



Joshua's Journal

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



Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



Our 33rd Pastoral Anniversary was simply outstanding! Your unselfish expressions of kindness will never be forgotten. The many cards, texts, phone calls, personal greetings, and monetary blessings were heart-warming. We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to the officers, members, family, and friends for showing us Christian love. I understand that some people are kind with their words but not very generous. Others can be generous but not exceedingly kind with their words. However, you were both kind with your words and generous with your gifts.

Brothers and sisters, as I think back over the past 33 years, I bless GOD for where HE has brought us from. We have had some really good days and some serious challenges. But we have stayed committed to our purpose of "Reaching People for Christ."

Furthermore, I have never felt at any point during my pastorate that I was walking alone. I always have my faith and trust in GOD and my belief in HIS people. Joshua, you have been there for me as much as I have been there for you. So, we must keep on keeping on - our work is not finished. Let us continue to pray for one another – especially our older members and keep sending up petitions for the Covid-19 virus to be swept from the land.

Finally, no matter how low the valley or how high the mountain, GOD will see us through. Remember, the FATHER 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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May 9, 2012

Some Ways to Build a Stronger Spiritual Life

Be a river, not a swamp — The Bible says: “Rivers of living water will flow from the heart of those who believe in me” (John 7:38, margin).^{*} Remember, it is the mountain stream that carries fresh, life-giving water because it flows out. However, the swamp is stagnant and life-devouring. A swamp collects and retains water that comes its way. Don't be the kind of person who seeks to accumulate much before allowing a little to flow through.

As Christians we are to let blessings flow through us and on to others. When we hoard and dam the blessings in our lives we are in danger of becoming spiritually stagnant, emotionally detached, and intellectually cynical. Resolve to break up the dam and let blessings flow like a river. The freshness is in the flow.

Identify blessings — Too often we go through life oblivious to the good that comes flowing into our lives. Try this spiritual exercise for one week: At the end of the first day, identify a blessing that came to you from a family member. At the end of the second day, a blessing from a neighbor. Third day, from a friend. Fourth day, from a work colleague. Fifth day, from a stranger. Sixth day, from a child. On the seventh day, a blessing that came from an “enemy.”

Be like Moses-speak words of blessing — One of the most beautiful and compassionate passages in the Bible contains these words of blessing pronounced by Moses:

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace (Numbers 6:24-26).

Get creative with language, and speak words that will uplift, encourage, hearten, and bless other people. As you build them up, your own spirit will get stronger.

Be a grateful person — Start every day with a morning prayer of gratitude to God for the gift of a new day. Do this even if the day ahead appears ominous. Conclude every day with an evening prayer of gratitude to God for the gift of the preceding hours. Do this even if you've had a very tough day.

Serve — Look for ways to serve the community, especially tasks that promise no reward, such as picking up litter on the streets. Read and reflect on the action of Jesus in John 13:1-5.

Fast and pray — Prayer linked with fasting was often done by people in the Bible. Ezra 8:23 reports: “So we fasted and earnestly prayed that our God would take care of us, and he heard our prayer.” The next time you are asked to pray urgently for someone in difficulty, consider combining your praying with some fasting.

Turn worries over to God — This is a clear teaching of Scripture: “Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you” (Psalm 55:22). Do this each time a worry crops up.

Spread love wherever you go — That is the advice of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who advised: “Spread love everywhere you go: First of all in your own house. . . . Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting.”

Keep your priorities straight — Know what is ultimately important and what is not. Consider the words of former President George Bush: “I am blessed with a close and wonderful family, and I want to spend the rest of my life letting them know how much I love them and appreciate them,” he said. “One of my most important accomplishments, one I am still working on, is to be a huge success in the grandfather business. I would like to be remembered for integrity, service, and family.”

Meditate on Scripture — The Bible is loaded with verses of comfort, encouragement, and wisdom. Make it a habit to read and study your Bible in a regular, disciplined way. Highlight verses that speak to you. Meditate on those words. Memorize some of the passages so you can recall them from memory at a future time.

Be reliable — Do what you say you will do—whether it's convenient or not. Follow through on all of your commitments, large and small. By your actions, show others you are a person who can be trusted and counted upon.

33rd Pastoral Appreciation Celebration

The Joshua Church Family celebrated Rev. Dr. Robert L. and First Lady, Pauline Grove 33rd Pastoral Anniversary with a drive-thru celebration on Sunday afternoon, April 25, 2021.



We love our
Pastor and
First Lady.



Thank you for planting the
seeds of God in us.
Joshua Church Family & Friends





*A mother's love is
unique and unforgettable*



Thank God for Mothers Love

There is no love, like a mother's love,
no stronger bond on earth...
like the precious bond that comes from God,
to a mother, when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong,
never changing for all time...
and when her children need her most,
a mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one...
for all the tears and heartache,
and for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over,
a mother's love lives on...
through many generations,
with God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given,
and the strength from up above.

~Anonymous



*"My mother's love has always been a sustaining force
for our family, and one of my greatest joys is seeing her
integrity, her compassion, her intelligence reflected in
my daughters."*

~ Former First Lady of the United States— Michelle Obama

A Thousand Thanks

Mother's Day brings to mind
The thousands of things you did for me
that helped make me happier,
stronger and wiser,
because I had you as a role model.

I'm grateful for all the times
you healed my hurts
and calmed my fears,
so that I could face the world
feeling safe and secure.

I'm thankful for all you showed me
about how to love and give--
lessons that now bring
so many blessings to me
each and every day.

Your sacrifices and unselfishness
did not go unnoticed, Mom.
I admire you, I respect you, I love you.
And I'm so glad you're my mother!



Happy Mother's Day!



By Joanna Fuchs



THE PEARLS
MINISTRY

PEARLS
of
WISDOM



Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others.

Rosa Parks

Titus 2:3-5 (KJV)

The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

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

Mary Mcleod Bethune



Happy Mother's Day

Brotherhood



Supporting Education



JBC Brotherhood, another month has passed us by, yet we are “still trying” to achieve God’s plan for us to provide, lead, and support our home, family, and church. I am asking all Brothers to donate \$10 towards the Morris College fundraiser so that the Brotherhood of JBC is in support of this worthy cause. Some are already doing their part of the \$100 donation. As your President, I’m asking all those who can and will dig a little deeper and assist in providing a donation on behalf of the Brotherhood.

A donation can be dropped off at church on Saturdays/Sundays or write “Brotherhood Morris College” on your envelope or online giving. We will donate the amount received (not a specific goal) to help educate those up-and-coming young leaders of tomorrow.

If anyone has questions or concerns, contact Deacon Strother. Thank You and remember, “No Matter What Anyone *Else May Say, God Knows, We are Trying!*”

Thank you,

Dea. Lawrence Strother




**GET AN EDUCATION
BECAUSE NO ONE CAN
TAKE THAT AWAY
FROM YOU**

ACTIVITIES



Dear God,
 So far today,
 I've done all right.
 I haven't gossiped.
 I haven't lost my temper.
 I haven't been greedy,
 grumpy, nasty, selfish
 or overindulgent.
 I'm very thankful for that.
 But in a few minutes, God,
 I'm going to get out of bed ...
 and from then on,
 I'm probably going to need
 a lot more help.
 Amen



Two children ordered their mother to stay in bed one Mother's Day morning. As she lay there looking forward to breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen. But after a good long wait she finally went downstairs to investigate. She found them both sitting at the table eating bacon and eggs. "As a surprise for Mother's Day," one explained, "We decided to cook our own breakfast."

Where Was Jesus? Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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| FESTIVAL | MARY | QUESTIONS | TEMPLE |
| JERUSALEM | PASSOVER | SEARCH | TWELVE |



NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Keeping you up to date with our church Announcement, Events and Latest News.



If you would like a copy of your **2020 tax giving statement**, please email Sisters Karen Pratt or Cindy Cato at Churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com for a copy of your Giving statement. The extended IRS filing deadline is May 17th.



The church has a new email address: 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.

3 WAYS TO GIVE

Mail to:
2482 Faber Road
N. Charleston, SC
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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.



The Deacons and Ministers of Joshua are a resource for you.

Please join them in continuously praying for everyone!



CALLING ALL STUDENTS! We want to hear from you!

The Educational Ways and Means Ministry would like you to "LET US KNOW."

- * Have you earned any awards? * 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!

If so, please 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.



"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.



How To Get Help With Funeral Costs

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance ~ FEMA is taking applications to assist families who have lost loved ones due to COVID-19 from January 20, 2020 to now. If you know of someone who had a loved one die from COVID-19 and needs help with funeral arrangements, please direct them to Assonia Sims-Yates via email (asims@slcog.org) or call her office # (803-774-1403) or Cell # (803-795-5613).

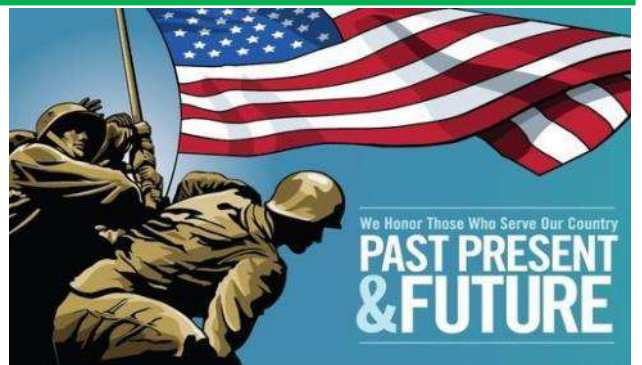
Enston Homes Management Group

The group is accepting applications from persons age 65 and older for dorm style and senior living units. Contact the Office at 843-723-5510 for more details.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 6,

LORD POUR OUT YOUR
LOVE, LIFE, AND
Liberty



We Honor Those Who Serve Our Country
PAST PRESENT & FUTURE

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.



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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

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

Theme for the Month of May:

"Hope"

Memory Verse for the Month of May:

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jeremiah 29:11 KJV



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 #

Upcoming Sunday School Scripture Text:

May 9, 2021: Isaiah 29:13-24

May 16, 2021: Jeremiah 38:14-23

May 23, 2021: Ezekiel 18:1-9, 30-32

May 30, 2021: Jonah 3

June 6, 2021: Matthew 6:25-34



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#



Happy Birthday and Anniversary to everyone celebrating in May!

