

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ~Colossians 3:23

**HAPPY LABOR DAY!**

# Joshua's Journal

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



*The Pastor's Corner*

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



After much prayer and preparation, we are poised to return to the Church on October 4th, (first Sunday). Of course, we can make plans, but GOD can change them. Therefore, if the COVID-19 numbers continue to flatten or decrease, then the return date will stand. During July, the numbers were rising. In the latter part of August, they were declining. So, September is our 'wait and see' month. Please pray for the Lord's will to be done in this matter. And as we wait, let us remember the words found in Psalm 27: 14a: "Wait on the LORD..." Also, Isaiah 40: 31a: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength..." So members, we wait with the expectation that something good is going to happen to us. I encourage the Winding Chain – Prayer Teams to keep on praying because the LORD is nigh.



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A big thank you to the Deacons, Trustees, Pandemic Committee, Security, and all the Ministries who are faithfully carrying out your duties weekly.

Also, I ask God to send increase and overflow into the lives of those of you who consistently bring your tithes and offerings into the storehouse. Remember what 'grandma' said about church support: 'Us need all of We.' In other words, let all of us support the Church.

Pray for our sick and shut-ins. We know that the power of GOD to heal is not affected by this Corona Virus. Brothers and sisters, be safe, be well, be careful, and I hope to see you soon.



**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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## Healing Prayer

Dear God,  
 Your words are **HEALTH**.  
 I ask for physical healing.  
 I speak to my body  
 ... your energy  
 ... your abundance  
 ... your comfort  
 ... your clarity.  
**NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE** to you.  
 You are God of an abundant life.  
 I claim that life now.  
 I think of an activity which is a stretch for me.  
 I hold a vision of myself carrying out this activity with **EASE**.  
 I see myself \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I celebrate this health improvement.  
 Thank you God.  
 Amen

### Answer Key—Unexpected Words



### Different Times—STILL TRUST HIM!!

Christian worship, as we all know it traditionally, has changed significantly because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Things will never be the same," says Harry Moreaux in Naples, FL, one of nearly 400 church-goers who shared with NPR how the pandemic has changed their views of church life and also their expectations for worship in the months and years ahead.

He also writes that "I love my fellow brothers and sisters in God. I used to go to many church-related activities like Bible studies and men's fellowship. Now we barely communicate by text." After reading this, it was a reminder of how important it is to stay in touch with each other. Reach out with a call, card or text to someone. You never know how much of a blessing you can be to someone. It just may be the exact right time to brighten their day. As the song says, "He's an on time God." So, let God speak to your heart so you'll be right on time to help meet the need of someone else.

There was a survey which showed that in April, 90% of regular church goers in the US said their churches had closed their doors to combat the spread of the coronavirus, with the vast majority saying that worship services had moved entirely online. Social hours and church suppers are a thing of the past, at least for now.

The changes are not all negative though. Many of us have improved our efforts to stay in touch with our fellow brothers and sisters. We are communicating with some of them who we were not in touch with before. "This crisis has actually caused us to do a better job of picking up the phone and checking on each other. So there are some connections that are probably stronger now than they were before."

Make this a personal positive time—it's a good time to start working on strengthening our spiritual lives. "It's almost like God is sending everyone to their room for a time out." Use this as a time to focus on our relationship with God.

LOOK BACK AND *thank* GOD  
 LOOK FORWARD AND *trust* GOD  
 LOOK AROUND AND *serve* GOD  
 LOOK UP AND *praise* GOD



# HEALTH & WELLNESS



I WISH  
ABOVE ALL THINGS  
THAT YOU MAY  
PROSPER AND BE  
IN HEALTH, EVEN  
AS YOUR SOUL  
PROSPERS.  
• 3 JOHN 2 •

*I can do all things  
through Christ  
who strengthens me.*  
Philippians 4:13



## Pay Attention to Physical & Mental Health During COVID-19

*Take care of your body* – Get enough sleep; maintain a healthy diet; exercise; drink plenty of water; take medication as prescribed.

*Limit your news intake* — It’s good to stay up to date on the latest COVID -19 information, but too much news can overload you with negative emotions and zap your energy.

*Lower your stress* — focusing on activities that are calming or bring you joy can lower your stress level—taking a walk, sitting in the sun, reading, cooking, etc.

*Connect with others* – Although you should limit your physical contact with people outside your household, you can connect socially— attend on-line church service, make calls, zoom meetings, chat on social media.

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*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 46: 1-11 NIV)*

We pray that you find comfort in God’s presence today, remembering He has complete control and He is good.

## 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

“If you’re struggling, you deserve to make self-care a priority. Whether that means lying in bed all day, crying, sleeping, rescheduling plans, finding an escape through a good book, watching your favorite tv show, or doing nothing at all — give yourself permission to put your healing first. Quiet the voice telling you to do more and be more, and today, whatever you do, let it be enough. Feel your feelings, breathe, and be gentle with yourself. Acknowledge that you’re doing the best you can to cope and survive. And trust that during this time of struggle, it’s enough.”

Danielle Koepke



### GOD IS MY STRENGTH





**SEPTEMBER 7, 2020**

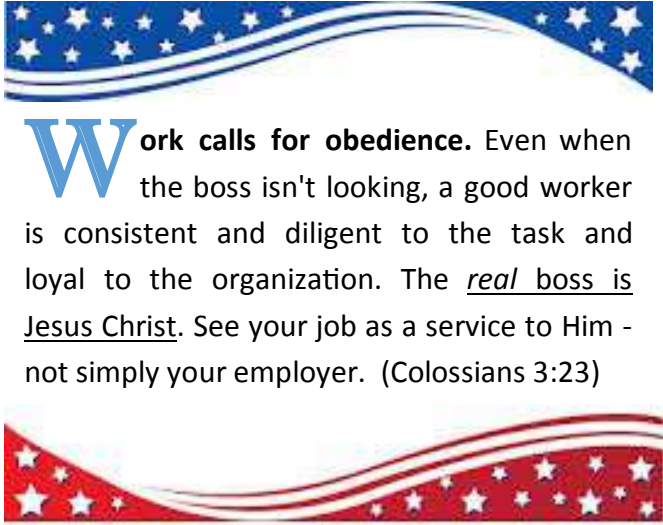
**A PRAYER for LABOR DAY**

**LORD, ON THIS LABOR DAY,  
WE THANK YOU FOR THE BLESSING OF  
WORK.**

**WE ASK FOR THE STRENGTH RO COMPLETE  
EACH DAY.**

**WE ASK FOR REST WHEN WE ARE WEARY.**

**WE ASK FOR YOUR GUIDANCE  
FOR EVERYONE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT,  
AND WE ASK THAT  
YOU BE WITH THOSE WHOSE FACES  
WE MIGHT NEVER SEE  
BUT WHO WORK TIRELESSLY EACH DAY  
FOR THE GOOD OF US ALL  
IN THE NAME OF JESUS  
WE PRAY  
AMEN**



**W**ork calls for obedience. Even when the boss isn't looking, a good worker is consistent and diligent to the task and loyal to the organization. The real boss is Jesus Christ. See your job as a service to Him - not simply your employer. (Colossians 3:23)

**L**abor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. -wikipedia

***Finish The Work***

*While working for Jesus we have to press on until we finish laboring for our Lord and Savior and selfish goals relinquish to look on the harvest fields that are already ripe to reap in the lost souls of every color and stripe loving souls as we labor the way that Jesus did giving out the saving message not letting the gospel light be hid We must finish the work that Jesus gave us to do to lay up treasures in heaven and to our calling ever be true*



Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28 KJV

Colossians 3:23

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

**Proverbs 14:23 (NIV)**

*All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.*

***Sit down servant and rest a little while...***





Schools across the tri-county area are making preparations to welcome students for an unprecedented school year. It has been nearly six months since students graced the hallways of the public schools in South Carolina. School leaders have dedicated numerous off-the-clock hours ensuring that student safety and well-being is the number one priority, followed closely by providing support for the academic progression of each child. While many questions remain unanswered, everyone is sure of one thing: our students deserve to receive an education during a global crisis.

While writing this, I think about our teachers, many of whom are forced to re-enter the building despite their concerns with the possibility of contracting or spreading COVID-19. I think about the work that I know my principal and I, along with other administrators in our district and neighboring districts as well are putting in while worrying about the safety and health of the hundreds (or in some cases thousands) of students who are expected to enter our campuses soon. I think about parents who are forced to decide whether to send their child to school so they can continue to work and pay bills, or to keep them home in an effort to protect their child's safety and health. Everyone is worried. Everyone has valid concerns. Everyone is doing the best they can with the information and resources they have.



As Christians, we know that we can trust God even when we don't know what lies ahead. Now more than ever, we should be relying on God's healing power to manifest throughout the hallways of our schools, keeping each student, teacher, administrator, custodian, cafeteria staff, and all other stakeholders safe. We should be asking God for wisdom when it comes to what's best for our students, and trust that He will protect us and those we love as we enter into an uncertain school year.

In this time of uncertainty, I would ask that you extend grace to your child's teachers and leaders. When we became educators, we didn't sign up for a global pandemic. I can assure you that every decision made, every communication to families, and every precaution has been taken at the advice and expertise of the appropriate health, safety, and education professionals. Will there be mistakes and issues throughout the year? Most likely. There will also be triumphs worthy of celebration as we continue to rise above the constraints placed upon us by COVID-19.

Finally, I am convinced that even through this difficult time, God is working out the situation for our good. Educators are finding new, innovative ways to engage students both remotely and in person, which could have implications for students who might be absent in years to come. Educational leaders are being challenged to find ways to interact with families and communities. Families are getting more involved with their students' education process. In spite of the difficulties, GOD GETS THE GLORY!



We're excited to welcome our students/your children back to school—whether in person or virtually—for this monumental school year. God never puts more on us than we can bear, and we choose to trust him through it all!

Written by Rev. Christopher Thurman

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- *Assistant Principal of Phillip Simmons Middle School  
Berkeley County School District*
- *Son, husband, teacher, father, brother, uncle, friend, KKΨ Spring 09, ΩΨΦ Spring 18*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



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

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, Karen Pratt at [kpratt@ycrlaw.com](mailto:kpratt@ycrlaw.com) with their email address. Also, please let Karen know if you do not want to receive these emails, so she can remove your name from her 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.

Pastor Grove has shared three things the Lord has laid on his heart on what we ought to be concerned about:

- ◇ Don't allow your doubts to outnumber 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 concerning your life, keep these thoughts close and know with God ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

**Thank you for thinking of us in a special way.**



We are so grateful for your support and kindness.

Love,

JBC Deacons & Deaconesses

**Good News Joshua Family!**



Once again, we plan to gather as a church body on the first Sunday, **October 4, 2020, to worship together.**



Virtual Tea Time

**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, please join us and enjoy the tea of choice in the comfort of your home while enjoying a short program. Tune in to Joshua's YouTube channel.

Members are asked to donate \$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 at the church on Saturdays and Sundays between 9 a.m.—Noon or online.

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



**E**lection day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. South Carolina offers absentee ballots by mail to voters who will be unable to vote in person. All other voters are expected to vote in person. South Carolina does not

offer an early voting period. If you will be unable to vote in person on Election Day, you can request an absentee ballot by mail or by visiting your local election office. Important Information: Absentee ballots are mailed approximately 30 days before to each election. Friday before each election is the last day ballots can be mailed. All voted ballots must be received by the Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office no later than 7 pm on election day to be counted.

What to bring on Election Day— Photo ID - Acceptable forms include: SC driver's license or SC Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card; SC Concealed Weapons Permit; SC voter registration card with photo; US military ID; or US passport.

- ◆ Voters without ID: You may show your non-photo voter registration card and vote a provisional ballot. However, for your vote to be counted, you must provide one of the photo IDs to the election commission before certification of the election (Thursday or Friday after the election).

# STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD.

— 2 Timothy 2:15 —

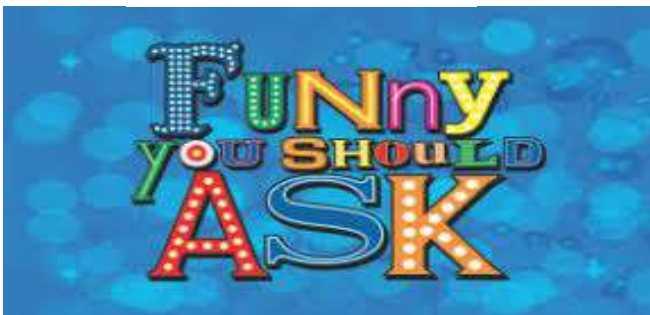
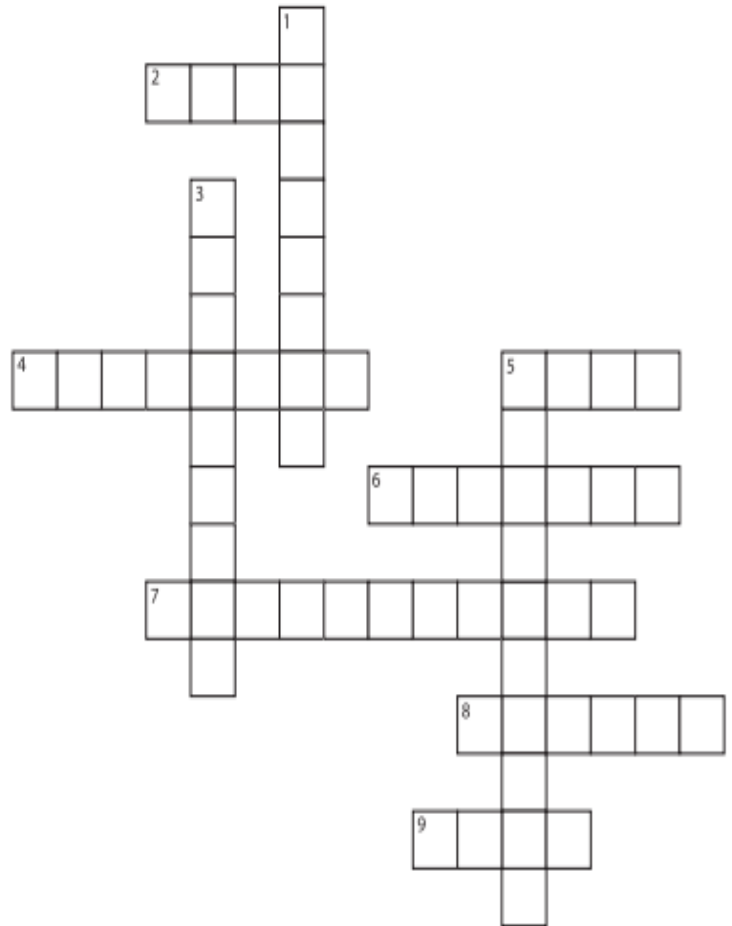
# LEARNING TOGETHER

## UNEXPECTED WORDS

Place the words below into the grid. How are these words unexpected descriptions of a person blessed by God?

### Words:

- poor
- mournful
- meek
- hungry
- thirsty
- merciful
- pure
- peacemakers
- persecuted
- slandered



What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? **Absolutely Ruthless!**

How do groups of angels greet each other? **Halo, halo, halo!**

### Helpful Prayer



Johnny had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while, he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer.

"Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you."

"Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."





**STAY CONNECTED!  
STAY INFORMED!  
STAY SAFE!**  
AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR WITH SOCIAL DISTANCE

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.



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.



To all those who are celebrating birthdays & anniversaries in September.  
Lots of Love and may God bless you!



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



Bible Study

Tuesday Nights at 6:00 PM

Via Facebook and 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 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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