



*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. Psalm 33:12*

# Joshua's Journal

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



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



**B**rothers and sisters, I remain hopeful that COVID-19 is slowly being defeated. I do pray that as a nation that we can reach "Herd Immunity" soon and very soon and adjust our protocols accordingly. In other words, more of our citizens need to get vaccinated, if physically able to do so. Then the virus would have fewer people to affect, thus making it safer for everybody. Please pray about it and make a Christ-inspired decision.

*My prayer for the family of GOD all around the world is that we be filled with the fulness of GOD – wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. We trust doctors and scientists for all other health matters. Why not this?*

*Moving forward, I thank all of you who showed a sincere interest in our new Church Constitution. Members, there is nothing in this document that is contrary to the scriptures. The Bible will always be our anchor and our guide in conducting Church business.*

*A special thanks to Deacon Strother and our Brotherhood Ministry for leading the Food Drive.*

*Next, I would like to encourage all our ministry leaders to be diligent in leading your ministry. Stay in touch with the members because a change is coming soon.*

*Finally, "We have first the justified life, then the consecrated life, then the yielded life, then the emptied life, and then the Spirit-filled life... We do not get more of the Holy Spirit in the Spirit-filled life, but He gets more of us." (J. Irvin Overholtzer). Therefore, those who are filled with the Spirit ought to live like it. Brothers and sisters, one thing has not changed in the 33 years I have served as your Pastor. 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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July 30, 2005



As children of God, we should rather relax and be happy because unto our God, all things are possible. No matter what you are going through, hold firm to the divine truth that God is capable. He walked the Earth parting the Red sea for his children to cross, providing food from heaven for his children in the desert. God went forth to sending birds to provide food for Prophet Elijah in the wilderness. He walked the Earth raising the dead, healing those who were suffering from all kinds of sicknesses and freeing those who were under Satanic captivity.

# MORE of CHRIST

Brethren, hold firm to the faith because God has not changed. He is the same yesterday, today and forever as we can read from Hebrews 13:8. In other words, God is still doing the things he used to do in the past. Trust in him always leads to divine favor. A favored man beside God will live to testify with his generation about the good things of God in their lives.

Whenever you see things as impossible, remember that he who is in you is greater than he who makes things look impossible. Refuse to count on your strength but on God's.



## LET YOUR FAITH BE BIGGER THAN YOUR FEARS

We've come this far by

FAITH



### WINDING CHAIN

Please remember to pray at our appointed hour.

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



## Concerned About Pandemic Weight Gain? Here's What a Dietitian Says You Do

Valente, M.S., RD (author) [EatingWell](#) (source)

The first time you go to put on real pants in 2021, you may notice they fit a little bit tighter. If so, you are not alone. 37% of Americans say that they gained weight during the pandemic, according to a recent survey (and the actual number may be higher). It's not really that surprising—we've been living through a very stressful time. So, what can you do about it? I would advise you to skip the crash diets, or any strict diet for that matter.

Reminder: the pandemic is real, and your body responded

I am so excited to make plans and hug people again after a very isolated 15 months. While the pandemic is still bad in parts of the world, it does seem like things are starting to look up in the United States as more people get vaccinated and case counts drop.

But the pandemic profoundly impacted all of us. Many people lost someone they loved, were laid off, got sick, worried about their safety, and grappled with isolation. At the very least, you probably experienced a sense of scarcity when it comes to food—especially in the beginning when grocery stores were frequently out of foods and we weren't sure when our next trip to stock up was going to be (remember the great toilet paper shortage?!?). You may have wondered how you were going to afford your next meal or feed your family. Not having enough food can cause your body to want to eat more—it's a protective mechanism to help prevent starvation. All that to say, if coming out of the pandemic the worst thing that happened is you are up a few pounds, you are lucky. It may not feel that way right now, but it is important to keep things in perspective.

What can you do instead?

First off, changing your mindset can be so helpful. Instead of fixating on a number on a scale, try to change one habit a week to help yourself get healthier. Perhaps you add a vegetable to dinner or squeeze in 3, 10-minute walks every day. I like to think of this as addition rather than subtraction (for example, add in a whole-grain carbohydrate, like barley or whole-wheat pasta, rather than cut carbs out). There are a few other habits I find can be very helpful, but you must pick what works for you.

**Focus on fat, fiber, and protein.** These three nutrients up the satisfaction factor of your meals so you are less likely to experience blood sugar swings and you'll feel fuller longer. Choose healthy fats, like nuts and avocados, add fiber to meals, from whole grains, fruits, vegetables, and aim to include a protein source at most meals and snacks.

**Get your fruits and veggies in!** When in doubt, add produce. Most of us do not get enough in our diet (and yes, dried, canned, and frozen count!). Stir spinach into eggs, keep baby carrots around for easy snacking and make a smoothie to help yourself hit your produce goals.

**Stay hydrated.** Drink more water. Enough said. And while you are at it, you may want to cut down on alcohol. Moderate drinking is no more than one drink a day for women, and no more than two drinks a day for men.

**Move your body.** If you hate jumping rope or pushups look like torture—find something else! Movement is not one size fits all but there are so many benefits to regular exercise. Start slowly but start!

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## THE PEARLS MINISTRY PEARLS OF WISDOM

**Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate and doubt, to offer a solution everybody can understand.**

**—Colin Powell**

*Thank You*

The Trustee Ministry would like to thank the members and friends of Joshua Baptist Church for your continued support in following the safety guidelines of the CDC and Joshua's Pandemic Committee during the pandemic.

Most of all, we "Thank Almighty GOD" for His sustaining power. He has blessed and is continuing to bless our families, friends, and neighbors. We pray that our service would be pleasing in His sight, as we continue to work.

## BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY

July brings thoughts of fireworks, summer vacations, and outdoor cooking on the grill; it also brings the thoughts of Rev. Melvin Scott as he celebrates his 88th birthday on the 4th of July.

At the young age of 22, he was baptized and at age 25 began serving God's people as a deacon. In 1962, Rev. Scott became a member of Joshua and began to minister in 1977.

He currently serves in the position of assistant pastor, supports various ministries, and is an active member of the Brotherhood Ministry.

Please reach out to our beloved Rev. Melvin Scott and show him some good ole fashion, Joshua Baptist Church Brotherhood love on July 4th.

Enjoy the first full month of summer and remember to support your home, family, and church, because "No matter what anyone else may say, God knows, I'm Trying!!!"



**Happy Birthday  
Rev. Melvin Scott**



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Jaylen Brown graduated Kindergarten from Riverpointe Christian Academy on June 3, 2021. Jaylen held the



“A” honor roll and perfect attendance for the entire school year. His reading and mathematics skills are on a 2nd-grade level. He wants to study science when he’s older.

Jaylen loves to attend Children’s Church, try new restaurants, and play video games. He also loves pickup trucks, ATV’s and police officers. His favorite sports are basketball and football. His favorite teams are the Pittsburg Steelers and Golden State.

Jaylen is the proud son of Sis. Angelique Frost and the grandson of Sis. Thalia Frost.

Congratulations Jaylen on graduating from Kindergarten to the first grade. A big round of applause to another one of Joshua Baptist Church's bright and rising stars!



Josiah Jackie Murray is a student at Boulder Bluff Elementary in Goose Creek, and will be going into the third grade.

He loves attending Children’s Church. He also enjoys playing games on his Nintendo Switch with Super Mario Odyssey being his favorite. He likes pizza and ice cream and his favorite superhero is Spiderman (Miles Morales version).

He is also studying taekwondo with his sister, Journey Murray.

Josiah is the son of Sis. Tamar Murray and proud nephew of Sis. Karen Pratt.

Congratulations Josiah on your promotion to the third grade.

A big round of applause to another one of Joshua Baptist Church's bright and rising stars!







*When  
He Speaks,  
Things Change!!*



*Take My Yoke upon you and Learn  
of Me For my burdens are easy. For  
I Am Meek and Lowly In Heart.  
Ye shall find rest for your soul.  
Matthew 11:29*

Day in and day out, 24/7, 52 weeks, 365 days of the year, a lame man at the pool of Bethesda sat there waiting and waiting and waiting. See, John 5:4 says that once a year, an angel would come down and infuse the water with a Divine Miracle that would heal the first of many physically challenged to make it into the pool.

Sadly, their total hope was dedicated to that single little opportunity, exemplary of persons employing luck or chance to acquire their needs. When Jesus approached that particular man who had been unsuccessful at his many attempts to make the coveted dip, he asked Him if he wanted to be made whole.





# Jesus, Still The Best Way Maker of All Times!!!

*Rev. H. Magyck*

Instead of responding with an enthusiastic YES!, he began to tell Jesus his long sad story about his unfruitful attempts to get into the water for many, many years. (Sound familiar? ...telling God about your mountain rather than telling that mountain about your God?!) Maybe he hadn't heard that Jesus was the Son of the Living God--able to open blinded eyes, make the lame to walk, the dumb to talk, able to make the wounded whole, produce water in dry places, specializing in things thought impossible and on and on! Isn't it good to know that today we serve the same All-Powerful Jesus?!!

On cue, we jubilantly sing "God Never Fails...If I Trust And Never Doubt...He Will Surely Bring Me Out...God Never Fails!"...all the while only allowing words to pass through our lips, with the absence of accompanied true faith that we believe He is able and willing to provide all of our needs. (Philippians 4:19)

The beautiful red words in the New Testament of the Bible were authored by the only Son of the True & Living Almighty God (JESUS!) who incomparably guarantees His promises are Yes and Amen, to His Glory through Us! (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Don't place your hope in chance or luck! Place it where the returns on your faith and commitment will yield you even more personal testimonies! Through prayer, faith, assurance, and patience, trust God! Give Jesus your sincere willingness to Accept, Believe, and Confess that He is Lord. Ask for forgiveness of your sins and for a personal relationship with Him to help you live according to His standards. Already there? Great! Hold on to Him like your life depends on it!! Trust our Way Maker to keep on making so many ways through Divine Interventions as He lovingly reassures us I will never leave you, you are mine, if you follow my standards! Now go 'head and shout that Halleluia to our RISEN KING, our ROCK, our ALL IN ALL!!

## In Prayer, Please Lift The Following Persons:

Little Ethan Entsuah Dent

Sis. Julia Adgeron  
Sis. Francene Aiken  
Bro. Sam Base  
Sis. Ella Baugh  
Sis. Rosa Lee Blue  
Sis. Margie Breland  
Sis. Murylen Broom  
Bro. Anthony Brown  
Dea. Leroy &  
Sis. Shelley Brown  
Bro. Tony Brown  
Sis. Ernestine Butler  
Sis. Edna Clark  
Sis. Georgette Coleman

Sis. Tia Coleman-Jenkins  
Sis. Josephine Collins  
Sis. Betty Dorr  
Sis. Samantha Fordham  
Sis. Elizabeth Frazier  
Rev. Tracy Gantt  
Bro. Ike Green  
Sis. Sara Green  
Sis. Vera Hilton  
Sis. Carlotta Howard  
Sis. Jessica Jakes  
Dea. Arnold Jenkins  
Sis. Mary Jenkins  
Sis. Yvonne Johnson

Sis. Betty Jones  
Sis. Yummy Jones  
Sis. Roberta Kenny  
Bro. Sammy & Rev. Hester King  
Bro. Jacob &  
Sis. Francena Manigault  
Sis. Beatrice McGirt  
Sis. Lillie Manning  
Bro. Louis Newman  
Sis. Shirley Newman  
Bro. Gregory Polite  
Sis. Tennie Proctor  
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Sis. Beverly Washington  
Bro. Johnny Washington  
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Sis. Maryette Wilson  
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Sis. Debra Wright  
Sis. Shavonne Young





## Remembering Our Fight for Independence: The Christian Basis of the Fourth of July

On July 4, 1776 our founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence. On July 8, they read the same declaration out loud to a congregation in Philadelphia and rang the Liberty Bell. The inscription on the Liberty Bell serves as a roadmap to the event as it occurred in our history.

An example of how our roots are based off religious examples can be found written on the Liberty Bell. The inscription at the top of the bell is “Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof” Leviticus 25:10 T

### The View of John Adams and John F. Kennedy

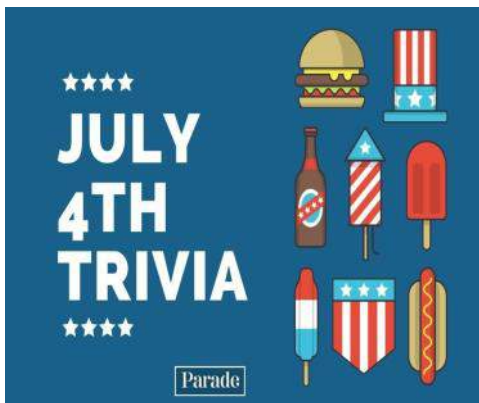
John Adams stated July 4th will be remembered at the most memorable epic in the history of America. He also went on to say we should celebrate that independence through acts of devotion to God. Adams believed besides Christmas, the next important holiday should be the Fourth of July, due to its religious implications.

Before being elected, John F. Kennedy spoke at an Independence Day celebration in the City of Boston. Instead of speaking about political issues, Kennedy reminded the crowd the informing spirit of America is rooted in religious principles.

### Remember the Christian Meaning this Fourth of July

The Fourth of July is a fun time to spend with friends and family. Most of you will be enjoying delicious BBQ or watching fireworks. As you are gathering with family this Fourth of July, focus not just on our independence as a great nation, but also the religious background that got us there. The founders of America believed that our rights were given as a gift to us from God.

Source: [Christian Living Resources](#) • [Faith](#) • [Faith](#)



- 1) Where was the first celebration of Independence Day held?
- 2) Every Independence Day, how many times does the Liberty Bell ring?
- 3) Which two presidents of the United States died on July 4th of the same year?
- 4) The [Fourth of July](#) commemorates which document?
- 5) What is the proper way to fold the American flag?
- 6) Which American president was born on July 4th?
- 7) How many Stars and Stripes does the first US flag have?
- 8) What was the total number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence?
- 9) Every July 4th, what food is most commonly consumed?
- 10) What is the name of the national anthem of the United States of America?

1. Philadelphia
2. 13
3. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson
4. Declaration of Independence
5. In a triangular shape
6. Calvin Coolidge
7. 50 Stars and 13 Stripes
8. 56
9. Hot Dogs
10. Star-Spangled Banner

from John 14:27).

1=C, 2=A, 3=D, 4=B.

Hadassah won

Answer Key: Jesus Gives What I Know I Really Need: “Peace I give to you, and my peace is different than that offered anywhere else” (paraphrased

**Unscramble the Sentences:**

Quiz: Book of Esther



# Safety Tips



## Boat

- \* Check the local weather conditions before you leave.
- \* Always wear a life jacket.
- \* Make sure your boat is properly equipped and that required equipment is functioning properly.
- \* Make sure your navigation lights work so you can be seen.
- \* Be prepared for emergencies: Accidents happen quickly, often with little or no warning.



## Fireworks

- \* Never allow small children to handle fireworks.
- \* Always follow the instructions on the packaging.
- \* Keep a supply of water nearby as precaution.
- \* Never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, or flammable materials.
- \* Ensure that spectators remain a safe distance from the fireworks being lit.
- \* Dispose of all firework materials by soaking them in water before throwing away.

## Beach

- Check the local weather conditions before you leave for the beach.
- Pack enough water to hydrate you throughout the day.
- Limit exposure to direct sunlight, and apply proper sunscreen.
- Make sure that young children have properly fitting life jackets.
- Keep a close eye on young children.
- Do not dive headfirst into water.
- Always swim with a buddy.
- Do not go in the water after consuming alcohol.



## Grilling

- Never leave a grill that is in use unattended.
- Make sure everyone, including pets, stays clear of the grill.
- Keep the grill out in the open and away from structures and trees.
- Use proper grilling tools that are made specifically for cooking on the grill.
- Always follow the grill's instructions.
- If coals have already been ignited, never add charcoal starter fluid.



# 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](mailto:churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com) Attn: Sisters Karen Pratt or Cindy Cato. Also, please advise if you no longer wish to receive emails.



## Calling all graduates and Promotees

Congratulations to JBC's students on your promotion to the next grade or graduating from high school or college. A recognition service will be held Sunday, July 11, 2021 for our promotees and graduates following Church service.

If your child is a member of Joshua, we would like to recognize him or her in our August journal. In order to do this, we are asking parents to email the name of your child or children and include what grade he or she has been promoted to by July 5th.

High school graduates are also being asked to please include your full name, the name of the high school you will be graduating from, future plans, and graduation photo. If you are a college graduate, please include the title of your degree, college or university you graduated from and your graduation photo by Monday, July 5th.

Please email information to Education Ways and Means Ministry at [churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com](mailto:churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com).

## "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.

**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.

## LET US KNOW!

Have you earned any *awards*?



Do you have any encouraging thoughts you would like to pass on to other students?

Your thoughts on school during the pandemic...LET US KNOW! Send an email to [churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## 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

**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.



# WHAT I have LEARNED

## 2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

### UNSCRAMBLE THE SENTENCES

Unscramble each of the following sentences. After you've unscrambled them, match one Scripture reference from the list to each one.

\_\_\_ 1. for whatsoever a man Be not deceived; he also reap. God is not mocked: soweth, that shall

A. Matthew 7:14

\_\_\_ 2. which leadeth unto life, and narrow is the way, that find it. Because strait is the gate, and few there be

B. Romans 11:22

\_\_\_ 3. that every one may receive whether it be good or bad. before the judgment seat of Christ; the things done in his body, For we must all appear according to that he hath done,

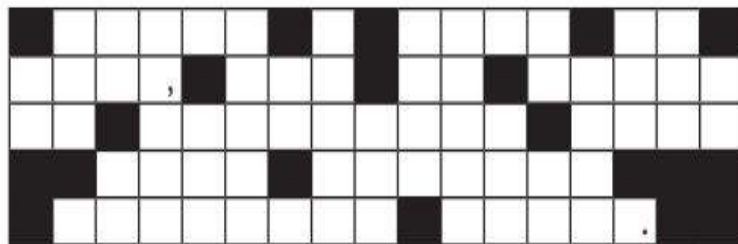
C. Galatians 6:7

\_\_\_ 4. on them which fell, severity; otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. Behold therefore if thou continue in his goodness: but toward thee, goodness, the goodness and severity of God:

D. 2 Corinthians 5:10

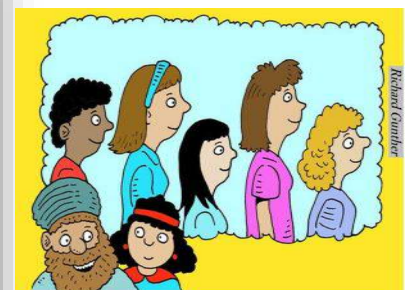
### JESUS GIVES WHAT I KNOW I REALLY NEED

Use the letters to make a sentence that describes something vital that Jesus gives to His followers. Each letter can be used only in the vertical column directly above it, and each letter must be used. Do so, but don't put any letter in the two boxes with punctuation marks. After you have completed the sentence, use your memory or a Bible concordance to find the statement by Jesus that this puzzle paraphrases.



F R E

A T Y C E I F Y R P E  
 P U D W H F D R M N L E D T O  
 Y S E A I A N O E G E V E E A A E  
 I O N H A T E E F E I T S T H C N



Something Funny 😄:

Where was the first beauty contest in the Bible, and who won the contest?

Godly Woman Daily

# July



## Virtual Bible Study

Join us via Zoom conference call on your computer or phone

## 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



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 Shoes



## Theme for the Month of July: Hope

## Memory Verse for the Month of July:

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, or be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deuteronomy 31:6



## Sunday School Classes

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

In-person

Via Facebook and YouTube

## Upcoming Sunday School Scripture Text:

July 11, 2021: Romans 1:8-17



## 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



Happy Birthday  
and  
Anniversary  
to everyone  
celebrating in July!



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