is no help for him in God. But your strength, O Lord, is around me, you are my glory and the lifter up of my head. I send up a cry to the Lord with my voice, and He gives me an answer from His holy hill. I took my rest in sleep, and then again I was awake; for the Lord was my support. I will have no fear, though ten thousand have come around me, putting themselves against me. - Psalm 3

Be courageous, be strong. For God is on our side, always. Don't worry. He promises to give us comfort and peace and meet our needs.

Though the enemy may lurk, we must STAND FIRM, unwavering in our faith.

We made it to another day. Take that time to rest, relax and meditate on God's word and pray to Him regarding His plan for your life. Pray for others and serve where you can.

Be blessed my brothers & sisters

These are days of abnormal fear, panic, anxiety and hopelessness with towering ramifications on human health, financial security, social life and future goals.

Fear, loneliness and stress have become companions in homes, even Christian households. When social and spiritual interactions are thwarted, not by choice but by circumstances beyond our control, we are forced to adjust. So, attending church during this COVID-19 pandemic has changed for all of us. It's hard since we love the fellowship and coming together to worship God in the sanctuary. We love the Sunday morning greetings where we get to hug, chat and catch up with each other. I know we're all missing this!

Through it all, let us remember that God is still in the business of protecting his own and to stay strong until the Lord's delivers us from this pandemic. Trust God even in these difficult times. Do not look at your circumstances, but look to God.

You are encouraged to find a place in your home to worship God individually. Join online with our worship services and Bible Study if you're able to do so. Or call and listen in. Spiritual food is necessary to help us get through this together!. Pray fervently to God. Trust in the assurance to know that help is on the way. Doubt may set in and that's understandable. But.....

The Psalmist wrote, **"I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart."** Psalms 27:13-14 (NKJV)

The House by the Side of the Road



Submitted by
Rev. Albertha Isler

*Life's too short to not celebrate
every chance you get! Happy
Birthday to me! ...*

*I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife.
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears
Both parts of an infinite plan;
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.*

*I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead
And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on through the long afternoon
And stretches away to the night.
But still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice.
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.*

*Let me live in my house by the side of the road
It's here the race of men go by;
They are good, they are bad, they are weak,
They are strong,
Wise, foolish- so am I;
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.*

By Sam Walter Foss

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self-content;
There are souls like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran;
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

*Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by;
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban;
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.*

THE PEARLS MINISTRY

Titus 2:3-5

³ *The aged women likewise, that they be in
behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not
given to much wine, teachers of good things;*

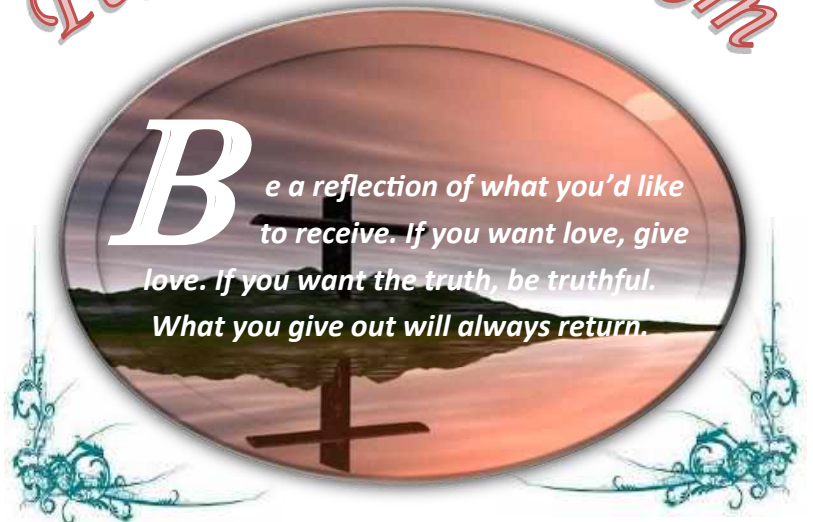
⁴ *That they may teach the young women to be sober, to
love their husbands, to love their children,*

⁵ *To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good,
obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God
be not blasphemed.*



Pearls of Wisdom

Be a reflection of what you'd like
to receive. If you want love, give
love. If you want the truth, be truthful.
What you give out will always return.



GREAT IS GOD'S MERCY TOWARDS US!

Rev. Harriet Mazyck

While travelling up 1-26, we noticed that one of the back tires on a van up ahead was wobbling in a very abnormal manner. The driver was doing about 65 or so unaware of the apparent danger that existed. All of a sudden, the van left the road and veered off onto the left shoulder, speedily careening down the path, only slowing down and stopping because some very strong trees forbade the uncontrollable van to continue any further.

Instinctively, several of us stopped and ran back to aid the passengers in whatever way we could. Surprisingly, the van was full of very young male athletes who were returning from a game.

Although some were battered and bruised, they were all shaken up, but everyone was ok. One of the young men said that he was feeling faint. A nurse told him that whatever he did, don't lay down, because some conditions like concussions become more detrimental if you fall asleep. God shielded them with His Grace & Mercy prohibiting death from serving warrants for their lives that day! Despite some of the most horrific life events that we've witnessed in the past few months, Christians must not lay

down but continue being about God's business like somebody's life depends on it! P.U.S.H.ing (Praying Until Something Happens) is one of our greatest weapons to awaken some while encouraging others to stay awake trusting in our first line of defense in the Time of Trouble—Our Refuge & Strength, Almighty God, Our Father! Despite the pandemic still troubling the earth, look at the blessings we're receiving right in the midst of it! God is yet showing His Agape Love rather than imposing the judgement that we really deserve. Aren't you grateful that His Mercy Endures?! Demonstrate your YES by helping someone else.

And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night and said unto him, I have heard they prayer... (2 Chron. 7:12)

Please Continue To Lift The Following Individuals In Prayer As You Pray For Others:

Sis. Julia Adgeron	Sis. Mary Jenkins	Bro. Curtis Sally
Bro. Derrick Beckwith	Sis. Sonja Jenkins	Sis. Dorothy Sheppard
Sis. Rosa Lee Blue	Sis. Betty Jones	Sis. Carolyn Simmons
Sis. Margie Breland	Sis. Yummy Jones	Sis. Joan Simmons
Sis. Marilyn Broom	Sis. Yvonne Johnson	Bro. Lenard Sinclair
Dea. Leroy Brown	Sis. Roberta Kenny	Sis. Takeya Singleton
Bro. Tony Brown	Rev. Hester King	Bro. Tony & Sis. Gail Tolbert
Rev. Abrou & Sis. Shirley Choice	Bro. Sammy King	Sis. Beverly Washington
Sis. Edna Clark	Sis. Lillie Manning	Bro. Johnny Washington
Sis. Josephine Collins	Bro. Benjamin Mitchell	Bro. Kenneth White
Bro. Ernest Frazier	Sis. Edna Peacock	Dea. Joseph Wilson
Bro. Ike & Sis. Angie Green	Sis. Tennie Proctor	Sis. Debra Wright
Sis. Sara Green	Sis. Miriam Ragland	

"Nothing can stop the power of a committed and determined people to make a difference in our society. Why? Because human beings are the most dynamic link to the divine on this planet." Rep. John Lewis

Thank you to each of our Deacons and their wives who have served our church and Lord so faithfully and unselfishly!

Deacon's Appreciation Day August 21, 2020

FAITHFUL servants

Dea. Albert Hill, Chairman

Dea. Casdell Singleton, Co-Chairman

Dea. Eugene Wright, Sr. Deacon

Dea. Frank Brown, Jr.

Dea. Leroy Brown

Dea. Joseph Fields

Dea. Tony Glover

Dea. Arnold Jenkins

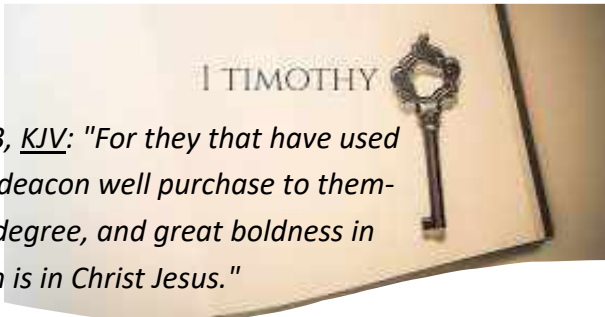
Dea. Stanley Perry

Dea. Charles Pinckney

Dea. Lawrence Strother

Dea. Leroy White

Dea. Joseph Wilson



1 Timothy 3:13, KJV: "For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Faithful deacons are to be respected for their service and recognized for their work. A deacon's role is not primarily administrative, but spiritual. Serving well leads to great spiritual rewards. This is true both for the individual and the church as well. When a congregation has faithful deacons and elders, the church thrives.

Further, serving well also gives added confidence in the faith. This closely resembles Hebrews 10:35, which teaches, "Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward." Confidence is considered a reward for those who serve Christ well. The more confident in faith one becomes, the more effectively and powerfully they can spread the gospel message. Faith, serving as the basis for much of the Christian life, is mentioned 19 times in 1 Timothy. - bbleref.com

DEACONS – Leading through Serving



A young man, dirty, stinking, and dressed in rags, came into a sanctuary just as the Sunday morning worship service began. As he looked for a seat, nobody was willing to allow him to sit by them, and they shifted their bodies to fill the pews, so he could find no seat. At last, he sat down on the floor right at the front of the sanctuary, centered on the aisle he had walked down.

An elderly deacon, who had been watching from his seat near the back of the church, slowly stood up and made his way down the aisle. It was obvious that the congregation was pleased that this long-time and highly respected deacon was going to do something about this filthy ragamuffin at the front of the church. When the deacon got to the front, he slowly got down and sat beside the young man, and shook his hand, prayed with him, and acted like he had found a long-lost friend!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



South Carolina COVID-19 cases continue to increase and the decision has been made not to open the church on Sunday, August 2, as planned. We are very thankful for the leadership and the many volunteers that God has placed in Joshua who have ensured His work continues. We will continue to have bible studies; Sunday School continues to be taught; the deacons continue to care for the members; and the Joshua Journal will continue to be published, and so on. GOD is truly wonderful! Joshua, continue as you have been by keeping in touch through Facebook, learning through the lessons provided on YouTube and telephone and sharing these resources with others which continues to enable us in our mission of "Reaching People For Christ".

FLIPGRID.



The JBC Sunday School / Children's Church also has a FlipGrid Page where you can upload your Memory Verses. <https://flipgrid.com/jbcc>



Please **subscribe** to our YouTube page and share the link with as many people as possible. Please ask them to subscribe as well. During these difficult times, it's even more important to "Reach People for Christ."

Our IT team has been working very diligently and consistently to connect you to Joshua through various social platforms. They are now offering another way to stay connected. Anyone who does not have internet access or just prefers to listen in may tune in to our Sunday Worship Services @ 11 a.m. and Tuesday evening Bible Study @ 6 p.m. Dial (978) 990-5232, Enter access code: 7329240 followed by the # sign.

If you know of someone who does not receive Joshua's emails and would like to be included, please ask them to email me, Karen Pratt, at kpratt@ycrlaw.com with their email address. Also, please let me know if you do not want to receive these emails, so I can remove your name from my listing.

3 WAYS TO GIVE

Mail to:
2482 Faber Road
N. Charleston, SC
29405

At the church
Saturdays & Sundays
from
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Online through our website:
<https://www.joshuabapt.org/>
Click "online giving" in the top right corner.

JOSHUA BAPTIST CHURCH 2ND ANNUAL FOUR SEASONS TEA (Virtual-Via Livestream)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

4:00 PM



Motto:

"Everybody in the BODY is Somebody Special!"

Joshua members and friends will be able to enjoy the tea of his/her choice in the comfort of their home, while enjoying a short program by tuning into the Joshua's YouTube channel.

Members are asked for a donation of \$100 per adult. This is a fundraiser, so please do your very best to help us be a blessing regarding the growth and needs of Joshua. Please indicate on your envelope the season or month of your birthday.

You can give online or at the church on Saturdays and Sundays between 9 a.m.—Noon.

Rev. Albertha Isler, Chairperson
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove, Pastor

Food Distribution: Joshua has been blessed with gifts of fruits, vegetables and more. However, the amount of boxes is not consistent week by week so the process has changed. In order to reserve a box, please **call Deacon Frank Brown at (843) 469-0274 or Deacon Eugene Wright at (843) 754-7875 by 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday.** We still have curbside delivery (stay in your vehicle) drive up to the church and someone will have a box for you!



**Thank You
For Being
an Amazing
Deacon**



Deacon's Appreciation Day

August 21, 2020

The date for this event is rapidly approaching. If you would like to financially bless these men of God, indicate on your envelope which deacon(s) is to receive your gift(s) or indicate ALL if it is to be split among all of them. Your gift will be given directly to the named deacon. If you wish to give through Online giving, please note that there is an area where you are to list the deacon's name you wish to receive your gift.





ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

Imagine that you overhear people make the following statements. Summarize briefly your thoughts under each one.

1. "I believe God's blessings have come to me because of all I've done for Him."
2. "I've been such a sinner. Why would God help me?"
3. "Yes, Sunday worship is important. But the weekends are so full sometimes we just can't make it."
4. "Given my faithful service to God all my life, I frankly don't understand why He seems to be blessing my lukewarm friend more than me."

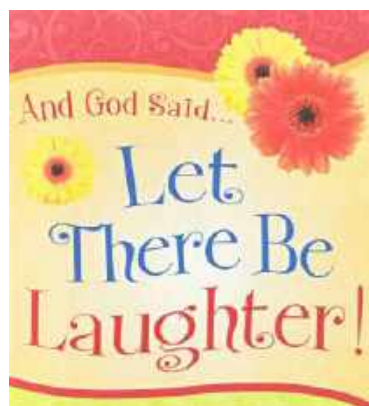
FINISH THE THOUGHTS

- A. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were _____, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, _____ in the heavens."
- B. "For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being _____; not for that we would be unclothed but _____ upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life."
- C. "Now he that hath wrought us for the _____ thing is God, who also hath given unto us the _____ of the Spirit."
- D. "We are always _____, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the _____, we are absent from the Lord."
- E. "For we walk by _____, not by _____."

When you finish, look up the answers in 2 Corinthians 5:1-10.

Your score: ___ out of 10.

Answer Key:
Finish the Thoughts: A—dissolved, eternal; B—burdened, clothed; C—selfsame, earnest; D—confident, body; E—faith, sight. (All per 2 Corinthians 5:1-10.)



What time of day was Adam created?

Just a little before Eve.

Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

Because Noah was always standing on the deck.

Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

Noah -- he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

Your mother ate us out of house and home.



Lots of Love to everyone celebrating birthdays & anniversaries in August.

May God bless you!



PRAYER

The Deacons as well as the Ministers of Joshua want you to know that you are in their prayers. Please continue to pray one for another.

Lord, please heal our land... [2 Chronicles 7:14](#)

Lord, protect those working on the front-lines, those serving the sick and those in essential ministries

Lord, let all Christians and churches reach-out with hope and love while people's hearts are open

Lord, how can I bless my church financially during these challenging days

Lord, please use me to bless others in Jesus' name

We are praying for you today...



JBC's Bible Study, Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School Classes Schedule

Bible Study

Tuesday Nights at 6:00 PM

Via Facebook, YouTube or Conference Call (978) 990-5232

Access Code 7329240#

Wednesday Noon Days at 12 Noon

Rev. Albertha Isler — Via Teleconference Dial-In #: 1-701-802-5010

Access Code: 833827



Sunday Worship Services

Sunday Mornings at 11:00 AM

Via Facebook and YouTube Or
Conference Call (978) 990-5232, Access Code 7329240#

Sunday School Classes

Adult at 9:00 AM

Evangelist Loretta Black - Via Phone Conference

Dial-in #: 1-978-990-5026 Access code: 894579

Sis. Shelley Brown - Via YouTube

Min. Latonia Robinson - Via Facebook Live

Min. Belinda Bennett - Via YouTube

Young Adult at 9:30 AM

Min. Corey Anderson—Via Zoom

Intermediate at 10:00 AM

Sis. Trudie Dukes & Trustee Stevie Grampus—Via Zoom

Youth at 1:00 PM

Rev. Chris Thurman & Trustee Andrea Oree—Via Zoom

Beginners/Primary at 11:30 AM

Sis. Maria Anderson & Sis. Marilyn Capers—Via Zoom



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