



Joshua's Journal

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



Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove

Happy New Year! My brothers and sisters, it is good to bid farewell to 2020. However, I still believe that GOD is trying to tell us something – to help us and not hurt us. I still believe that what we are experiencing is more about the Church than anything else. Although, COVID-19 touched every segment of society, education, economy, health, politics, and even the military. I still believe that it is the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ that has been silent for much too long about injustice, unrighteousness, and spiritual darkness—not just the local church but the national and international church. I feel like a voice crying in the wilderness, but something must be said.

As the dark clouds of sin became more and more pervasive throughout the land, the Church of the living GOD (the light that is in the world) has refused to shine. Jesus said in Matthew 5:14-16, "Ye are the light of the world..." So since we are the light, why aren't we shining? Why are we as the body of Christ and the family of GOD not challenging the blatant attempt by Satan to steal, kill, and destroy our nation? Sin, like cancer, must be removed before the body can heal.

Since THE CHURCH has not said or done anything as one strong body of Christian soldiers, nations around the world have begun to fall into apathy and idol worship, seemingly afraid to speak truth to power! It is past time for the Church to cry loud and spare not. Saints of GOD let us get back to the old landmark of, 'for GOD we live and for GOD we die'. Let us please remember II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people which are called by my name..."

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.

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Amended
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May 9, 2012





Lamentations 3:22-23

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.



A Few Words of Encouragement

“But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who spitefully use or mistreat you. (Luke 6: 27-28)

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. **FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.**

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. **BE KIND ANYWAY.** If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. **SUCCEED ANYWAY.**

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. **BE HONEST AND SINCERE ANYWAY.** What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. **CREATE ANYWAY.**

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. **BE HAPPY ANYWAY.** The good you do today will often be forgotten. **DO GOOD ANYWAY.**

Give the best you have and it may never be enough. **GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY.**

In the final analysis, it is between you and God: it was never between you and them anyway.

The peace of the Lord will be with you throughout the remainder of this year. Remember that people will hate you, rate you, shake you and try to break you but as long as you stand strong and know that when God is with you and for you, it doesn't matter who is against you (Romans 8:31). So, forgive, be kind, succeed, be honest and sincere, create, be happy, do good and give your best—**ANYWAY!!**



Prayer Changes Things



I've tried everything. There's just no way I can make it. ...What? Pray...Again?!

A Philosophy professor gave a visual-life lesson to his students using rocks, pebbles, and sand. He filled up a jar to the rim with small rocks and asked the class if the jar was full. They responded with a resounding yes! The handful of pebbles he added meandered into empty spaces between the rocks, and he posed the question to the students again. They were sure that was all the jar could hold and replied confidently, yes. He made no eye contact with them and turned to lift a plastic bag, opened it, and emptied the sand into the jar. As it cascaded down into the crevices between the rocks and the pebbles, the students were dumbfounded, for they realized what appeared to be maximum fillers still left room for something else to enter the space.

Are you one of the persons who threw your hands up saying "I just can't take this anymore!" while adjusting to our new normal? Haven't we discovered that our tolerance level is greater than we ever imagined?!

Patience is a spiritual virtue that can only be acquired through trials and tests. It increases our faith and in turn our endurance in this spiritual race. God heard our prayers and our whines and our moans, but when he said no, not yet, to removing COVID19 from the land, we learned to yield more of our will to Him. In turn, our Father didn't move the mountain, but He responded with more overwhelming Blessings in the midst of our challenges—increased quality time with Him and our families, people showing love through diverse acts of kindness, even a stimulus check from our government! Prayer is still a daily investment Christians must engage in. Our Heavenly Father knows what we need before we ask Him, but we must come to Him in humble submission acknowledging who He is and who we are in life's equation. In this brand-new year, a powerful constant remains—prayer still changes things!! Keep your eyes on the Prize (Jesus) and press on!

Please lift these sisters and brothers in prayer

Sis. Julia Adgerson	Sis. Elizabeth Frazier	Sis. Lillie Manning
Sis. Francene Aiken	Rev. Tracy Gant	Bro. Jessie McNeal
Sis. Ella Baugh	Sis. Sara Green	Bro. Danny Moore
Sis. Rosa Lee Blue	Sis. Vera Hilton	Bro. Louis Newman
Sis. Margie Breland	Dea. Arnold Jenkins	Sis. Shirley Newman
Sis. Murelyn Broom	Sis. Mary Jenkins	Sis. Edna Peacock
Dea. Leroy Brown	Sis. Betty Jones	Sis. Tennie Proctor
Bro. Tony Brown	Sis. Yummy Jones	Sis. Miriam Ragland
Sis. Ernestine Butler	Bro. Montell Johnson	Bro. Marion Reed
Sis. Sharon Chaver	Sis. Yvonne Johnson	Bro. Curtis Sally
Sis. Edna Clark	Sis. Roberta Kenny	Sis. Dorothy Sheppard
Sis. Georgette Coleman	Rev. Hester King	Trustee Joan Simmons
Sis. Josephine Collins	Bro. Sammy King	Bro. Lenard Sinclair

Bro. Carl Singleton
Sis. Takeya Singleton
Sis. Beverly Washington
Bro. Johnny Washington
Dea. Joseph Wilson
Sis. Annette Wright
Sis. Debra Wright
Sis. Shavone Young



2021 New Year's Resolutions for Christians

- 1) **Pray every day** — We are told to Pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- 2) **Read your Bible every day** — All scripture is inspired by God, and it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and instructing in righteousness so that the man/woman of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- 3) **Do what the Bible says** — We are told to Be doers of the Word and do not deceive yourselves by being just hearers. (James 1:22)
- 4) **Go to Church on Sunday** — We are instructed Do not forsake the assembling together of ourselves. (Hebrews 10:25)
- 5) **Tithe** — Give 10% of your income to your Church because God tells us to Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there may be food in My house. (Malachi 3:10)
- 6) **Love God** — Jesus taught that it was the greatest commandment. He said, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30) To love God do the following:
 - * Keep this commandment: If you love Me, keep My commandments. (John 4:15)
 - * Praise and worship God.
 - * Use your gifts and talents to serve God. We are told to Let your light shine before people so that they see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)
- 7) **Love your neighbor** — Jesus taught the second greatest commandment: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:31)
 - * When Jesus was asked, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29) He taught the parable of the Good Samaritan to show that your neighbor is anyone who needs your help. (Luke 10:25-37). Therefore, love your neighbor by helping someone in need.
- 8) **Love yourself** — The second greatest commandment hinges on doing this. You are to love your neighbor just as you love yourself. To love yourself, do the following:
 - * Accept yourself as a child of God. Create time to eat, relax and sleep for Jesus said to His disciples, "Come by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Because there were many coming and going and they did not even have time to eat. (Mark 6:31)
 - * Do the things that make you happy as long as they do not break God's commandments. For example if you love reading, create time to read every day.
- 9) **Spread the Gospel** — Jesus said, Go and make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19)
 - To spread the Gospel do the following:
 - * Tell the people around you about Jesus
 - * Support ministries that are spreading the Gospel with your time, money and other resources.
- 10) **Fulfill your Life's Purpose** — It is written that We are God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)

A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord

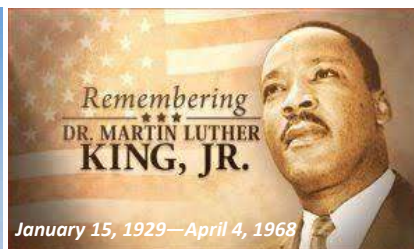
Remember not the former things,
The things of this past year,
The Lord will do new things in us,
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts,
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities,
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back,
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace.

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The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Jan. 18, 2021, is the 26th anniversary of the Day of Service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as

"a day on, not a day off," MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

Did you Know?

King was born on January 15, 1929. His holiday is observed on the third Monday of January. The last time MLK Day fell on his birthday was 2007 and the next time won't be until 2029.

I Have A Dream



HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEW YEAR — — SAME JESUS

THE PEARLS MINISTRY

PEARLS OF WISDOM



JESUS STILL *REIGNS*

JESUS STILL *HAS ALL POWER*

JESUS STILL *SPEAKS*

JESUS STILL *SAVES*

JESUS STILL *COMFORTS*

JESUS STILL *PROVIDES*

JESUS STILL *RESTORES*

JESUS STILL *REDEEMS*

JESUS STILL *HEALS*

JESUS STILL *CARES*

JESUS STILL *LOVES YOU !*

"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."



*I*t took a lot of blood, sweat and tears to get to where we are today, but we have just begun. Today we begin in earnest the work of making sure that the world we leave our children is just a little bit better than the one we inhabit today.

-Barack Obama

44th U.S. President



I'm starting the New Year just like the one before ... trusting God holds the future no matter what's in store!

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.
— Hebrews 13:8

Even if you feel alone, remember Christ has promised His presence. "I will never leave you nor forsake you."
Hebrews 13:5
Hebrews 13:5

BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY

As you read this message, 2021 is already upon us and all the Christmas and New Year celebrations have come to an end. There are some members Covid-19 have not let us see in person since March and others have gone home to glory that we will one day see again. We now look to "move forward" in a new time God has allowed us to see because of his grace and mercy.

Although 2020 did not allow many meetings or a November "retreat", the "Brotherhood" was still able to contribute to our church and community. This ministry is blessed because we are "determined" to "succeed" no matter the obstacle. We have no idea what the coming months will allow us to do but we do know that, "No matter what anyone else may say, God knows we are trying!" May God continue to provide his blessing to our Pastor, all of Joshua men and women, and God Bless 2021. Happy New Year from JBC Brotherhood!



Meet Joshua Baptist Church Pandemic Team...

Called *TO Serve*

The Pandemic Team was organized by
Pastor Robert L. Grove in April 2020.
Our Scripture is 1 Peter 4:10-11

GOD HAS GIVEN GIFTS
TO EACH OF YOU
FROM HIS VARIETY OF
SPIRITUAL GIFTS.
MANAGE THEM WELL...
THEN GOD WILL BE
GIVEN GLORY
1 PETER 4:10-11 (NLT)



Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove
Organizer



Sis. Angie Green
Chairperson



Bro. Clarence Isler
Co-Chair/Security Chief



Bro. Sam Kenlaw
Security Asst. Chief



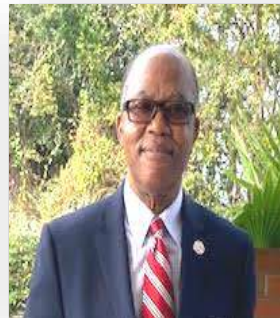
Minister Cory Anderson
SOP's Developer



Sis. Jackie Dent
SOP's Co-Developer



Dea. Eugene Wright
Logistics



Dea. Casdell Singleton
Logistics



Sis. Joan Simmons
Logistics

*A SPECIAL THANK
YOU TO OUR
ESSENTIAL WORKERS*

Thanks to all of our
Pandemic committee
members who
helped the church in
the midst of this
trying time.



You are helping hold
things together until
life can return to
normal once more.



Dea. Frank Brown
Housekeeping Specialist



Sis. Karen Pratt
Clerk



Sis. Cindy Cato
Meeting Coordinator



Sis. Bridgett Lindsay
President of Ushers



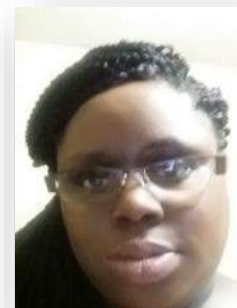
Sis. Kathy Yellets
President of Health
Care Providers



Bro. Albert Hill Jr.
Volunteer



Sis. Cheryl Scott
Volunteer



Ashley Jenkins
Volunteer




Barbara Dent
Volunteer


SOMETHING BETTER

Throughout the book of Hebrews, the author uses the word *better* or *superior* to characterize aspects of the new covenant in Christ. Examine those to discover what should go in the blanks below.

Reference	What's Better	How this speaks to what I should do
Hebrews 1:4		
Hebrews 6:9		
Hebrews 7:4-7		
Hebrews 7:19		
Hebrews 7:22		
Hebrews 8:6		
Hebrews 9:23		
Hebrews 10:34		
Hebrews 11:4		
Hebrews 11:16		
Hebrews 11:35		
Hebrews 11:40		
Hebrews 12:24		

In the space below, write a sentence summarizing the Scripture's teaching about why it's better for Christians of Jewish background to stay with Jesus rather than to return to Judaism:





Giving a sermon one Sunday, I heard two teenage girls in the back giggling and disturbing people. I interrupted my sermon and announced sternly, "There are two of you here who have not heard a word I've said." That quieted them down.

When the service was over, I went to greet people at the front door. Three adults apologized for going to sleep in church, promising it would never happen again.

January



Happy Birthday and Anniversary

**to all those who are
celebrating in
January!!**

**Lots of Love and
may God bless you!**



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.

Joshua's Children's Church

Joshua's Children's Church meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Children and adults are invited! Minister Anderson, Sister Anderson and the staff are waiting to teach your children!

Bible Study

Pastor Grove, Rev. Isler and Sis. Fraizer are looking forward to sharing God's word with you in 2021.

Tuesday Bible Study will resume January 12th via YouTube and Facebook with the study of Spiritual Growth. Wednesday Bible Study will resume on January 13th via telephone conference.



JBC's Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School Classes Schedule

Sunday Worship Services

Sunday Mornings @ 11:00 AM

Via Facebook and YouTube Or
Conference Call (978) 990-5232, Access Code 7329240#



Sunday School Classes

@ 9:00 AM



All classes will meet through a single Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87150110765?
pwd=aE9TZVh0elRYTUxYMXkxRWpnUjtwZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87150110765?pwd=aE9TZVh0elRYTUxYMXkxRWpnUjtwZz09)

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 #

Virtual Meeting Etiquette



Use video features
(Bottom left of your Zoom window)



Select Gallery View
(Upper right of your Zoom window)



Mute your mic
(Bottom left of your Zoom window)



Mute ringers



Stay engaged



Raise your hand or use
the chat box

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.

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Madam Money

1 Year Savings Challenge

Choose your Way to Save!

WEEKLY SAVINGS PLAN

WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE
1	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	14	\$ 14.00	\$ 105.00	27	\$ 27.00	\$ 378.00	40	\$ 40.00	\$ 820.00
2	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	15	\$ 15.00	\$ 120.00	28	\$ 28.00	\$ 406.00	41	\$ 41.00	\$ 861.00
3	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00	16	\$ 16.00	\$ 136.00	29	\$ 29.00	\$ 435.00	42	\$ 42.00	\$ 903.00
4	\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00	17	\$ 17.00	\$ 153.00	30	\$ 30.00	\$ 465.00	43	\$ 43.00	\$ 946.00
5	\$ 5.00	\$ 15.00	18	\$ 18.00	\$ 171.00	31	\$ 31.00	\$ 496.00	44	\$ 44.00	\$ 990.00
6	\$ 6.00	\$ 21.00	19	\$ 19.00	\$ 190.00	32	\$ 32.00	\$ 528.00	45	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,035.00
7	\$ 7.00	\$ 28.00	20	\$ 20.00	\$ 210.00	33	\$ 33.00	\$ 561.00	46	\$ 46.00	\$ 1,081.00
8	\$ 8.00	\$ 36.00	21	\$ 21.00	\$ 231.00	34	\$ 34.00	\$ 595.00	47	\$ 47.00	\$ 1,128.00
9	\$ 9.00	\$ 45.00	22	\$ 22.00	\$ 253.00	35	\$ 35.00	\$ 630.00	48	\$ 48.00	\$ 1,176.00
10	\$ 10.00	\$ 55.00	23	\$ 23.00	\$ 276.00	36	\$ 36.00	\$ 666.00	49	\$ 49.00	\$ 1,225.00
11	\$ 11.00	\$ 66.00	24	\$ 24.00	\$ 300.00	37	\$ 37.00	\$ 703.00	50	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,275.00
12	\$ 12.00	\$ 78.00	25	\$ 25.00	\$ 325.00	38	\$ 38.00	\$ 741.00	51	\$ 51.00	\$ 1,326.00
13	\$ 13.00	\$ 91.00	26	\$ 26.00	\$ 351.00	39	\$ 39.00	\$ 780.00	52	\$ 52.00	\$ 1,378.00

BI-WEEKLY SAVINGS PLAN

WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE
1	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	7	\$ 28.00	\$ 112.00	14	\$ 56.00	\$ 420.00	20	\$ 80.00	\$ 840.00
2	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00	8	\$ 32.00	\$ 144.00	15	\$ 60.00	\$ 480.00	21	\$ 84.00	\$ 924.00
3	\$ 12.00	\$ 24.00	9	\$ 36.00	\$ 180.00	16	\$ 64.00	\$ 544.00	22	\$ 88.00	\$ 1,012.00
4	\$ 16.00	\$ 40.00	10	\$ 40.00	\$ 220.00	17	\$ 68.00	\$ 612.00	23	\$ 92.00	\$ 1,104.00
5	\$ 20.00	\$ 60.00	11	\$ 44.00	\$ 264.00	18	\$ 72.00	\$ 684.00	24	\$ 96.00	\$ 1,200.00
6	\$ 24.00	\$ 84.00	12	\$ 48.00	\$ 312.00	19	\$ 76.00	\$ 760.00	25	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,300.00
			13	\$ 52.00	\$ 364.00				26	\$ 104.00	\$ 1,404.00

SEMI-MONTHLY SAVINGS PLAN

WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE
1/15	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	4/15	\$ 35.00	\$ 140.00	7/15	\$ 65.00	\$ 455.00	10/15	\$ 95.00	\$ 950.00
2/1	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	5/1	\$ 40.00	\$ 180.00	8/1	\$ 70.00	\$ 525.00	11/1	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,050.00
2/15	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00	5/15	\$ 45.00	\$ 225.00	8/15	\$ 75.00	\$ 600.00	11/15	\$ 105.00	\$ 1,155.00
3/1	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	6/1	\$ 50.00	\$ 275.00	9/1	\$ 80.00	\$ 680.00	12/1	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,265.00
3/15	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00	6/15	\$ 55.00	\$ 330.00	9/15	\$ 85.00	\$ 765.00	12/15	\$ 115.00	\$ 1,380.00
4/1	\$ 30.00	\$ 105.00	7/1	\$ 60.00	\$ 390.00	10/1	\$ 90.00	\$ 855.00			

MONTHLY SAVING PLAN

WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE	WEEK	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	ACCOUNT BALANCE
1	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	4	\$ 65.00	\$ 140.00	7	\$ 125.00	\$ 455.00	10	\$ 185.00	\$ 950.00
2	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	5	\$ 85.00	\$ 225.00	8	\$ 145.00	\$ 600.00	11	\$ 205.00	\$ 1,155.00
3	\$ 45.00	\$ 75.00	6	\$ 105.00	\$ 330.00	9	\$ 165.00	\$ 765.00	12	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,380.00