

Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.  
Psalm 103:2–4 (NIV)



# Joshua's Journal

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



*Message from Pastor*

**Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove**



**I** express my thanks and sincere gratitude to you, the members of Joshua, for your loyalty, unwavering support, and sense of duty during this time of COVID-19.

As I write, we are unable to assemble in the church building together. However, we are still praying together, studying together, and worshipping together. Our Sunday School, Children's Church, Bible Study, and Sunday Worship are still ongoing, electronically.

Brothers and sisters, I believe that Almighty God gave us the use and availability of various technologies for such a time as this. This is an opportunity for the Church of the Living God to let our light shine all around the world. We are not defeated, and the devil has not won. "This Too Shall Pass." This is a season of trial and tribulation... but, remember Calvary! In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Be strong in the LORD Joshua and in the power of HIS might.

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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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# INSPIRATION

"Let it be to me according to Your word." Luke 1:38 (NKJV)

## Born, Growing and Living in You

The story of the virgin birth illustrates how close God wants to get to us. He's asking you the same question He asked Mary: "Are you willing to let Me in?" Just as Mary conceived the Christ Child, Jesus can be born in you and live His life through you. What an amazing thought. What a privilege!

The apostle Paul prayed, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts" (Eph 3:17). John the apostle said, "Those who obey... live in Him, and He in them" (1 John 3:24). The Lord Jesus promised, "If anyone... opens the door, I will come in" (Rev 3:20). All God asks is an invitation and an open heart. The Lord God was with Adam in the garden. He was with Abraham and called him His friend. But as a redeemed child of God, Jesus is in you by His Spirit. And He will keep growing in you until He comes out in your words, your attitude, your life-style, and the choices you make each day.

Are you struggling with bitterness? Worry? Unforgiveness? A serious bad habit? Since Jesus lives in you, you have access to His awesome power. That's why Paul talks about "striving according to His power, which mightily works within me" (Colossians 1:29). God isn't looking for great talent, He's looking for simple trust.

Mary must have felt completely overwhelmed and inadequate when she heard what God had in mind for her. Nevertheless she said, "Let it be to me according to Your word."

**Do you want to have His peace abiding in you? Then make that your prayer too.**



## Obstacles of Contentment

**B**elieving in Jesus does not mean that we will never experience uncertainty. What it should mean is that we choose to let go of anxiety and instead trust

Him to provide for our needs **in His time and in His way**. When we don't let go, fear and doubt can become entrenched in our thinking and develop into a stronghold. Then Satan will dig in and use every resource he can to build our apprehension. That is what sinful anxiety looks like - a sense of fear that overwhelms faith.

Almighty God sees the beginning and the end of every situation that we face every day. He knows the root causes of our anxiety... the best way to calm our heart, the fears that we allow to bombard our thoughts and minds, and how to turn our weeping into joy. He will do all of this without leaving our side, because He loves us so deeply and desires to bless us richly as well.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)





## Memorial Day



Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel that died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday is now observed on the last Monday of May, Memorial Day having been observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.



# MEMORIAL DAY TRIVIA

1. On what day of the week is Memorial Day always celebrated?

- Sunday
- Wednesday
- Friday
- Monday

2. Why was the end of May chosen for this holiday?

- the war ended
- it's the first day of summer
- flowers are blooming
- the declaration was signed then

3. What war was Memorial Day started to commemorate?

- Revolutionary War
- Civil War
- WWII
- WWI

4. What would you traditionally fly on Memorial Day?

- remote airplanes
- American flag
- kites
- boats

5. What year (many experts believe) was the first memorial day observed ?

- 1865
- 1888
- 1818
- 1902

6. In which city and state is the official birthplace of Memorial Day?

- Waterloo, New York
- Richmond, Virginia
- Charleston, South Carolina
- Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania

7. What sporting event is always celebrated on Memorial Day?

- Kentucky Derby
- Indianapolis 500
- Super Bowl
- World Series

8. What were decorated in remembrance of this day?

- cemeteries of family
- tombs of fallen Union soldiers
- homes
- yards

# WAIT ON THE LORD AND BE OF GOOD COURAGE!!!

Psalm 27

By Rev. Harriet Mazyck

Do you recognize this scripture?! Preacher's preach it, hearers receive it and rejoice, as the words ignite even the most wounded spirits with a call to **GET UP** motivated to **HOPEing** against **HOPE** and **TRUSTing** when we feel all tapped out, and **BELIEVEing** when all seems impossible! That mountain-moving gift of faith that life's circumstances sometimes shrinks to the mere size of a grain of a mustard seed continuously embodies resilient embers produced by the Holy Ghost that causes us to look unto Him who is All Powerful, All Knowing, and All Seeing but most of all, All **LOVING!** Isn't that something to shout about right here and now?!! Our God Is The Awesome & Amazing God!!

Yes, this new invisible, tasteless, odorless, gargantuan, world-wide spiritual enemy, Covid-19 has no mercy on its prey, but let us continue to give thanks to our Father who renews mercies for us every morning, engulfing us in His all-sufficient grace to take care of our every need. We have many testimonies of how we waited on God and found Him to be Faithful and Absolutely Able to do exceedingly abundantly above all our human minds could ask or think!



Life as we've known it has not ceased to exist. Many are still ill, many have died due to unrelated Covid-19 issues (leaving loved ones in bereavement), others are jobless, homeless, anxious, and depressed. Let us continue to lift up our sisters and brothers of Joshua and elsewhere. Let us, especially, pray for those who don't yet know that God has a place of safety for those who will follow Him. This could have been the rapture! Use your **New** chance wisely!

## In Your Intercessory Prayers, Please Remember



Sis. Rosa Lee Blue  
Sis. Margie Breland  
Sis. Murelyn Broome  
Dea. Leroy Brown  
Bro. Tony Brown  
Sis. Ernestine Butler  
Sis. Edna Clark

Sis. Josephine Collins  
Sis. Elizabeth Frazier  
Bro. Ernest Frazier  
Sis. Sara Green  
Sis. Mary Jenkins  
Sis. Sonja Jenkins  
Sis. Yvonne Johnson  
Sis. Betty Jones  
Sis. Yummy Jones  
Sis. Roberta Kenny  
Rev. Hester King

Bro. Sammy King  
Sis. Lillie Manning  
Bro. Gregory Pratt  
Sis. Tennie Proctor  
Sis. Miriam Ragland  
Bro. Curtis Sally  
Sis. Dorothy Sheppard  
Sis. Carolyn Simmons  
Bro. Lenard Sinclair  
Dea. Joseph Wilson  
Sis. Debra Wright

Wait on the Lord with the lifting up of hands, with the shouting of praises of thanksgiving, with doing something kind for someone, and with **worshipping Him just because of who HE Is!** Our **MORNING** is coming!

Here's a Great Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJ4vddbJJo>





"M" is for the million things she gave me,  
 "O" means only that she's growing old,  
 "T" is for the tears she shed to save me,  
 "H" is for her heart of purest gold;  
 "E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,  
 "R" means right, and right she'll always be,  
 Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"  
 A word that means the world to me.

~By Howard Johnson~



"Give her of the fruit of her hands;  
 and let her own works praise her  
 in the gates." Proverbs 31:31



*My Mother kept a garden,  
 A garden of the heart,  
 She planted all the good things  
 That gave my life its start.*

*She turned me to the sunshine  
 And encouraged me to dream,  
 Fostering and nurturing  
 The seeds of self-esteem...*

*Her constant good example  
 Always taught me right from wrong-  
 Markers for my pathway  
 That will last a lifetime long.*



*I am my Mother's garden.  
 I am her legacy-  
 And I hope today she feels the love  
 reflected back from me.*



### **I Miss You Mother**

I thought of you with love today,  
 but that is nothing new.  
 I thought about you yesterday,  
 and the days before that too.  
 I think of you in silence,  
 I often speak your name.  
 All I have are memories,  
 and your picture in a frame.  
 Your memory is my keepsake,  
 with which I'll never part.  
 God has you in His presence,  
 I have you in my heart.

### **The PEARLS Ministry**

#### *Pearls of Wisdom*



*Sometimes life gets worse before it gets better. But, it always gets better. Just remember who put you there and who helped you up.*

#### **Titus 2:3-5**

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

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

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



Here's **4** ways you can help prevent Novel Coronavirus  
 More info: [cchealth.org/coronavirus](http://cchealth.org/coronavirus)



Avoid close contact with people who are sick



Stay home if you are sick



Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands



Also wear your face mask and practice social distancing.

## CHRISTIAN PERKS

*Colossians 2:1-15, NIV*

Find the benefits of being a Christian as listed in Colossians 2:1-15. Use the clues below to help you find the correct answers. Circle the benefits in the puzzle.

1. A treasure hidden in Christ
2. What binds us together
3. A result of full understanding
4. Though absent in body, Paul is present in this
5. The person in whom God's fullness dwells
6. Jesus is the head of all \_\_\_\_
7. We are \_\_\_\_ and raised with Christ
8. Where our sins are nailed
9. What Paul hoped to comfort and encourage
10. Paul wanted them to know the \_\_\_\_ of God
11. They were no longer \_\_\_\_ in their sins
12. Those over whom Christ triumphed

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F	T	I	R	Z	I	Z	Z	B	L	E	K
J	M	P	R	O	X	A	U	S	J	F	H
D	S	D	O	T	S	R	M	C	U	H	M
Z	A	O	H	T	I	S	H	R	I	W	L
J	F	E	H	E	T	R	E	G	Y	S	P
S	I	B	D	R	I	L	I	H	K	B	S
F	R	X	A	S	D	V	G	P	C	C	B
Y	R	E	T	S	Y	M	O	D	S	I	W
X	H	V	W	R	B	T	H	I	W	K	R
L	T	O	J	O	T	J	O	M	E	S	R
S	S	L	Q	N	P	S	R	F	O	H	X



**Your Hut in Heaven**—A man died and went to heaven. He was met at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter who led him down the golden streets. They passed stately homes and beautiful mansions until they came to the end of the street where they stopped in front of a rundown cabin. The man asked St. Peter why he got a hut when there were so many mansions he could live in. St. Peter replied, "I did the best with the money you sent us."

UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* **EVENTS** This Month



**Joshua News Email Communication** ~ If you or someone you know would like to receive Joshua News emails, please email Karen Pratt at [kpratt@ycrlaw.com](mailto:kpratt@ycrlaw.com) with your email address. Also, if you are receiving emails and would like to have your name removed from the email list, please let her know.



Temporarily, weekly church services/classes are being held through: **YouTube, Facebook, Zoom, Flipgrid, and by Telephone conference.** If you missed Sunday Sermons, Bible Study, Sunday School, etc., or would just like to watch it again, we've got good news for you!

They are available on the Joshua Baptist Church Website ([www.joshuabapt.org](http://www.joshuabapt.org)); scroll down to the bottom of the page, click find us on Facebook and click videos. Our Sunday School and Bible Study videos are also available on YouTube. Go to YouTube-Joshua Baptist Church North Charleston and remember to hit "SUBSCRIBE." Also share with friends and family and ask them to subscribe. Remember, don't miss our Sunday Sermons at 11 am and Bible Study on Tuesdays at 6 pm on Facebook Live and YouTube Live presented by Pastor Robert L. Grove.

### 3 WAYS TO GIVE AT JOSHUA BAPTIST CHURCH

As you know, your gift of tithes and offerings is what supports the church financially. Below are ways you can continue to support Joshua during these interesting times.

All that we have belongs to God (Psalm 24:1) and returning to Him a tithe — literally "a tenth" — is one way that we demonstrate He is first in our lives. In return, He promises to bless us!



**ON-LINE**

[www.joshuabapt.org](http://www.joshuabapt.org)  
Select the Online Giving **Yellow** button in the upper right hand corner. You can make your gift 24/7.



**IN-PERSON**

Drop off your gift with our deacons at Joshua Baptist Church on **Saturday** and **Sunday from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**



**BY MAIL**

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Sister Gail Tolbert has applications for the annual Cooper River Women's Auxiliary Scholarships. Deadline to apply is July 3rd. Two scholarships are available:

- ◆ The **Alfair Grant Memorial Scholarship** is for a 2020 high graduate who will be a first year college or technical college student.
- ◆ The **Brown-Thompson Scholarship** is for a sophomore or junior student already enrolled at a four-year college with a declared major in a specified area.

If you would like to have an application mailed or emailed to you, please contact Sister Tolbert ASAP at 843.345.1495 or [cassandrator@bellsouth.net](mailto:cassandrator@bellsouth.net).



The Deacons of Joshua Baptist Church want you to know that you are in their concerns, thoughts and prayers.

**MONTH OF MAY ANNIVERSARY**



Always stand by each other's side,  
No matter how harsh is the tide!!!  
*Happy Wedding Anniversary!!*

**Our classes will convene as follows:**

**Adults @ 9:00AM**  
**Via YouTube Live / Teleconference**

Evangelist Loretta Black – Via Telephone conference

Min. Latonia Robinson - Via YouTube Live

**Young Adults @ 9:30 AM – Via Zoom**

Min. Corey Anderson

**Youth @ 1:00 PM – Via Zoom**  
Rev. Chris Thurman & Trustee Andrea Oree

**Intermediate @ 10:00 AM – Via Zoom**

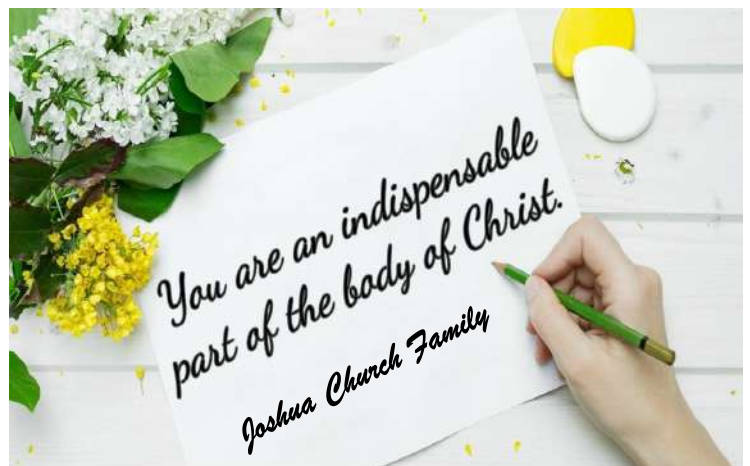
Sis. Trudie Dukes & Trustee Stevie Grampus

**Beginners / Primary @ 11:30 AM - Via Zoom**

Sis. Maria Anderson & Sis. Marilyn Capers

A **Flipgrid Page** is available for JBC Sunday School and Children's Church to upload Memory Verses @ <https://flipgrid.com/jbcc>

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