



*But you are a chosen people,
a royal priesthood, a holy
nation, God's special possession*
1 Peter 2:9, NJV



Joshua's Journal

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

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

Pastor's Corner

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



Behold how good and pleasing it is for brothers and sisters in Christ to dwell together in unity. As your Pastor, I am very thankful for the stalwart support of the officers and members of Joshua. The pandemic has lasted longer than we expected. However, your response has been to pray, give, work, and trust GOD even more. I truly believe

'THE CHURCH' will come through this even stronger than ever – especially Joshua. Saints of God, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap the harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9 NIV). I understand that there is some frustration with having to observe the COVID-19 protocols.

I understand that most of the church's meetings, anniversaries, and other church activities have been put on hold. However, you can rest assured that our primary goal is to keep you as safe as possible. And, as soon as this virus is removed from amongst us, we will be quick to return to many calendar events that are at this time, simply impracticable. So hang in there because our Father will see us through it.

Finally, pray for the United States of America. Pray that we can truly be one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. Remember, God loves you and Lady Grove and I do too.

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"When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;"

Isaiah 43:2

WHY WE NEED ENCOURAGEMENT

God commanded that His people encourage each other because He knows we need it. In the Gospel of John, Jesus warned that "in this world you will have trouble," which He then followed with a much needed encouragement: "But take heart; I have overcome the world" ([John 16:33](#)).

We live in a broken world where everything calls us toward selfishness and despair. Sin steals joy, our bodies break down, our plans falter, our dreams die, our resolves weaken, our perspective dims. We are promised suffering ([1 Pet. 4:12](#)), persecution ([John 15:20](#); [2 Tim. 3:12](#)), and trials of various kinds ([James 1:2-3](#)).

When encouragement is absent from the life, people will feel unloved, unimportant, useless, and forgotten. God knows His people are in need of grace-filled reminders, so He calls us to encourage each other every day until His Son returns ([Heb. 3:13](#)).

WHAT IS ENCOURAGEMENT?

Biblical encouragement isn't focused on complementing someone's haircut or telling them how good their homemade salsa tastes. That kind of encouragement is important, but the encouragement the Scriptures refer to is explicitly *Christian* encouragement.

Encouragement is shared with the hopes that it will lift someone's heart toward the Lord ([Col. 4:8](#)). It points out evidences of grace in another's life to help them see that God is using them. It points a person to God's promises that assures them that all they face is under his control.

The New Testament reveals that encouragement was a regular part of the early church's life together. They shared Scripture-saturated words with each other to spur one another on in faith, hope, unity, joy, strength, fruitfulness, faithfulness, perseverance and the certainty of Christ's return.

Encouragement was and is an essential way of extending grace to each other. STAY ENCOURAGED!

Put On Your New Clothes

When you entertain wrong thoughts in the privacy of your mind, you may be tempted to excuse yourself by saying, "What harm will it do?" Listen, more harm than you know! **You become what you dwell on.**

Ephesians 4 says, "Put off your old self... put on the new self" (vv. 22,24). You may not want to admit you're still wearing some of those "old" clothes (attitudes, pastimes, and practices), but the truth is you can't put on your new clothes until you make the conscious decision to take off the old ones. Furthermore, you can't hang your old clothes in the closet for a rainy day, or leave them on the floor to be tripped over—you've got to get rid of them.

"Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Put on your new nature, created to be like God... Stop telling lies and speak truthfully... Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil. If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

The word for you today is: ***It's time to take off your old clothes and put on your new ones.***

OUR FIRST LADY

LADY PAULINE GROVE



My prayer is that this message has a personal meaning just for U....a reflection...a memorable gesture. As I reflect on 2020, I am thankful for each member and friends of Joshua, but especially Joshua. I want to say Thank U Joshua for your love, support and encouragement.

To the officers, trustees, deacons, deaconesses, missionaries, choirs, members and the Pastor's Aide Ministry, your work has not gone unnoticed.

And to my beloved husband, I couldn't have asked for a better companion, friend and Pastor. Our family and I wouldn't change you for nothing. We love you just the way you are!

Let us continue to strive to do our best for the Master.

Love & Blessings,

Lady P. Grove



True Love

Love can always conquer whatever discord brings and love can also cover a multitude of things.

Don't you underestimate what love can ever do, for love is God eternal and His love can renew.

What is cold and lifeless, now lost all hope and died, for love can breathe new meaning and give it back new life.

Please don't give up on love when it seems that all is lost, for there is always hope if we're prepared to pay the cost.

For love is always worth it no matter how much the price, for love will be much stronger when we trust in Jesus Christ.

So let God have full reign, let Him live within your heart then you will know true love, for this He will impart.

Author unknown



MEN'S RETREAT 2021

Brothers, make your plans now for Myrtle Beach, SC from November 18th -20th . It's time to "Move Forward" and recapture the unity of men serving God, church, family and friends. We're expecting to have a good time learning, listening, and leaning toward the way God would have us to live our lives as Godly men.

There will be more information to come and please try to encourage others to join us as we get back to our agenda. Be blessed and stay safe!!

P. S. Brothers, don't forget that valentine rose for your special someone!!!



BROTHERHOOD

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39



Celebrating Faith, **Black History Month** Courage & Hope



NEVER FORGET
WHO YOU ARE
IN **JESUS**

Galatians 3:26
For you are all the children of
God by faith in Christ Jesus.

"CHARACTER IS POWER"

Booker T. Washington



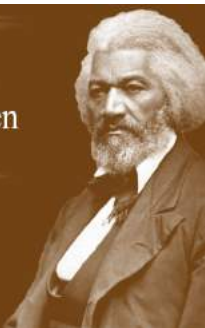
"For I am my mother's daughter, and the drums of Africa still beat in my heart."

- Mary McLeod Bethune



It is easier to build strong children
than to repair broken men.

Frederick Douglass



Our heritage...in Christ
Nolwazi Joubert

When the Lord created heaven and earth, He created men. They became our four fathers who had the authority to rule over all that crawled on this earth. They were told to be fruitful and multiply, and they bore us.

Their dominion passed on to us. While yet His commandments we abused. But the Lord said unto us, no weapon formed against us will prosper. And every tongue that rises against us in judgement He condemned.

Our sins redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, He left all this as our heritage, and our righteousness in Him we found. His breath bestowed in us, His glory seen in us, He knew in us our mothers' womb, and in every hand He laid a different heritage. A heritage of His grace, His wisdom, and knowledge.

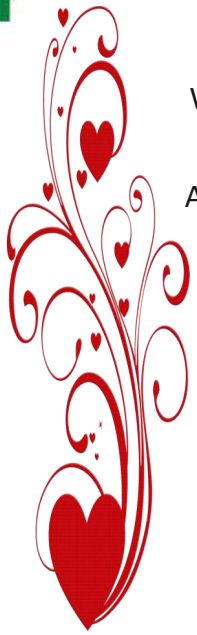
I AM BLACK HISTORY

THE PEARLS
MINISTRY

PEARLS
of WISDOM

*One of the hardest things in life is
having words in your heart that you
can't utter.*

JAMES EARL JONES



For God So Loved

We love because He first loved us,
On that we can depend.
A verse of the Bible near and dear.
To the broken hearted
His love He does send.

For God so loved the world
That the greatest sacrifice
Was His one and only Son
Who paid the ultimate price.

*Jesus
loves you*

*Happy
Valentine's Day!*



LOVE IS AN ACTION WORD

Although intangible, unable to be held in a container or human hands, love is of greater value than all of the tangible assets in the universe. When applied properly, it calms your fears, warms your soul, lets you know you're not alone, makes you smile in the midst of sorrow, reminds you that Hope is always available to you despite what you're currently experiencing, etc.

During February, the Love Month, the celebration of Eros love, romantic love between men and women, is hyped with marketing frenzies. Fields of roses are made available online and in stores, jewelry stores promote it as one of the best times of the year to ask for her hand in marriage, Brach's iconic chocolate-filled hearts are stacked to the ceiling, not to be outdone by the Hallmark card selections available for purchase!

It's exciting, it's fun, and if you are one of the recipients of such a gift, you feel the intangible, but oh so valuable expression of the giver who bestowed those gifts upon you. You share your joy with someone else as you describe the gift and recount the experience of where you were and how you received it. (Now I want this to flow, so we won't say anything about the undercurrents of romantic-like scenarios!) The important thing is, someone showed you that you mean something special to them, and they felt an expression of that love was in order.

Ahhh, but the love that we have NEED of is the noun condition of the word—a person, a place, or a thing. The greatest Demonstrator of True LOVE that has and will ever exist is God the Father. The Bible tells us in ***John 3:16 For God So Loved the World That He Gave His Only Begotten Son That Whoever Believes In Him Shall Not Perish But Have Eternal Life.*** Can ya' just say A-MEN?! God the Father who is synonymous with LOVE, because He is LOVE, blesses us with an Agape LOVE, loving us unconditionally. Ponder that for a few moments! In spite of us knowing there were times we made it difficult for Him to love us, once we repent (ed), He forgives us and is happy we wanted to make things right with Him again. For such an amazing meaningful act of Love, Grace, and Mercy, God certainly needs to be at the apex of our lists to receive our continuous demonstrations of the vocal love we so easily speak through our lips. This is a great time to reflect on what's really in our hearts.

Regardless of how many times we hear and recite that God will never leave us or forsake us, too many times people are not cognizant of the fact that it's not about avoiding the eyeshot of the pastor or preacher or the person you told how it's always Jesus and you. God is Omnipresent—He's everywhere simultaneously, knows all, and sees all. I challenge you to turn off your tv and leave your phone in another room for at least half an hour a few times and have a talk with Jesus instead. Then show some love to some of those gifts He's given you—your mothers, fathers, friends, children. We didn't pay anybody for them, but we're glad, especially during COVID, that we still have them or the memories of those who may have transitioned ahead! Love IS an action WORD, and because our true and only living God is LOVE, it will always be!





If you would like a copy of your **2020 tax giving statement**, please email Karen Pratt (pratt@ycrlaw.com) or Sis. Cindy Cato (ccato116@gmail.com). Your Giving statement can be emailed or mailed to you.

BLESSINGS ON YOUR ORDINATION!



Congratulations to Minister Corey Anderson on passing his examination by the Moderator and Vice Moderator of CRBA. Min. Anderson is now Rev. Corey Anderson! His Ordination Service will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 1:30 pm.

On this special occasion, may God's love and blessing be upon you, and May God give you

continued grace, peace and wisdom.

We will not be able to physically gather and witness the event as we have done in the past, but viewing will be available through our social media resources and our joy will not be diminished!



Message from our IT team

Thank you Joshua Family for tuning in each Sunday (11:15 a.m.) and Tuesday (6 p.m.) on Facebook and YouTube. We see you out there! 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.

Also, 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.



If you know of someone who does not receive these emails and would

like to be included, please ask them to email Sis. Karen Pratt with their email address. Also, please let her know if you do not want to receive these emails.

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

Thank You Pastor & Lady Grove



In April, Pastor and Sis. Grove will be celebrating 33 years of service at Joshua. Their leadership has truly blessed Joshua. There will not be services to commemorate this awesome event due to the ongoing pandemic; however, you can participate in recognizing this occasion by giving a love offering of \$50. You can give your love offering through online giving or by envelope. Please indicate where you would like your offering to be allocated.

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.



A Special thanks to the Pearls Ministry for their hard work and continue support. They crocheted and donated 100 red hats to Roper St. Francis Hospital.

Black History

Did you know...

The Black Man Invented the Following:

- PENCIL SHARPENER • TROLLEY CAR POWER SYSTEM
- 1st TRAFFIC LIGHT • STREET SWEEPER TRUCK
- CORN & COTTON SEED PLANTER • THE STRONG BOX
- COMMON DUST PAN • AUTOMATIC ELEVATOR DOOR
- 1st CLOTHES DRYER • FIRE ESCAPE LADDER
- JENNY COUPLER FOR TRAIN CARS • FIRE EXTINGUISHER
- CARBON FILAMENT FOR THE LIGHTBULB •

- DREAM LIKE MARTIN
- LEAD LIKE HARRIET
- FIGHT LIKE MALCOM
- THINK LIKE GARVEY
- WRITE LIKE MAYA
- BUILD LIKE MADAM C.J.
- SPEAK LIKE FREDERICK
- EDUCATE LIKE W.E.B.
- BELIEVE LIKE THURGOOD
- CHALLENGE LIKE ROSA
- INSPIRE LIKE OBAMA

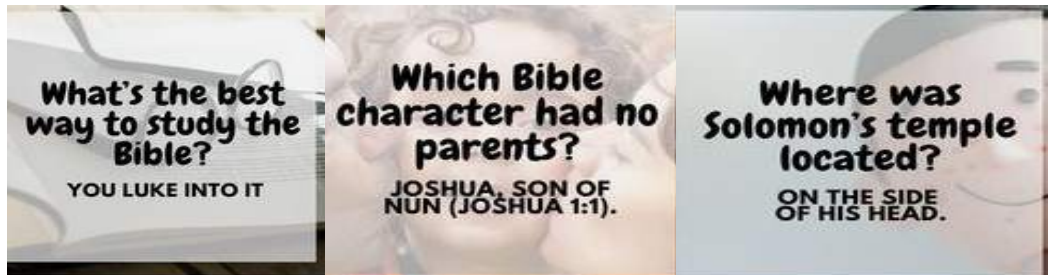
- Word List**
- GOD
 - JESUS
 - GIFT
 - GAVE
 - LOVE
 - BEST
 - SON
 - SINS
 - LIFE
 - FORGIVEN
 - ETERNAL
 - WORLD
 - SAVE
 - IMMANUEL

STEP UP YOUR THANKS!

In the space below, use the 14 words you found to write a prayer of thanksgiving.

E K A I Z E O L N C S A J M
 S V Z H Q E T K I O A Z E K
 M L A Q S V G E H F V F S F
 Z C S G N O S N R V E M U P
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Just for laughs



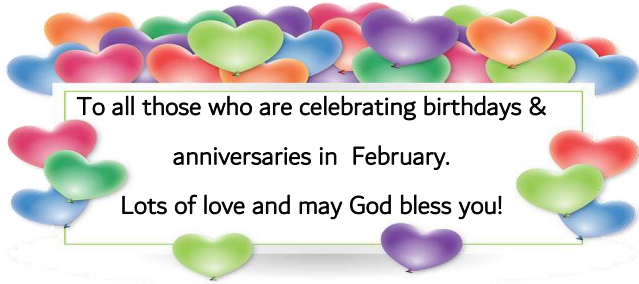
Sunday Dinner

A young couple invited their pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having.

"Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the Pastor, "Are you sure about that?"

"Yes," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'We might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.'"

FEBRUARY



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

PRAYER *That Makes a Difference*

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.

Lord, please heal our land... [2 Chronicles 7:14](#)

Lord, protect those working on the front-lines, those serving the sick and those in essential ministries

Lord, let all Christians and churches reach-out with hope and love while people's hearts are open

Lord, how can I bless my church financially during these challenging days

Lord, please use me to bless others in Jesus' name

We are praying for you today...

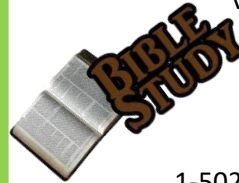


Joshua Baptist Church Weekly Calendar

Evening Bible Study

Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Via Facebook and YouTube



Noon Day Bible Study

Wednesday at 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 PM

Children and adults are invited!

All classes will meet through a single Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87150110765?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87150110765?pwd=aE9TZVh0eIRYUxYMkxRWpnU2twZz09)

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Meeting ID: 871 5011 0765 Passcode: 123



Sunday School Classes

Sunday Mornings @ 9:00 AM

All classes will meet through a single Zoom link:

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Or

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

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Sunday Worship Services

Sunday Mornings @ 11:00 AM

Live at 11: 15 AM

Via Facebook and YouTube Or

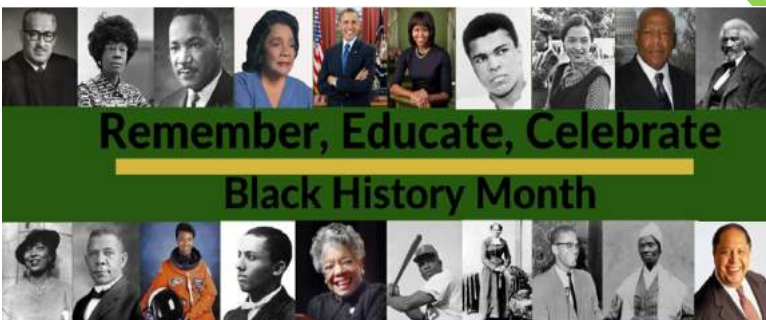
Conference Call (978) 990-5232, Access Code 7329240#

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Mail to:
2482 Faber Road
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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.



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