

Merry Christmas

and Happy New Year

Joshua's Journal

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



Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



Merry Christmas to all! Not even COVID19 can erase the joy that is felt around the world during this holiday season. My prayer is that we will learn to live together in peace on earth. Moreover, we are all created from dust and only exist because of the greatness and goodness of Almighty God. Saints, we must work even harder to love and sincerely care for one another, even as Christ first loved us. As Christians, we must be vessels of

love and not instruments of hate.

Furthermore, I want to congratulate the members of our Church Family that were recognized with the church's Faithful Service Award. Your faithfulness, labor of love, and willingness to go the extra mile is appreciated by the pastor, officers, and members of Joshua. Job done well!

Also, the Gold Basket Blessings will be distributed to persons in the church and community. We know that there is a biblical principle that says, "It is better to give than to receive." For, when we open our hands to give, God always replenishes our supply.

Finally, I call on our Prayer Team (Winding Chain) to be faithful to your hour and purpose of prayer. The Savior we serve will respond to effectual and fervent prayer. So, keep on praying for the Lord to sweep this virus from the land. Remember that God loves you and Lady 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



*"He has made everything appropriate in its time."
Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NAS)*

The Rollercoaster Ride of Life

Giving up mid-ride is not an option—it is foolish!



A depressed church member told his pastor, "I'm tired of trying. I have been down so long, I can't muster up the faith to believe God for deliverance anymore." The pastor said, "First, you can never justify quitting, because you have the Lord on your side. He won't quit on you, He promised He will never leave you nor forsake you so... do not be discouraged" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

Second, His Word says, 'If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny who He is' (2 Timothy 2:13). It's not just a matter of your faith, it's a matter of His faithfulness. When you can't seem to believe, instead of focusing on your faith in Him (or the lack of it), begin to focus on His faithfulness to you!" What great counsel for the rollercoaster ride of life. Now, let's add some more encouraging observations.



Know that God doesn't owe us an explanation so we shouldn't look for one, but He promises us an exit. He "will with the testing... make a way of escape, that you [might] be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). Until the Lord gets you out of it, He will get you through it. Your part is to stay on the rollercoaster.

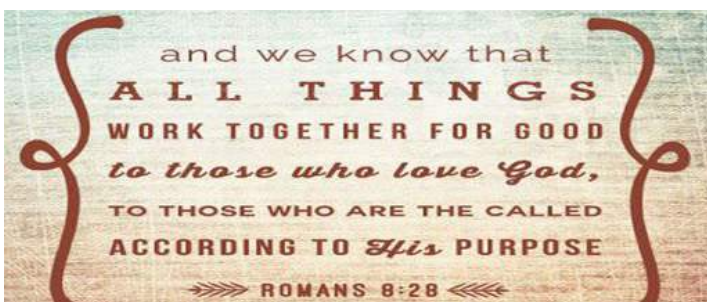
Almighty God is producing good in all of your circumstances (you just don't see it now). "And we know that all things work together for good to them... who are the called" (Romans 8:28). Father God puts pits and peaks together, and out comes your good. While He does so, the Son and Holy Spirit daily intercedes with Father God for you (Romans 8:34-39).



With all that's going on around us in our world today, you have so much good going for you! Open your eyes, fix your eyes on Christ Jesus... how can you fail at this point? Do not lose heart... Trust Him!

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him [Jesus Christ] who loved us."

Romans 8:35 & 37 (NKJV)



CONGRATULATIONS TO JBC 2020 FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

Ephesians 4:10-16 shows us five marks of being a faithful member of Christ's body. A faithful member receives Christ's word, unites with Christ's person, connects with Christ's people, serves others for Christ's sake, and grows into Christ's image. In every respect, church membership depends on the church's living Head, Jesus Christ.



Bro. Sam Kenlaw



Sis. Angie Green



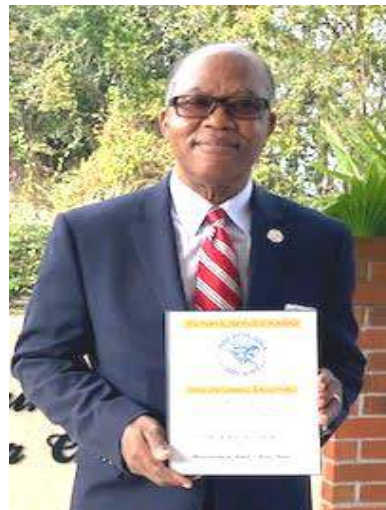
Sis. Karen Pratt



Deacon Lawrence Strother



Sis. Cheryl Scott



Deacon Casdell Singleton



Sis. Janet Vanderhorst received a posthumous award in honor of her late husband, Deacon Norman Vanderhorst



THE PEARLS MINISTRY

PEARLS of WISDOM

Some journeys take you farther from where you come from, but closer to where you belong



Titus 2:3-5 (KJV)



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.

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,**

I told the Lord, "My journey's long."
He said, I chose the length.
I told Him, "But I'm faint and weak."
He said, I'll give you strength.
No matter what my words—God heard,
while listening patiently.
But what has meant the most is this,
my Father walks with me.

Anne Peterson



Merry Christmas

Brotherhood Ministry



When 2019 ended, we were already getting excited about a 2020 Brotherhood Retreat at Myrtle Beach, SC. We had just finished "Looking Forward Through Open Doors" learning that God opens and provides things no man can. We had a great time, and 35 brothers were in attendance.

In March, COVID-19 became a well known world-wide phrase and 'the year of vision' became a year of slow down, lock down, and face coverings. However, the JBC Brotherhood is still "Looking forward" and trusting that God will bring us through, so we may press toward bigger and better things in 2021.

Let's continue to pray for one another and remind ourselves to pick a brother up and not put him down. *We're All Trying!*

On behalf of the officers and members of our JBC Brotherhood, we wish you a very wonderful and Merry Christmas and even better New Year in 2021. May God continue to bless and keep everyone uplifted and safe. We Love You!!!

CHRIST OVER COVID

*"He Himself is our peace."
— Ephesians 2:14 —*



Joy to the World



Galatians 4:4-5 (KJV)



⁴ But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

⁵ To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.



CHRISTMAS

Every time a hand reaches out
to help another....that is Christmas.

Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for
understanding...that is Christmas.

Every time we forget our differences and
realize our love for each other...that is Christmas.

May this Christmas bring us closer to the spirit of human
understanding and even closer to the blessing of peace!



The birth of Christ
brought God to man.
The cross of Christ brings
man to God.



"I truly believe that if we keep telling the
Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs,
and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy
and happiness and peace to this world."

~Norman Vincent Peale



Leave Christ in Christmas

By Margaret Cagle

Christmas without Christ?
Tell me, how can it be?
So many people change it
To suit themselves, you see.

Can't we say "Merry Christmas"
Instead of "Happy holidays"?
We take Christ out of Christmas
In so many different ways.

It is nice to exchange gifts
This special time of the year,
But what do we give to Christ,
Our Redeemer and Savior so dear?

Christ is really what makes it
A genuine Christmas season.
If we take Him out of Christmas,
We celebrate for the wrong reason.

I want Christ in my Christmas,
For inside my heart Jesus lives.
Jesus can be your Savior too,
For free salvation He gives.





Church Announcements



We will **NOT** have Tuesday or Wednesday Bible Study during the month of December. Bible Study will **resume the 2nd week in January.**



In these days and times the need for prayer is ever present. If you have a particular prayer request you would like to share with Joshua, please let Sis. Cindy

Cato by Saturday so she can include it in her weekly email.

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:
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page if you're using Facebook so your comments can be shared with Pastor Grove or other ministers who bring the sermon each Sunday. If you join in on a shared video from a member's page, your comments are only seen by that member.

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



Happy Belated Birthday & Christ's Blessing on Your Birthday

Sis. Nellie E. Banks a faithful and active member of Joshua Baptist Church celebrated her 107th birthday on October 30th. She was born on Wadmalaw Island, SC. She a unique and precious person. May God continue to bless Sis. Banks with many more happy and healthy years.



Words of Wisdom from the Pastor

- ◆ Don't allow your doubts to out-number your dreams – dreams and determination go together - doubts and disappointments go together
- ◆ Don't adjust your expectations to your limitations – God is greater than
- ◆ Failure to accomplish something does not make you a failure

As you read and understand the above in relation to your life, keep these thoughts close and know with God ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!



Special Thanks!



Walmart encourages their associates to contribute their time and talent to charitable organizations that matter to them. The Volunteerism Always Pays (VAP) recognizes and further supports these efforts by providing grants to eligible community organizations based on the hours volunteered by their associates. A monetary donation is given to a charitable organization of the employee's choice.

Sis. Marilyn Capers has volunteered and named Joshua as her charitable organization. A check was provided to Joshua for her volunteerism.

Thank you so much Sis. Capers for your willingness to volunteer and gift Joshua Baptist Church.



so today i learned...



SOMETHING BETTER

Throughout the book of Hebrews, the author uses the word *better* or *superior* to characterize aspects of the new covenant in Christ. Examine those to discover what should go in the blanks below.

Reference	What's Better	How this speaks to what I should do
Hebrews 1:4		
Hebrews 6:9		
Hebrews 7:4-7		
Hebrews 7:19		
Hebrews 7:22		
Hebrews 8:6		
Hebrews 9:23		
Hebrews 10:34		
Hebrews 11:4		
Hebrews 11:16		
Hebrews 11:35		
Hebrews 11:40		
Hebrews 12:24		

A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm.... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills." The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

Actual children's versions of Christmas Carols:

"...sleep in heavenly peas";
 "Joy to the world, the Savior rains";
 "This is he whom Sears of old...";
 "Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plane";
 "While shepherds washed their socks by night."



What does Jesus' other name, Immanuel, mean?

In what city was Jesus born?

How many wise men brought gifts to Jesus?

What guided the wise men to find Jesus?

After Jesus was born, where did Mary lay him?

Why were Mary and Joseph unable to stay at the inn?

Something Better: Hebrews 1:4-Jesus' status and name; 6:9-things; 7:7-someone's status; 7:19-hope; 7:22-testament; 8:6-ministry and covenant; 9:23-sacrifices; 10:34-substance; 11:4-sacrifice; 11:16-country; 11:35-resurrection; 11:40-plan; 12:24-witness God with us-Bethlehem-The bible never says-A star-In a feeding trough-There was no room for them.

Wishing You
a Joyful Holiday Season
and a Prosperous New Year!

HELLO
December

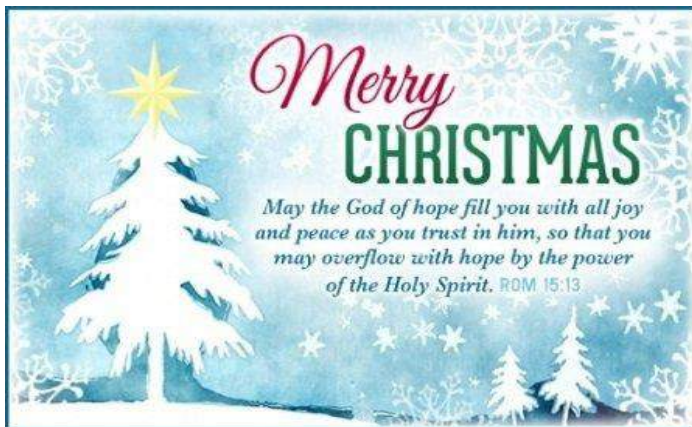
To all those who are
celebrating birthdays &
anniversaries in
December.

Lots of Love and may
God bless you!



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

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.



JBC's Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School Classes Schedule

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

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 AM

All classes will meet through a single Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87150110765?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87150110765?pwd=aE9TZVh0eIRYUxYmXkxRWpnU2twZz09)
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