

Joshua's Journal

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



Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



Happy Resurrection Day! This is the day that the LORD has made, and we ought to rejoice and be glad in it. Christians all around the world will pause to celebrate our Risen Savior. For according to the scriptures, 'HE is not dead but is alive forevermore.' Brothers and sisters, our Lord is victorious over death, hades, and the grave. We are blessed to serve Him and to worship our Father in spirit and in truth.

Furthermore, I am calling on our Prayer Teams (Winding Chain) to keep on praying for Prosperity, Commitment, Salvation, Healing, Increase, Health, New Members, Expansion, Deliverance, Youth, Wisdom, and Knowledge & Understanding. As we send (at least) 120 prayers heavenward daily, I know that our petitions are not in vain. It may seem like a burden sometimes, but do not get weary in your well-doing. For if the Church does not pray, then who will? The world is suffering from moral decay, disrespect, greed, and a truth deficit. So, we are not just praying for Joshua. Our prayers are to get the attention of God that He might come see about America and this world in which we live.

Also, we are thankful for our Brotherhood Ministry and their effort to collect non-perishables to help the Low-Country Food Bank. Your support of this important work is needed and appreciated.

And because we care, we are committed to raise \$10,000 for Morris College. I am asking the church family and friends (100 plus) to pledge \$100 towards this goal. You have until November 30th to complete your pledge – but the sooner the better.

Finally, let us continue to "Reach People for Christ." That is our purpose and mission all rolled into one. God loves you and Sister Grove and I do too.

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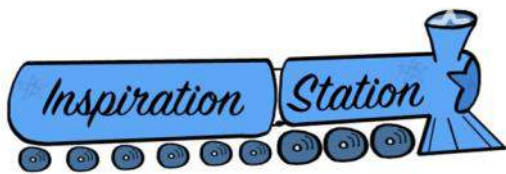
Joshua's Mission Statement

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

Amended
July 30, 2005

Amended
May 9, 2012



BE STRONG
in the Lord
AND IN THE
Strength
OF HIS
MIGHT
EPHESIANS 6:10

Don't Stop Praying

If you want to quit praying because you've given up hope that God will answer your prayers, I want you to think on this truth:

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
– [Romans 8:28](#) NIV

We can trust God is working on our behalf for our good even if it doesn't feel like it. The truth is if it's not good, then God's not done. And if God's not done then neither are we. So let's hold on to God's truth over our feelings and wait patiently on Him.

What's Your Conscience Telling You?

Fire alarms have an internal switch triggered by a beam of light. As long as the light is received unbroken by the photosensitive receiver, the detector is quiet. But if smoke, moisture, or an insect obstructs the beam for even a split second, the alarm sounds.

Paying attention to that alarm can make the difference between life or death. And your conscience works on the same principle.



When sin obstructs the connection between you and God, your conscience signals that something is wrong. At that moment you should thank God for helping you to feel good about feeling bad. Only a fool would turn off the alarm or develop the ability to sleep through it. While certain things aren't "wrong" in themselves, they may be wrong for you because of the future God has in mind. That means there are things others can do that you can't.

So instead of being stubborn, rejoice in the knowledge that God has great things in store for you (if you obey Him). A French proverb says, "There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience." Listening to your conscience will keep you from going the wrong way. However, if you decide to plow on regardless, your conscience will keep you from being at ease with your decision. And if you still press on, brace yourself for destruction!

Always ask yourself this question and you will make the right decision: "How will doing this affect my conscience and my relationship with God?" The Holy Bible says, "If your heart does not condemn you, you have confidence toward God" (1 John 3:21).

At The Crossroads of Fear, Faith, or Whatever

Rev. H. Mazyck

Driving along a long scenic route on the way to spend a weekend at a beautiful resort tucked away off the beaten path, the driver's GPS signal was interrupted as he approached a three-way split in the road. What should he do? He hadn't bothered to check over the details of the route, because the GPS had never failed him before. He began to panic and pulled the car over to ponder which road he should take. Navigating a two-directional crossroad is arduous enough but a three-way choice was enough to shake even the most experienced driver's confidence. Oh, call for help?! Well, he couldn't do that, because, what?...right, there was no signal transmitting to his phone! What would you do in a scenario like this one? Times like these make us discover that sometimes we have more faith in things man made than we do our Heavenly Father!

The absence of being able to assemble in fellowship at the church building sometimes causes professing Christians to find themselves seemingly experiencing a disconnect from God the Father. The enemy is having a field day. Children of God are letting down their weapons of vigilance and prayer, and it's just too easy for him to nudge Christians onto the Road of Fear and/or the Road of "Whatever!"

On the **Road of Fear**, feelings of isolation and powerlessness sometime make us feel God is so far away, and He isn't listening or responding to our prayers during this challenging time. The truth is, many of us have stepped a toe, at least, onto this road since last year until now. FEAR NOT!! God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind! **2 Tim 1:7** I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. **Psalm 91:2**

Think the **Road of "Whatever!"** may be a better choice?! Hmm..let's see. On this road, the "It's My Right" mantra is in full effect! Like children without supervision, people's actions are displaying a "What Happens In Vegas Stays in Vegas!" attitude. Don't let the good times fool you! Be reminded that God is still the same place He's been since He created His universe. He still sees All, Knows All, and Reigns Supreme Over All!! Worshipping and Praising God will always be in natural order!

That in itself should light up the **Road of FAITH** with a huge arrow saying Child of God, this is the only way to the path that leads to Victory in Jesus. To make it down the straight and narrow Heaven-bound road, movements are fueled by repentance, prayers, and faith! **Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God believe also in me. Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."** **John 14:1, 6&7** Can you imagine what it would be like if God our Father said He's taking a few days off?! Today, we **CELEBRATE** that Jesus rose with **ALL POWER** in His hands!! Keep walking by **FAITH** remembering, **JESUS**, the Holy-Sacrificial-All Powerful-Resurrected Lamb of God died to save you!!

Please keep these sisters and brothers in Christ lifted in Prayer

Sis. Julia Adgerson	Sis. Josephine Collins	Bro. James Kenlaw	Sis. Tennie Proctor
Sis. Francene Aiken	Little Ethan Entsuah (Dent)	Sis. Roberta Kenny	Sis. Miriam Ragland
Sis. Ella Baugh	Sis. Elizabeth Frazier	Rev. Hester King	Bro. Marion Reed
Sis. Rosa Lee Blue	Rev. Tracy Gantt	Bro. Sammy King	Bro. Curtis Sally
Sis. Margie Breland	Bro. Ike Green	Bro. Jacob Manigault	Sis. Dorothy Sheppard
Sis. Maurelyn Broom	Sis. Sara Green	Sis. Lillie Manning	Sis. Joan Simmons
Dea. Leroy Brown	Sis. Vera Hilton	Bro. Jessie McNeal	Bro. Lenard Sindair
Bro. Tony Brown	Sis. Mary Jenkins	Bro. Danny Moore	Sis. Beverly Washington
Sis. Ernestine Butler	Dea. Arnold Jenkins	Sis. Kia Moore	Bro. Johnny Washington
Sis. Sharon Chaver	Sis. Yvonne Johnson	Bro. Louis Newman	Dea. Joseph Wilson
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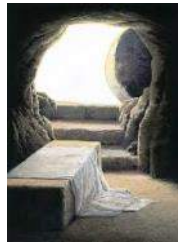


HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY!



“Why do you look
for the living
among the dead?
He is not here;
he has risen!”

— Luke 24:5-6



This Life on Earth

Easter means that this life on earth is not all there is.
Jesus went "to prepare a place for us"
in His Father's heavenly mansions for all eternity.



Jesus died for our sins, paying our penalty,
so that we could be forgiven. He was resurrected,
to prove that death has no hold on those who repent
and accept Him as Savior.



This life on earth is a
prelude to eternal joy with our Lord. Easter is a
celebration of our eternal destiny.



By Joanna Fuchs



HOPE **RENEWAL** **NEW LIFE!**

His Love

God sent his Son to take the punishment
For all the thoughtless, sinful things we do.
Jesus gave his life because He loves us;
His love is boundless, sweet, forever true.

On Easter morn He showed He is our Savior.
His resurrection proves He is our Lord.
That is why we tell you, "Happy Easter!"
He secured our heavenly reward.

By Joanna Fuchs

Jesus Loves Me; Easter Tells Me So

Jesus loves me, this I know;
The Easter story tells me so.
He died for me to bear my sin;
He opened heaven to let me in.

Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes Jesus loves me;
Yes Jesus loves me;
Easter tells me so.

Jesus loved me when He died,
Loved me enough to be crucified.
But His death didn't last very long,
Because His power is so strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes Jesus loves me;
Yes Jesus loves me;
Easter tells me so.

Jesus' came back from the dead
I know because the Bible said.
Jesus is my Lord and King;
Love and praise to Him I bring.

Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes Jesus loves me;
Yes Jesus loves me;
Easter tells me so.

When I die, I'll rise up, too.
We'll all be in heaven, me and you.
We'll see Jesus face to face.
Up in heaven, that joyful place.

Yes, Jesus loves me;
Yes Jesus loves me;
Yes Jesus loves me;
Easter tells me so.

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**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
33rd PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY!**

... And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15 KJV

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove

We Love You



**Pastor Robert L. &
Lady Pauline C. Grove**



FAMILY

Wife ~ Pauline (Conyers) Grove

Children ~ Vincent, Donald and Dennis

Grandchildren ~ Daphane, Donald Jr., Destinee, Dennis Jr., Dashawn, McKenzie and Madison

Great-Grandchildren ~ Au'Riana, Ra'Jon, Ariyah, Micah, Bryson, RyLee, Ryan and Elijah



MILITARY SERVICE

25 Years United States Air Force (MSGT Retired)

RETIRED

North Charleston Housing Authority – 18 Years

EDUCATION

AAS, Financial Management—Community College of Air Force

BS, in Education—Southern Illinois University

M.Div. in Theology—Cummings Theological Seminary

Honorary Doctor of Divinity—International Seminary

RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND

Pastor, Joshua Baptist Church, since April 1988



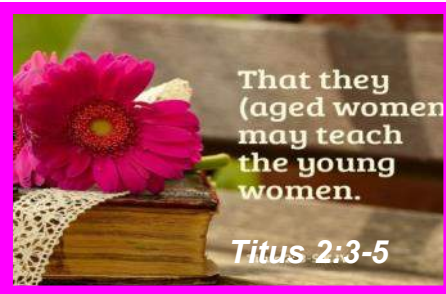
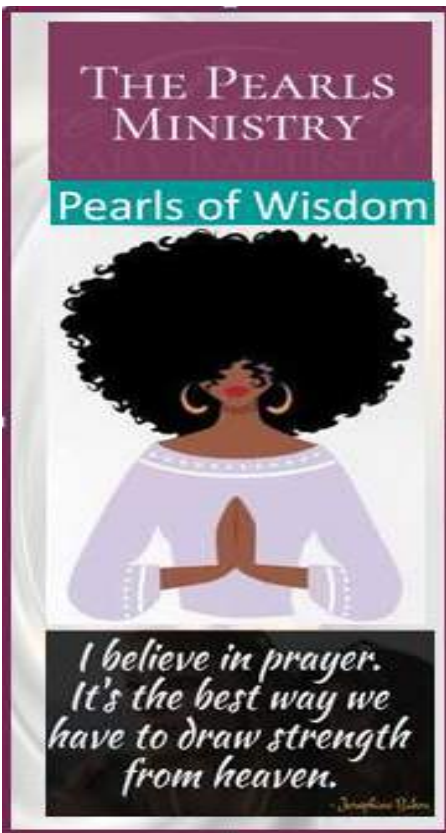
**Pastor
Anniversary Poem**

*In infinite wisdom
the Lord surely knew
that we'd need a Pastor
as faithful as you.
A love of God's word
and a heart for His flock,
you give of yourself
and you stand on the Rock.*

Thank You Pastor



Just as Peter was the rock of Christ's Church, you are the rock of Joshua Baptist Church. Thanks for always being present to serve not only as a pastor, but as a teacher, confidant, advisor, and friend. We pray that in this season God would be your constant companion. We thank you for your endurance as our spiritual leader!



Thank you to everyone who supported the food drive held on Saturday, March 20, 2021. We were able to deliver 14 boxes (over 630 items) and \$300 to the Low Country Food Bank. Your generosity



provided a gleam of light to someone's darkness and hope for a brighter day.

During the pandemic, the Brotherhood Ministry has been blessed to continue to aid our members, the elderly and our neighbors. We continue to believe that the good Lord will see us through this storm called COVID. If an opportunity develops in your area, please consider getting the vaccination.

To our Brotherhood members, let us remember that God made us and we are somebody. We are determined to succeed, grow, and lead. We will provide for our homes, lead our families and support our church. No matter what anyone else may say, God knows, "I'm Trying, I'm Trying, I'm Trying!" A big thank you goes to Trustee Clarence Isler for the spark!



The Educational Ways & Means Ministry would like you to "Let us know."

Have you earned any awards? ...*let us know*. Do you have any encouraging thoughts you would like to pass on to other students...*let us know*. Your thoughts on school during the pandemic...*let us know*.

Send an email to churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com

Subject line: *Educational Ways and Means*

Please include your first name, last initial and grade level. Your email could be published in the journal.

So please...*let us know*.

Thank you!





THE J'S HAVE IT!

Jeremiah, probable writer of Lamentations, was associated with people and places that begin with the letter J. Circle those below.

Pick two places

Jericho

Jerusalem

Jezreel

Judah

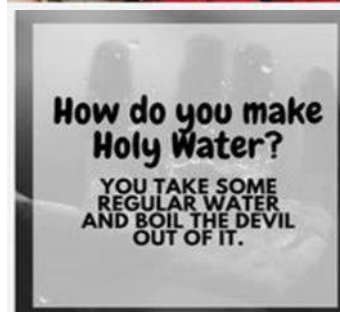
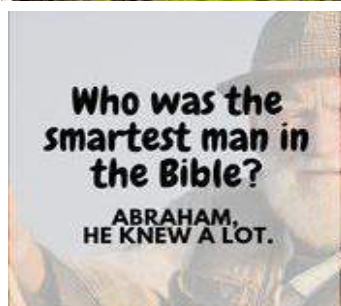
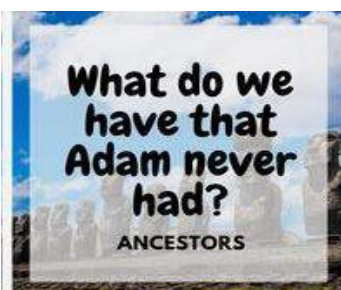
Pick two people

Jehoiakim

Jonah

Jonathan

Josiah





The Deacons as well as the Ministers of Joshua are still a resource for you.

Please join them in continuously praying for everyone!



Joshua Baptist Church Weekly Calendar

Evening Bible Study

Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Via Facebook and YouTube



Noon Day Bible Study

Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon

Via Conference Call

1-502-420-9034 or 1-701-802-5010

Access Code: 833827



Joshua's Children's Church

2nd and 4th Saturday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Children and adults are invited!

All classes will meet through a single Zoom meeting.

Meeting ID: 871 5011 0765 Passcode: 123



Sunday School Classes



Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.

All classes will meet through a single Zoom Meeting.

Meeting ID: 871 5011 0765 Passcode: 123

Or

You may dial in by phone: 1- 646-558-8656

When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 871 5011 0765 #

Participant ID: Press #



Sunday Worship Services

Sunday Mornings at 11:00 a.m.

Live at 11:15 a.m.

Via Facebook and YouTube

Or

Conference Call (978) 990-5232

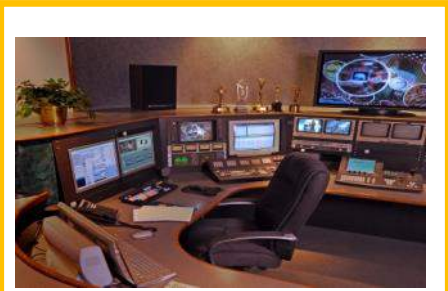
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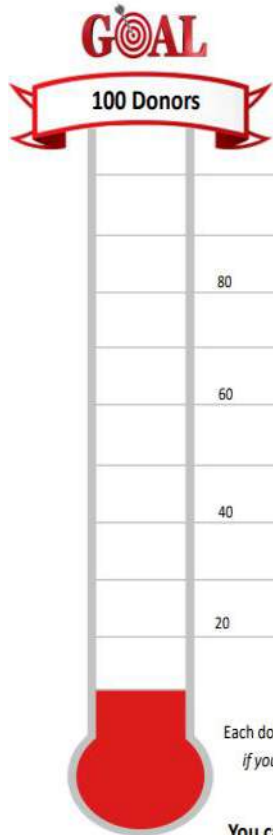
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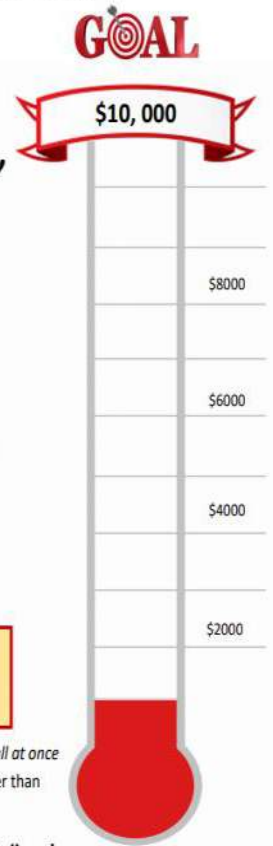


Our Audiovisual Ministry is looking for volunteers to assist in this much-needed ministry. You don't need to have audiovisual experience, just the desire to learn this exciting job. If you are interested, please see Sis. Jackie Dent or Bro. Jerod Dent.

Joshua Baptist Church



in support of
"Pour Into Morris"



Morris College is a private, [Baptist historically black college](#) in [Sumter, SC](#). It was founded and is operated by the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina.

JBC Coordinator: Deacon Joe Fields
 (843) 751-8931

Each donor is asked to give \$100 (in increments over the next 8 months or all at once if you care to). Joshua plans to make our report to Morris College no later than November 2021.

You can start giving right away. Please annotate 'Morris College' and the amount on your tithing envelop.

Please help JBC meet its goal of 100 donors and \$10,000!

Joshua has been asked to raise \$10,000 in donations for Morris College. You can be a part of this worthwhile fundraising drive.

College Scholarship Alert!!! From Uhai Youth (Dr. Beatrice Mureithi):



- ◆ Do you know someone who can use a 4-year scholarship to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at an HBCU? Twenty-five full scholarships (Tuition, Fees, Room & Board) are available starting Fall 2021.
- ◆ Requirements: Must be a US citizen or green card holder with a 3.5 GPA.
- ◆ Please reach out to Dr. Mureithi on WhatsApp at (520)232-4144.



HAPPY PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY TO OUR PASTOR & WIFE

Pastor and Lady Grove will celebrate 33 years of service at Joshua Baptist Church in April. There will be no services to commemorate this impressive event due to the ongoing pandemic; however, you can help recognize this occasion by offering a \$50 love offering. Show your love through online giving or by envelope. Please indicate "Pastor Appreciation" on the designated line for where your offering to be allocated.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



If you would like a copy of your **2020 tax giving statement**, please email Sisters Karen Pratt or Cindy Cato at Churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com. Your Giving statement can be emailed or mailed to you. The IRS has extended the filing deadline to May 17.



The church has a new email address.

Please use this email churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com when emailing the church.



If you know someone who is not receiving these emails and would like to be included, please send email request to churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com Attn: Sisters Karen Pratt or Cindy Cato. Also, please advise if you do not wish to receive these emails any longer.



Thank you Joshua Family for tuning in each Sunday (11:15 a.m.) and Tuesday (6 p.m.) on Facebook and/or YouTube. Your comments are very encouraging to Pastor Grove and our other ministers, so keep sending up those praying hands, hearts, hugs and comments. They are very much appreciated.



In addition, please subscribe to our YouTube page, share the link and click the Like button on our Facebook page. It's more important now than ever to "Reach People for Christ." Please share this information and email with other members of Joshua.



The Lord continues to bless Joshua by continuously providing ways for His people to learn and grow. Children's Church meets each **2nd and 4th Saturday** of the month over **ZOOM at 6:00 p.m.** Please add these dates and times to your calendar. The teachers have made the sessions fun and interactive. It is enjoyed by all who attend. While this ministry is targeted to our children, **EVERYONE** is invited to attend. We all can earn a little more about the Lord. Hope to see you there!



- ◆ Pastor Grove is teaching a new study entitled "Joy in the Lord" at 6 pm on Tuesday nights.
- ◆ Rev. Isler and Sis. Frazier are excited and looking forward to sharing God's word with you on Wednesdays at noon via telephone conferencing. Everyone is asked to **MUTE** their phones before the study begins. To mute from your landline, press *5.

Journal Submission: The 3rd Sunday of each month is the deadline to submit articles, announcements, poems, etc., to be published in the upcoming issue. Please submit to any CAPPS member.