

March EVENTS

- 1 White Oak Manor at 2:00 p.m.
- 2 Benedict College Rally, Jerusalem Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.
- 3-6 CRBA Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress Mid-Session, Baptist Center at 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Ushers Union #5 Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Trustee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 10 Senior Missionary Ministry Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
- 11 CRBA Ministers' Ministry Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 12 WHTH U Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Let's Talk Street Ministry at 9:00 a.m.
- 14 CPR, AED & First Aid Re-certification Training at 10:00 a.m.
- 18 CRBA Ministers Ministry Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Y.W.A. Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Brotherhood Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- 21 Praise Ministry Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- 21 D.R.E.A.M. Session at 10:00 a.m.
- 21 Mentee Session at 10:00 a.m.
- 23 Seasons (Singles) Ministry Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Let's Talk Street Ministry at 9:00 a.m.
- 28 Y.W.A. Pre-Anniversary Program at 9:00 a.m.
- 29 Y.W.A. Anniversary during 10:15 Service



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



Come join us and be a part of this spirit filled service on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

- 3 **Dea. Anthony Glover**, his members, Winding Chain 9 - Deliverance, Chosen Ones, Gifted Vessels and New Members Class
- 10 **Dea. Casdell Singleton**, his members, Winding Chain 10 - Youth, Y.E.S. Ministry and Budget Committee
- 17 **Dea. Leroy Brown**, his members, Winding Chain 11 - Wisdom, Sr. Missionary and Sr. Ushers Ministries
- 24 **Dea. Joe Fields**, his members, Trustee Clarence and Rev. Albertha Isler, Winding Chain 12- Knowledge & Understanding, the Brotherhood Ministry and Education Ways & Means
- 31 **Dea. Stanley Perry**, his members, Young Adult Ushers and Jubilee Choir



Candidate for Baptism

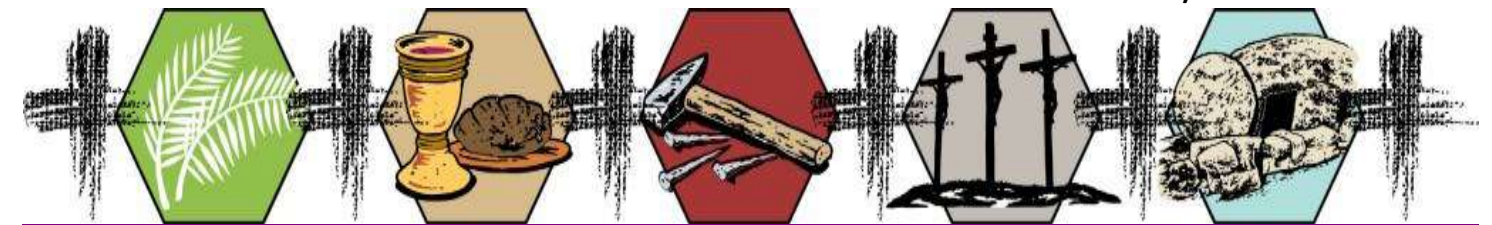
Amora Pryor

Christian Experience

- Sis. Pamela Sanders Wright
- Sis. Priscilla White
- Bro. Timothy Cato

Happy Anniversary

25—Bro. Anthony & Sis. Gail Tolbert



LENT 2020 40 DAYS | 3 RULES: Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God

Joshua's Journal

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



Message from Pastor

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



As I write, I am praying to Almighty God for the Vanderhorst Family for the loss of the Mayor - Deacon Norman Vanderhorst. I understand and acknowledge that all power is in the MASTER'S hand. We had a plan for Deacon Vanderhorst, but GOD had a better plan. We are commanded in scripture to "Ask and it shall be given; Seek and we shall find; Knock and the door will be opened unto us." (Matthew 7:7). However, God's will must be done.

My prayer is also for the Church family. We must not allow ourselves to become overcome with a '...garment of heaviness...' Ours at this moment in time is to stay the course and trust GOD to work it out. Realizing that we walk by faith and not by sight.

Moving forward, we are preparing to observe the Lenten Season. A time of personal sacrifice and commitment to God and godliness. Church, I truly believe that God rewards faithfulness and sacrifice. So, this year, I will be asking for individual fasting rather than corporate fasting. In other words, you will be able to choose at least ONE THING that you are willing to give up or take on for Christian growth. The fast will begin 12 noon, April 6th and end 12 noon, April 12th. I will provide further details very soon.

Furthermore, our Online Giving Ministry is showing some growth and increased interest. Members let's take advantage of this giant step forward in the giving of our tithes and offerings. The fact that Almighty God made this possible is reason to give HIM the highest praise!

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.**

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September 24, 1998

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A Splash of Inspiration

To: The Believer

"Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead." Philippians 3:13 (NKJV)

To truly believe means to have faith that God is alive, is active, and is keenly interested in me today. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that **He is** ..." Hebrews 11:6. Here it is written that **God is**, not that God was!

Remember this!! Regardless of how big the giants may look in our lives, regardless or how high or wide the obstacle may be, regardless of how low the valleys in our lives may be, one thing we need to remember and that is **"nothing is impossible for God"** and nothing is impossible for them that believe.

How Much Do Our Offerings Cost Us?



Our offerings to the Lord should include doing some of what goes against usual practices and against our natural grain. We should accept the discipline of rising early to meet the Lord.

Our offerings to the Lord should include sacrifices of time, money and services that we think we can't really afford. We should be willing to offer these to God out of love and thankfulness.

The value of the gifts we bring to God will be determined by the extent to which God is real to us. When He is real to us, we will not offer Him things that do not cost us anything.

Make sure your gifts count!



The Power of Praise

The Holy Bible says, "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God ... Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prisons were shaken... all the prison doors flew open and everybody's chains came loose" (vv.25-26).

Praise opens doors. Praise breaks chains. Any time you praise God in spite of your circumstances, the forces of heaven come to your aid. You say, "But sometimes I don't feel like praising God." The Psalmist wrote, "I will bless the Lord at all times" (Psalm 34:1).

Sometimes praise is an emotional response to God's goodness; other times it's an act of your will. Anybody can praise God in the good times. But when you have to rise above your feelings and your circumstances, that's when it really counts.

The battle of Jericho teaches us that sometimes you have to shout God's praise when:

- 1) You're up against a brick wall.
- 2) It feels like you're going in circles.
- 3) Your circumstances seem to mock you.
- 4) Your rational mind thinks, "This plan doesn't make any sense."
- 5) It's the last thing you feel like doing. But when you praise God anyway, you discover the truth of Nehemiah's words: "The joy of the Lord [the joy that comes from knowing He is present with you and has gone before you to work things out in your favor] is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).

When you're ruled by circumstances and emotions you live on a roller coaster. But when you give the Lord your circumstances and open your heart to praise Him, you move from weakness to strength.

"The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust Him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving." Psalm 28:7 (NLT)

Announcements



Deacon Norman Vanderhorst

God's Love Abound By Rev. Mazyck

While Deacon Vanderhorst's transitioning from earth wasn't the response we desired, it was Our Creator's Will. As we ask God to help us accept what He has allowed, be reminded that while we were waiting to see how God would respond to the earnest prayers, praises, and worship we constantly sent up, God was still blessing us bountifully.

Instead of learning about Deacon Vanderhorst's medical emergency, we could have received a notice about his death two weeks ago. During that time, the church family was able to pull together closer, because we realized that we really don't know what tomorrow will bring and only God alone is in Control of our lives! On Wednesday night, Sis. Vanderhorst said the prayers and outpouring of love they received offered them great support during this time. It helped her to submit her will to God knowing His will would be done.

On this fourth Sunday, February 22nd, the Holy Ghost was in the sanctuary touching our spirits, and in response, before the service began, the whole church began singing such a deep spiritual rendition of "Thank You Lord." Throughout the service, we saw God do some very special acts of love to comfort and remind us that we're never alone, if we abide in Him.

We did what the WORD tells us to do--we prayed without ceasing. Remember that the same Grace and Mercy that we asked God to extend for Dea. Vanderhorst's healing on this side is the same Grace and Mercy that we'll need to sustain the Vanderhorst family and us during this challenging time. We all belong to God and others in our lives are loaned to us by Him for a time! Thank God for sharing Deacon Vanderhorst with Joshua!! **Psalm 121 King James Version (KJV)**

Tri-Fold Ministry for the 21st Century Church:



Leadership

**\$6 Registration
(Lunch included.)**



Discipleship

Saturday, April 4, 2020 @ 9:00 am

**Joshua Baptist Church
2482 Faber Road
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Please sign-up with
Sis. Cheryl Scott or
Sis. Ashley Jenkins.

WE APPRECIATE OUR Pastor & First Lady!

The Pastor's Aide Ministry is preparing for the celebration of our **Pastor and First Lady Grove's 32nd Anniversary, April 17-19, 2020.** All members are asked to participate by giving a love offering of \$50. Please do your part by being a blessing to this man and woman of God. You can give your gift to your deacon or by online giving.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for Pamper Day on Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.



This day is set aside to minister to women by pampering them with hairstyles, pedicures, manicures, facials, etc. We are asking anyone who loves SERVING to please volunteer as hairstylists, braiders, manicurists, pedicurists or assist in any way necessary. If you would like to volunteer, please see any member of the WHTH U Ministry. Also, if you know of a woman who has not been pampered by the WHTH-U ministry and feel she would benefit from this experience, please submit her name so she will be formally invited.



Launching Online Giving



We're pleased to announce that Joshua Baptist Church now provides online giving. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy—just visit our website: www.joshuabapt.org and click our online giving link. When you participate, your gift will transfer directly into the church's bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays! When you participate, you can view your giving history and pledge progress any time just by logging in. Your gifts and your participation are a blessing to us.

Keep Learning

WISDOM WANTED

Complete this wanted poster for Wisdom. Find content for each category in the verses cited.

Wanted: WISDOM

Description (Proverbs 8:8-11): _____

Known Associates (Proverbs 8:12-14): _____

Reward for Apprehension (Proverbs 8:17-21): _____

WISDOM NEEDED!

Think of a friend or acquaintance in each category of the chart below who needs godly wisdom in a specific area. Use this listing as a prayer reminder for the next seven days.

Category	Name	Area of Wisdom
A coworker		
A family member		
A neighbor		
A public figure		



The First Friday of Lent



John Smith was the only Protestant to move into a large Catholic neighborhood. On the first Friday of Lent, John was outside grilling a big juicy steak on his grill.

Meanwhile, all of his neighbors were eating cold tuna fish for supper. This went on each Friday of Lent. On the last Friday of Lent, the neighborhood men got together and decided that something had to be done about John; he was tempting them to eat meat each Friday of Lent, and they couldn't take it anymore.

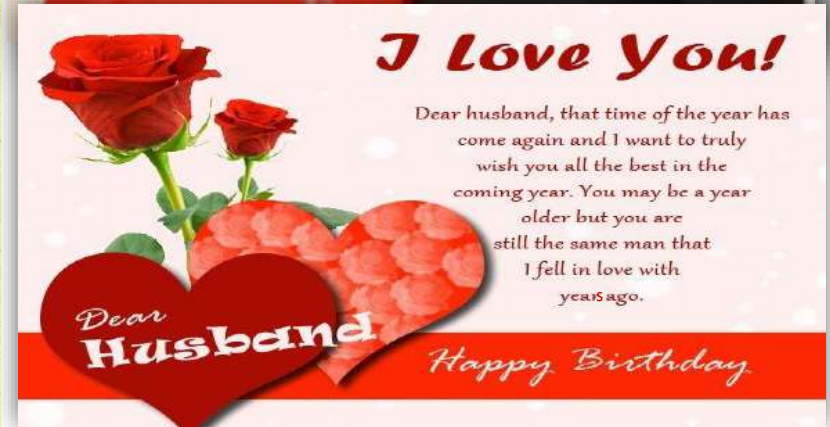
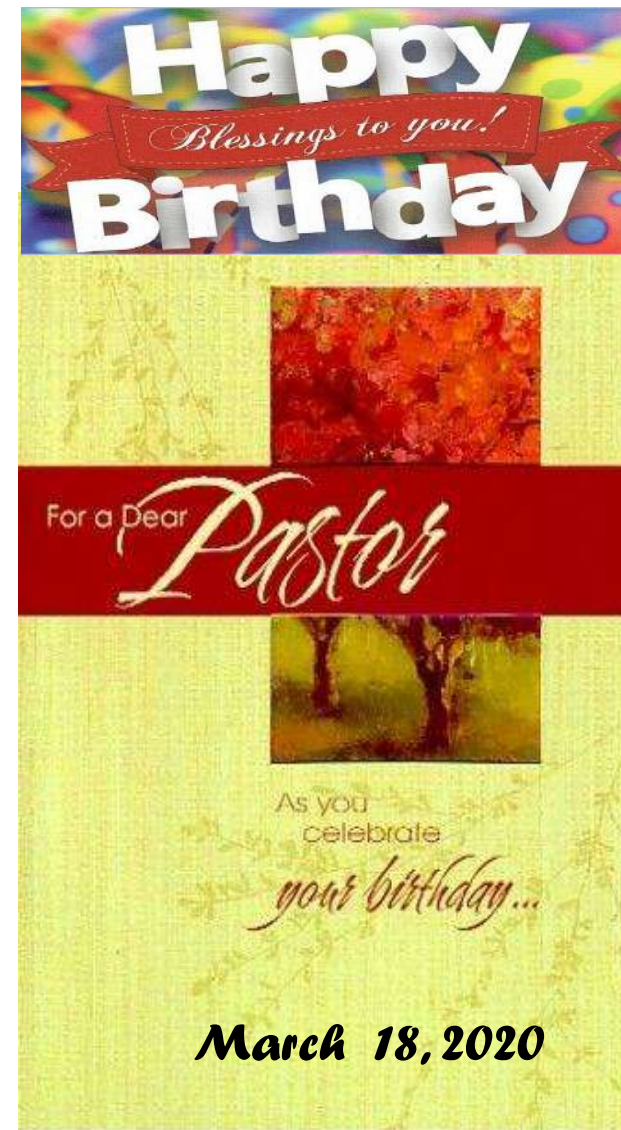
They decided to try and convert John to be a Catholic. They went over and talked to him and were so happy that he decided to join all of his neighbors and become a Catholic. They took him to church, and the priest sprinkled some water over him, and said, "You were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist, and now you are a Catholic."

The men were so relieved, now their biggest Lenten temptation was resolved.

The next year's Lenten season rolled around. The first Friday of Lent came, and just at supper time, when the neighbor were sitting down to their tuna fish dinner, there came the wafting smell of steak cooking on a grill.

The neighborhood men could not believe their noses! What was going on? They called each other up and decided to meet over in John's yard to see if he had forgotten it was the first Friday of Lent.

The group arrived just in time to see John standing over his grill with a small pitcher of water. He was sprinkling some water over his steak on the grill, saying, "You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, and now you are a fish."



You do so much for all of us. So, on your special day, we want to express our appreciation for you. God bless you and your ministry. Happy Birthday!

You have preached that the Bible tells us that God knew us before we were in our mother's womb. I thank God for you and your ministry every day. Happy Birthday, Pastor

Happy Birthday, Pastor. You are an inspiration to us, and you are always there whenever any of us needs extra support. Wishing you blessings on your special day.

When I count my blessings, one of them is always you and your ministry. Thank you so much for saying yes to God's call. Wishing you the best on the day of your birth.

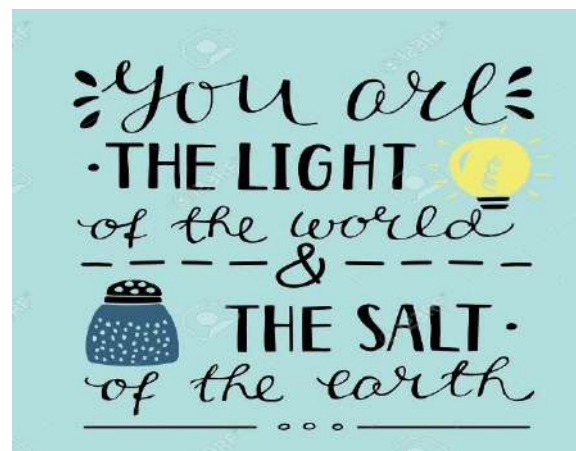
Dear Pastor,
You teach and inspire us all by your words and by your actions. Thank you for being our guide as we seek to be better servants of the Lord. You've blessed so many lives through your ministry and I'm glad to be one of those people that would witness the grace and anointing of God in your life. And on your special day today, I pray, " May you be exceedingly blessed beyond your expectations and may heaven continue to shower its grace on you."

Happy Birthday Pastor!

**JOSHUA BAPTIST CHURCH
WOMEN'S RETREAT 2020**

Taking Our Salty Back!

February 21 - 23, 2020



My thanks to each of you for supporting the Women's Retreat this year. I am thankful for the part you took in the Retreat. Just your coming spoke volumes. And, for the ones who couldn't come but prayed and were thinking about us – Thank You! I am always on a mission to involve the uninvolved, when and where I can.



This year we wanted to reach out to our younger ladies, 18 and up. These are the ones who will someday replace the older saints. Our mission is, "Reaching People for Christ."

Our purpose for the retreat is to spend some time away from family and the hustle and bustle of everyday life. We come together as women to spend time with the LORD and our sisters in Christ. We call this, "Me, We, and Thee time." Remember, Matthew 5:13 says, "...We are the salt of the earth..."



Our Retreat Committee is: Sisters P. Grove, T. Frost, M. McNeal, S. Brown, and A. Green. Thank you for your strong support. I truly enjoyed working with you.

Love & Blessings,

Lady Pauline Grove



**JBC
Let's
Talk**



"Jesus is Listening" Street Ministry

The Importance of Sharing the Good News with Children

Submitted by **Sis. Maria Anderson**

One Saturday morning during our outreach with the Street Ministry, a mother and two children called my attention. I got closer and greeted them and proceeded to invite them to our church. The mother said that she and her children went to church all the time. I began to talk to the children and gave them an invitation to our Children's Church along with the ABC for Salvation. The children were excited and I told them that they can share the Good News with other friends. They said that they did not know what the Good News was. I asked them if they were saved. They both responded with a question. What is that? I asked them if they knew what it means to be saved. One replied, "You are saved when the Fire Department comes to your house and rescues you from a fire." I thought he was just playing, but he was serious. The other one said that the police can rescue you when you are in danger. After their responses, I began to share the Good News with them. I told them how much God loves them!

This experience makes me realize how much we take for granted that children and adults know the Good News! We assume they know how to be saved! It is our responsibility to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

What our children need most is to know and believe the truth about who we are in Christ. We need to remember that as our children grow and develop their sense of identity, We need to guide them to God's Word and the truth of who they are in Christ. It is never too early to teach your children about God!



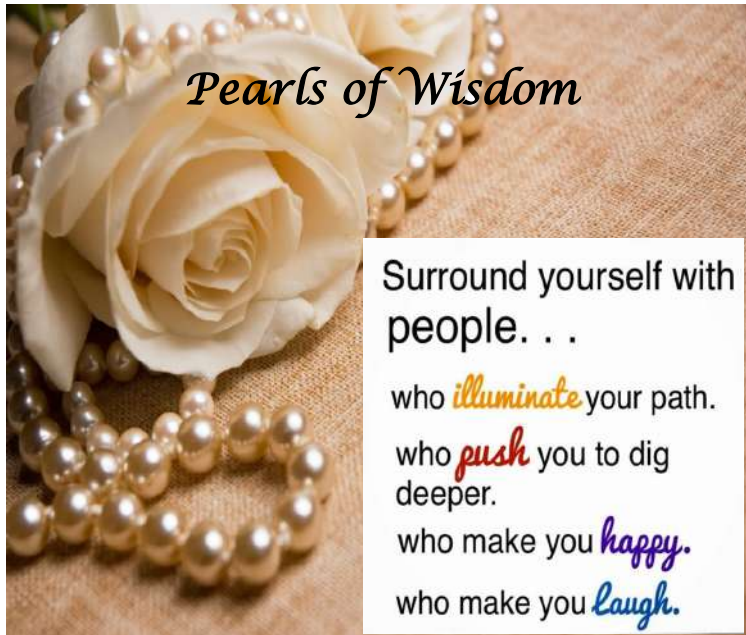
The Let's Talk "Jesus is Listening" Street Ministry's mission is to reach people in the street and share the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by fulfilling their motto, "Reaching People for Christ", and effectively share faith with others so they can turn their hearts to the only one who can help them—Jesus Christ. The ministry meets the 2nd & 4th Saturdays and invites you to join them on March 14 and 28, 2020, in front of the Department of Social Services building on Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC.


The ministry started in March of 2018 under the leadership of Minister Belinda Bennett. The ministry is growing and is a wonderful blessing...

Ministry Scripture: Romans 10: 13-15



The PEARLS MINISTRY



 Hats Off to our PEARLS MINISTRY, for their love, dedication and hard work.

This year, the PEARLS ministry crocheted and donated 108 red hats (newborn-preemie sizes) to Roper St. Francis Hospital for the Little Hats, Big Hearts campaign which raises awareness of congenital heart defects and heart disease. During the month of February, each newborn was given a hat.

PEARLS MINISTRY continue serving Our LORD and others. Your labor is not in vain!



A card was attached to each hat with our church information and Pastor's name along with the inscription below:

Made Just For You

"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. " Psalm 139:14 NIRV

Joshua Pearls Ministry



Lent for the year 2020 starts on **Wednesday, February 26th** and ends on **Thursday, April 9th**.

40 Days of Purpose: An Invitation to Intimacy with Jesus

By Katie Berglee

Are you having trouble hearing from God?

Lent is a great time to quiet the noise around you and really focus on Him.

There are 40 non-sabbath days until Easter Sunday. The church sets apart this time leading up to Easter, referred to as Lent, to reflect on and remember Jesus' finished work on the cross — the work that conquered death.

We have been offered hope through Christ's death and resurrection, and that is why for centuries people have taken time to reflect and celebrate. We have a future — love from a perfect God.

But we often forget the backstory. We forget what the stakes were to redeem our souls from the pit of darkness into which we were born. This year, in the 40 days leading up to the celebration of Christ's resurrection, we want to focus intentionally on our need for Him and the beauty of how greatly He meets that need.

We invite you to join us over the next 40 days by seeking to silence the world and to prepare your heart for the celebration of Easter.

Ask the Holy Spirit to soften your heart. Carve out the daily time to turn your eyes toward the storyline of eternity and your need for an eternal Savior.

You may not know what to expect in the next 40 days, but know that God is faithful to meet those who wish to know and experience Him in a deeper, more intimate way. Will you join us?

Student SPOTLIGHT

The following students were recognized on Sunday, February 9, 2020 for their outstanding accomplishments. Pastor Grove gave them a great big hug and the congregation gave them a huge hand of applause! Congratulations to our students and keep up the great work. Joshua Baptist Church members are very proud of the both of you.



KennedyGrace Smith is a native of North Charleston, SC and loving daughter of Nikeema Heyward and Christopher Smith. She is an active kindergarten student at William Randolph Christian Preparatory School of the Arts. She has been in a structured learning setting since the age of 18 months at St. Peter's Academy.



Her favorite subjects are math and language arts. She is a consistent achiever on the principal's honor roll.

English A | Math A+ | Science A | Social Studies A+

KennedyGrace cherishes the spotlight and the confidence it instills in her. She made her debut to the pageant world at 9 months old. She currently holds the title of "Miss Tiny USA Elite." When she's not participating in pageants, this active 5-year-old is enjoying her hobbies of reading, crafting her ballet, tap dancing, gymnastic skills and listening to JoJo Siwa.

KennedyGrace is currently collecting pop tabs for the RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CHARLESTON, SC. Every tab donated helps provide a temporary "Home-away-from-home" for families of the critically ill.



Timothy (Tjay) Haymond, Jr.

Tjay is the son of Sis. Sonie Haymond. He attends Meeting Street Academy at Brentwood and is in the 5th grade. He came in 2nd place as a hiker for his school.



Tjay played defensive lineman and offensive right guard football for the North Charleston Recreation Center Allstars, Union Heights Raiders and Lowcountry Allstars. All the teams were undefeated this season. The teams won the 9-10 Champions, Allstars Champions, and Lowcountry Elite Allstars Champions. He received a ring and several trophies for his excellent sportsmanship.

Deacon Eugene M. Wright



Deacon Eugene M. Wright was born in Charleston, South Carolina on May 8, 1944. He is the seventh of eleven children of the late Mr. Horace I. and Mrs. Hester (Gilliard) Wright. On November 21, 1965, he married Annette Sarah Kenlaw. Sis. Annette Wright is the oldest of six children of the late Mr. James and Mrs. Mary Earlene Louise (Davis) Kenlaw.

Deacon Wright is a graduate of Bonds Wilson High, North Charleston, Class of 1961. He played safety on the BWHS Cobras football team. Deacon Wright also later played semi-pro football as a safety and tailback. However, that team folded after a few years.



He started working as an electrician's helper at the age of 16. He was employed at Carolina Ladder Company for two years and as a welder at Sturgis Company for two years. He later worked at the Charleston Naval Shipyard for 30 years, where he served four years as an apprentice painter of which 160 hours of classroom instruction consisting of Algebra, Physics, Geometry, English and Trade Theory were required. Deacon Wright conducted the first SSBN Submarine Refit in Kings Bay, Georgia, the first SSBN Submarine Refit period in Scotland and the first Extended Refit in Rota, Spain. He was also an Extended Refit Superintendent on the air carrier USS Kennedy, USS Forestall, and USS Saratoga. He traveled to different countries and states and had the challenging task of being responsible for cost, schedules, personnel safety and well-being of 200 to 450 personnel.

He continued his education at Trident Technical College enrolling in Practical Electricity, Industrial Electricity and Industrial Blue Print Reading, Industrial Trade Supervisory Training. In 1985, he was promoted to Code 970 Service Group Representative and in 1990, promoted to Code 970 Service Group Superintendent.

Deacon Wright received an outstanding performance award as Production Superintendent of Naval Shores Establishment. He also received a Presidential Achievement Award in 1993 from former President Bill Clinton.



After retiring from the Charleston Naval Shipyard in 1994, Deacon Wright kept on working. He worked as a security guard for Trident Security and a Maintenance II Tech with the North Charleston Housing Authority for two years. He was also a Carpenter Trade Tech II at Charleston County Public Works Department for 18 months and later took a position as Superintendent Painter at The Citadel Military College of SC for 12 years.



CALLED TO SERVE



In April of 1973, he was baptized in Joshua Baptist Church. In June of 1975, he was ordained as a Deacon at Joshua Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. J S. Simmons.

He retired from his careers, but he didn't retire from serving GOD! Deacon Wright served as Co-Chairman of the Trustee Ministry under the Chairmanship of Deacon Jeffery Brown. After the passing of Deacon Jeffery Brown in January of 1991, he was appointed Chairman of the Trustee Ministry. "To God be the glory," he still serves as Chairman of the Trustee Ministry, Advisor for the CAPPS Ministry, Sound/Video Ministry and IT Ministry.



Deacon and Deaconess Wright are the leaders of the Winding Chain Commitment Team 2. Each morning at 8 a.m., they pray for God to send more committed workers into His vineyard.

Deacon Wright's favorite scripture is Psalms 121: *I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth...* His favorite song is: "AT THE CROSS".

We are so blessed to have Deacon Eugene Wright serving as the Senior Deacon of Joshua Baptist Church. He has done so much to help the church family of Joshua.

"My parents taught me to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. My father and mother-in-law encouraged me to love, respect everyone and feel their cares" ~ Deacon Eugene M. Wright



Mr. Horace & Mrs. Hester Wright



Mr. James & Mrs. Earlene Kenlaw

Be a Light for Jesus
 Be a light for Jesus; Doing unto others, as He would do for us. Shine forth your light onto those who are in need; remind them that God is in control, and He will help them to succeed.
 Be a light for Jesus, now and through all of your days; That man may see your light within, and God's glory they will praise.



"a servant in deed"

A meaningful life is not about being popular, being rich, being highly educated or being perfect. It's about being humble, being available, being committed to serve others because of your love for God and His people. Serve because you want to be committed to God and His kingdom, not because you want to be praised by man.