



Don't Forget to Take Jesus With You!

Joshua's Journal

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



Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



To the Joshua Family, "I appreciate you!" Although we have endured 16 months of COVID-19, we are still flourishing as a Christian Church under the tutelage of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the meantime, we have not been able to do some of the things we would normally do, such as carnival, anniversaries, meetings, etc. Nevertheless, we have not lost our identity as a body of believers centered on Christ or

been disconnected from our purpose of "reaching people for Christ". Because we care for your safety, the current protocols will remain in place for the time being. So, as we slowly return to a time of normalcy (**not sameness**), let us pray for wisdom, knowledge, and understanding as we prepare to serve this present age.

Furthermore, I am depending on you, you, and you too for a **\$100** donation, as we raise \$10,000 for Morris College. I understand that this is a significant sacrifice for some, but God knows who can and who cannot give to this worthy cause.

In addition, we will celebrate our 3rd Annual Four Seasons Tea on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 2:00 pm. This will be an in-person celebration and fellowship, with the observance of whatever protocols are in place at that time. Saints, this is our one and only fund-raising event for the church. So, I am asking for a **\$50** donation for this occasion. The Bible says, "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God, which He hath given thee." (Deuteronomy 16:17). So, may we give cheerfully out of the abundance from which we have been blessed.

Remember, 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



THINK About It.

- ◆ Social distancing does not apply to God. Draw near to Him.
- ◆ If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.
- ◆ Mosquitos also know there is power in the blood.
- ◆ Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?
- ◆ Church is not a museum for saints; it's a hospital for sinners.
- ◆ The wise men didn't need GPS to find Him; you don't either.
- ◆ Even broken crayons can still color. Don't give up! God has plans for you.
- ◆ Get rich quick! Count your blessings.
- ◆ No one is perfect. That's why pencils have erasers.
- ◆ Forgive the inexcusable because God has.
- ◆ Join God's Facebook. Seek His face and read His book.
- ◆ Duct tape is good but 3 nails fixed everything!

WINDING CHAIN TEAMS

Please remember to pray at our appointed hour.

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| 1 – Prosperity ~ 7:00 am | 7 – New Members ~ 1:00 pm |
| 2 – Commitment ~ 8:00 am | 8 – Expansion ~ 2:00 pm |
| 3 – Salvation ~ 9:00 am | 9 – Deliverance ~ 3:00 pm |
| 4 – Healing ~ 10:00 am | 10 – Youth ~ 4:00 pm |
| 5 – Increase Giving ~ 11:00 am | 11 – Wisdom ~ 5:00 pm |
| 6 – Health ~ 12:00 pm | 12 – Knowledge and Understanding
~ 6:00 pm |



Before you choose to become angry, consider that your anger is not likely to achieve anything. Remind yourself that there is a more positive and productive response available to you. Before you allow an unexpected distraction to throw you off course, consider that you do have another choice. You can choose to move quickly beyond the distraction, and to stay focused on your original task. When you're tempted to feel resentful or sorry for yourself, stop and consider that such feelings will only intensify your difficulties. Choose instead to feel gratitude and to experience the real empowerment it can bring. If you don't feel like making the effort, stop and reconsider. Make the most of each opportunity to create value before that opportunity slips away. When it seems that nothing is going your way, consider that in every defeat there are the seeds of triumph. Choose to find the positive aspects and to build on them. Before you give your time, energy and effort to negativity, stop and thoughtfully consider the implications of what you're about to do. Give yourself the chance to choose a more positive and enriching path.

Ralph Martson

ATTENTION BRETHREN!

The Covid-19 virus has kept us apart for a while some time, and it's time to move forward towards a new beginning. On Saturday, August 21, 2021, at 9 am, we will be having our first Brotherhood meeting in more than a year and a half. Please encourage each other to come out as we are still taking precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible.

According to 2 Timothy, 1:7, God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and a sound mind. So if we use those things and follow guidance set in place from the CDC all the way down to our own pandemic team, we will be fine.

I'm asking everyone to bring a "Love Gift" of \$50 because we have not met or collected any funds, but have continued to use what we had to bless others directly from the Brotherhood. I am overly excited and filled with joy to be able to see faces we have not seen during this turbulent time called Covid.

Our retreat is set for Nov 18-20 at the Hampton Inn in Myrtle Beach. Please make plans now to attend as we want to celebrate "Moving Forward" in a post pandemic manner. Remember, we are somebody because God made us and Christ died for us. Support your home, family, and church because, "No matter what anyone else may say, God knows, I'm Trying !!!"

Deacon Lawrence Strother, Brotherhood Ministry President.



DESCRIPTION

A work of art by low country Gullah artist Sonja Griffin Evans that depicts a group of African Americans marching towards their freedom. They are determined to do for self, provide for their family and reclaim their destiny.

THERE IS NO EASY WALK TO FREEDOM ANYWHERE, AND MANY OF US WILL HAVE TO PASS THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH AGAIN AND AGAIN BEFORE WE REACH THE MOUNTAINTOP OF OUR DESIRES.

- NELSON MANDELA -



Congratulations

Graduates

Finish Strong!

Class of

2021

Dashawn, Kennerdé and Anthony, we the members of Joshua are so very proud of you and your accomplishment! We know that GOD has an abundance of blessings for each one of you. Always remember to rely on God! Joshua Baptist Church loves you!



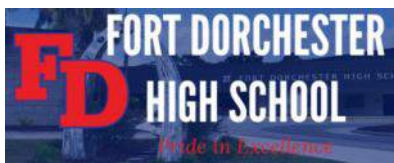
Dashawn Grove



Kennerdé Powell



Anthony Wright



Future Goals:

Enroll in a trade school and pursue a career in Culinary Arts.



Future Goals:

Attend Claflin College and major in Education to become an Art Teacher.



Early College High School

Future Goals:

Attend Trident Technical College and earn a degree in Culinary Arts.



Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans
 Proverbs 16:3



Congratulations on Your Promotion to the Next Grade!

You all should be very proud of yourselves.



Amari Chisolm (Pre-K)

Ariana Rivers (Pre-K2)

Christopher (Bubby) Thurman, Jr. (Pre-K4)

Kayera Raynor (Pre-K5)

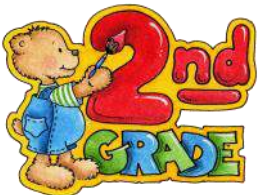


Ti'Maja Haymond



Jaylen Brown

Kendrick Capers, Jr.



Brenden Lindsay

Sean Moore, Jr.

Cadence Thurman

Taylor Vick



Jarvon Dowling, Jr.

Josiah Murray

Stacie Holbert

Ja'Maya Pugh

Melaine Simmons



Kori Anderson

Daionna Base

Ariyanna Chisolm

Demetrius Holbert

Jordan Jackson



Journey Murray



Arianna Washington



Daniel Base

Timothy Haymond, Jr.

Michaela Taylor



Tylah Cooper

Jordan Dent

Jayla Johnson

Chandler Moore

Ciara Moore



Jadin Anderson

Amari Moore

Lorenzo Sally

Jasmine Taylor



Amiya Larkins



Zy' Airea Gethers

Janaye Simmons



Aynna Pugh

Cassandra Reaves

Congratulations
to all our
students!



NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



If you know someone who is not receiving the Joshua Blast 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 no longer wish to receive emails.

The Deacons will no longer be at the church on Saturdays to collect your tithes and offerings. Choirs, please contact your deacon advisor to schedule practice dates and times.

Three Ways to Give

 Through our website:
<https://www.joshuabapt.org/>
(click 'Online Giving' on top right corner)


In-Person: Sundays from 9 am to Noon
(NOTE: NO Saturday drop-off)


 At Church

 By Mail

Mail To: 2482 Faber Road
North Charleston, SC 29405

Security Ministry ~ Please consider being a volunteer! The ministry is looking for volunteers as we are once again gathering with one another. The need is even greater than before. If you are interested, please contact Trustee Clarence Isler or you can leave a message on the church's voicemail or via email churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com .

 **Sunday School** - Classes are now held at the church beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Adult Class will be live streamed on the church's YouTube channel. The new Sunday School books are available and can be picked up from the main foyer.

 **"Pour into Morris"** - Joshua has been asked to raise \$10,000 in donations for Morris College. 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 SC. You can be a part of this worthwhile fundraising drive by donating \$100 by November 30, 2021. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Joe Fields, JBC Coordinator at (843)751-8931. Please help JBC meet its goal of 100 donors and \$10,000.

SC SALES TAX FREE WEEKEND 2021
SOUTH CAROLINA DOR DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
AUGUST 6-8
#SCTAXFREE



Get your back to school shopping done during the 2021 Tax Free Weekend. The 2021 Tax Free Weekend takes place Friday, August 6, through Sunday, August 8, 2021.

Eligible items can be purchased online and in-store without paying the state's 6% Sales Tax and any applicable local taxes during South Carolina's Tax Free Weekend.


"Tax Free Weekend is a great way for shoppers to save money. **Tax-free items include** computers, printers, school supplies, clothing and accessories, footwear, and certain bed and bath items. These tax-free items can be new or used and are eligible regardless of price. Cloth masks are tax-free during the Sales Tax Holiday since they are considered clothing accessories.

Get the details and start planning your Tax Free Weekend by visiting dor.sc.gov/taxfreeweekend for shopping lists and FAQs.

 The Annual First Day Festival is **Sunday, August 8th from 1—4pm** at the Gaillard Center and Liberty Square .

BACK TO SCHOOL RETURN DATES

August 16th—Berkeley County Public School District
August 18th—Charleston County Public School District
August 16th—Dorchester County Public School District



Deacon's Appreciation — We will be honoring our deacons on Sunday, August 29th at 2 pm. Further information will follow.

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

ROMANS VOCABULARY PUZZLE

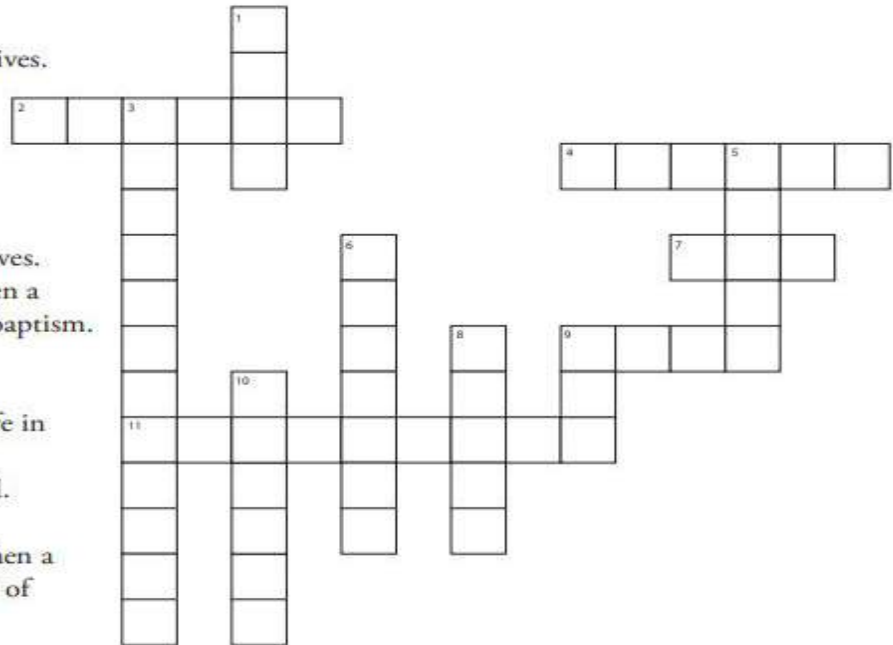
Fill in the puzzle by answering the clues below. What importance do these words have in Romans 6:1-14?

Across

2. Describes our current body.
4. Sin no longer _____ in believers' lives.
7. Does not save us from sin.
9. How often Jesus died to sin.
11. We are _____ with Christ.

Down

1. What sin should be in believers' lives.
3. Experience of Christ pictured when a believer rises out of the waters of baptism.
5. The quality that allows us to be reconciled to God.
6. The act that represents our new life in Christ.
8. Consider yourselves _____ to God.
9. Describes our previous self.
10. Experience of Christ pictured when a believer is lowered into the water of baptism.



WHAT ABOUT BAPTISM?

Suppose a non-Christian or a new believer asked, "Why is baptism important?"

How would you answer? _____

Now look at the following Scriptures and jot down what each says about this question:

- Acts 2:38 _____
- Romans 6:1-14 _____
- Galatians 3:26-27 _____
- Colossians 2:9-12 _____
- 1 Peter 3:20-21 _____

Based on these Scripture texts, edit your above answer and rewrite it below:

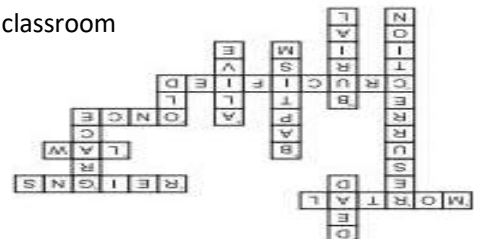
Summer vacation is over, and that's no laughing matter. But you can go back to the classroom with a smile on your face. Do you know a funny joke? If so, share with us.

Jacob: Why was the teacher wearing sunglasses to school?
Leonard: Why?
Jacob: She had bright students!



Answer

Key





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

Virtual Bible Study
 Join us via Zoom conference call on your computer or phone

The Deacons as well as the Ministers of Joshua are still a resource for you. Please join them in continuously praying for everyone!

Joshua's Children's Church
4th Sunday Mornings at 11:00 a.m.
 Joshua Baptist Church Activity Center
 In-person
 Casual Clothes and Tennis Shoe are recommended.



Come Join us for our Anniversary Celebration!

Sunday School Classes

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.
 In person
 Via Facebook and YouTube

Sunday Worship Services

Sunday Mornings at 11:00 a.m.
 In person
Live at 11:15 a.m.
 Via Facebook and YouTube Or
 Conference Call (978) 990-5232
 Access Code 7329240#



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