

May your Fall season be  
filled with good thoughts,  
kind people and happy moments.

# Joshua's Journal

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



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



**A**s your Pastor, I will always try to do what's best for the Church. Therefore, the Church Leaders and I are requesting that, *until further notice*, our Preachers, Deacons, Choir Members, Nurses, Teachers, and the Ministry of Security do not serve in these ministries unless or until you are fully vaccinated. This goes against all that we believe in; 'Reaching People for Christ'. However, the times demand that we be extremely careful with our virus protocols until this storm passes over.

Also, I thank you for your support of our Four Seasons Tea. Although we cancelled the formal portion of the tea (program and food), we still wanted to remember the purpose of the tea – funds, food, and fellowship. Since this is our only fundraising event for the church, if you haven't, please donate your \$50.

We will be unable, once again, to celebrate Harvest Night. If it be the Lord's will, I pray that next year we can get back on schedule.

Finally, some people have a job in the Church; others commit themselves to a ministry. What's the difference? If you see what you're doing in the Church as a burden, it's a job. Moreover, if you see what you're doing in Church as a blessing, it's a ministry. A Church that is not growing is crowded with people doing a job. Yet a great and prosperous church is filled with persons involved in the ministry.

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

Lets  
**ENCOURAGE**  
each other!



**"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)**

### **Learn to "Cast"**

Learn to "cast all your anxiety on Him." Only when you have done that will you be able to "catch yourself." You'll begin to open the door to worry, and not allow it to move in, to set up shop, nor start to do business.

What's your top ten list of worries? The uncertainties in the world? Your health? Your finances? A relationship? Children? Your looks? Aging? Get to know your most common worries well so that you're able to treat them like mosquitoes. You don't procrastinate when a blood-sucking bug lands on you. You don't say, "I'll take care of it in a moment." No, you give it the slap it deserves. You must be equally decisive with anxiety.

The moment a worry surfaces, deal with it. Don't dwell on it. Head it off before it gets the best of you. Instead of ulcerating over what your boss thinks, ask him/her. Before you diagnose that mole as a cancer, have it examined. Instead of assuming that you'll never get out of debt, consult an expert, draw up a plan, and take back your power! As long as you're willing to live with worry, you'll never overcome it. Instead of allowing worry to cast a big shadow over a problem, rise up in faith and say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" (Hebrews 13:6)

### **Question:**

Who's your helper? I pray it's the Lord. So, today, give all your worries to Him and don't take them back!

**"Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken." Psalm 55:22 (NASB)**



True, False, and When?:  
These statements are FALSE:  
1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12. The correct order for the TRUE statements is 2, 6, 10, 13, 11.



## THE PEARLS MINISTRY

## PEARLS OF WISDOM

## AFRICAN PROVERBS

"If you damage the character of another, you damage your own."

*If there's a book  
that you want to read,  
but it hasn't been written yet,  
then you must write it.*

— Toni Morrison



## CLERGY APPRECIATION

We realize we don't say it enough. Thank you to the Ministerial Staff of Joshua Baptist Church for your faithfulness to your calling. We appreciate and love each and every one of you. We thank you for all that you do individually and together to share the gospel of Jesus Christ! May GOD bless you with His joy.

**WORSHIP. GATHER.  
SERVE. ENDURE.**

## BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY

A big shout out to the brethren of JBC and those who never fail to answer the call. We received a

**FOOD  
DONATION**

Thanks!

letter from LowCountry Food Bank which stated our latest food drive netted 713 pounds of food which will help create 595 meals for our neighbors experiencing food insecurity and hunger. A total from our two drives yielded over 1,600 pounds of food which provided meals to nearly 3,150 people. What an awesome God we serve! We plan to hold a final food drive in November on a date to be determined, so that we can bless some families during the Thanksgiving holidays.

We are also seeking to make a \$500 donation to the Morris College fundraising campaign, which is a direct result of your support of the Brotherhood. These are just two small words but THANK YOU!

Finally, please do your best to support the Four Seasons Tea this October. We are being asked to donate \$50 for this annual fund-raising event. If you are determined to succeed, grow, and lead, it all starts with a gift from the heart.

Remember, we are somebody because God made us, and Christ died for us. Provide at your home, lead your family, and support your church because, "No matter what other people may say, God knows, I'm trying!!"

**God's work. Our hands.**

# Custom-Designed Faith

Rev Harriet Mazyck

On my way to sit at the water's edge, I paused at McDonald's for that delicious pancakes, eggs, and sausage breakfast and made my way on down. After arriving at the river and nesting the car into the parking spot, I began to take it all in... God's amazingly phenomenal handiwork! The motion of the water made it look like silver glass dancing in its own rhythmic sway, as it reflected the sunlight from above which shone through the clear blue sky between billowing puffy clusters of beautiful white clouds!...Just above the earth and right under the heavenly home of God our Father!

After enjoying my breakfast, it was time to get a fresh supply of some good spiritual nourishment, so I propped my Bible up on the steering wheel and began to indulge. After a while, my gaze went to a woman who passed by wearing a white oversized t-shirt over a long white skirt. From the opposite direction emerged a young man, also clad in white, with a white cloth draped around his head. The two met up in front of the stairs and began to talk. Riverside baptism immediately came to mind, but I thought, certainly she doesn't plan to try to baptize that big guy in that water?! Well now, I kept watching and saw a few more car loads of people arrive—children dressed in white along with several other adults.

A few of them cascaded down the stairs towards the river, and the initial young man waded through testing the firmness of the land under his feet. I prayed, Oh Lord, please bless them, 'cause I don't want to see no tragedy out here! Then, I got it, God's lesson for me that day was being delivered visually, a first-hand view of a different experience of faith in action. I've seen baptism done in a small creek but never at the edge of a wide-open river. That required a heightened level of Faith in God! At first, watching them made me feel uncomfortable, but it was nothing abnormal to them. Right in the midst of people walking, persons casting lines for fish or throwing crab nets, they demonstrated "God is protecting us!" I got out of the car and walked over to where a few other congregants stood by the stairs and engaged them in conversation. God keeps telling us His Ways are not like ours, (Isaiah 55) and if we ride along life's pathway with Him, He'll continually move supernaturally when we least expect Him too! Get this! I learned the first young man was one of the ministers of the church, and when I spoke to them after they returned from the water, he recognized me from presiding over a service about four years ago, while he was playing the drums. Now I was really blown away when he reminded me that I said there's a difference between a Preacher and a Speaker...yeah, that was me alright!

*Go For It. Step Out On Faith!!*





# Learn of Me!

Matthew 11:29

We're Blessed to have the only True & Living God who custom designs our faith in Him through personal experiences! Tell others of your more abundant life in Jesus the Christ that you received through His salvation plan in Romans (10:9)! He's like no other!!

Please lift the individuals listed below in prayer. Don't stop praying for the United States of America for our blessings received and for God's help with all the chaos within. As COVID-19 continues to run rampant through the land, also, keep praying for those affected by it--patients, first responders, students, teachers, caregivers, school district officials, etc., and the entire world. God is the only answer!

Sis. Julia Adgeron  
Sis. Francena Aiken  
Bro. Sam Base  
Sis. Ella Baugh  
Sis. Rosa Lee Blue  
Sis. Margie Breeland  
Sis. Murylen Broom  
Bro. Anthony Brown  
Dea. Leroy & Shelley Brown  
Bro. Tony Brown  
Sis. Leticia Buckner  
Chief Reggie Burgess  
Sis. Ernestine Butler  
Sis. Edna Clark  
Sis. Georgette Coleman  
Sis. Tia Coleman-Jenkins  
Sis. Josephine Collins  
Little Ethan Entsuah Dent  
Sis. Betty Dorr  
Sis. Samantha Fordham  
Little Miss Tiera Ferris  
Sis. Elizabeth Frazier  
Sis. Janice Funnie  
Rev. Tracy Gantt  
Bro. Jamar Gray

Bro. Ike Green  
Sis. Sara Green  
Sis. Lizellen Hartley  
Bro. Quinn Hawkins  
Sis. Chaquetta Heyward  
Sis. Vera Hilton  
Bro. George Hook  
Sis. Carlotta Howard  
Sis. Jessica Jakes  
Dea. Arnold & Deaconess Sonya Jenkins  
Sis. Yvonne Johnson  
Sis. Betty Jones  
Sis. Yummy Jones  
Sis. Roberta Kenny  
Bro. Madous Knight  
Bro. Sammy & Rev. Hester King  
Bro. Jacob & Sis. Francena Manigault  
Bro. Antonio Sr. & Paige McCanick & Family  
Sis. Tennille McCanick  
Sis. Beatrice McGirt  
Sis. Lillie Manning  
Sis. Tamar Murray  
Bro. Louis & Sis. Shirley Newman & Family  
Sis. Patricia Nelson  
Sis. Beatrice Oats

Bro. Gregory Polite  
Sis. Tennie Proctor  
Sis. Miriam Ragland  
Sis. Gloria Ravenell  
Sis. Cindy Hillery Reed  
Bro. Marion Reed  
Sis. Krystal Rollerson & Family  
Sis. Loleta Rollerson  
Bro. Curtis Sally  
Sis. Cheryl Scott  
Sis. Dorothy Sheppard  
Trustee Joan Simmons  
Bro. Lenard Sinclair  
Bro. Carl Singleton  
Sis. Mary Taylor  
Sis. Terry Warner  
Sis. Beverly Washington  
Bro. Johnny Washington  
Rev. Tracy Gantt  
Sis. Monique Williams  
Dea. Joseph & Sis. Maryette Wilson  
Dea. Eugene Wright  
Sis. Debra Wright  
Sis. Shavonne Young

PLUS - Pray Until  
Something Happens



## OCTOBER IS THE PINKEST MONTH

Breast cancer doesn't discriminate—Although breast cancer is more prevalent among American white women, African-American women tend to die from the disease more often.

Breast Cancer Awareness  
Supporting the Fighters,  
Admiring the Survivors,  
Honoring the Taken,  
AND NEVER, EVER  
GIVING UP HOPE.

Survivor,  
You are an inspiration to those  
who know you...walking in faith...  
seeking God's strength.  
For I know the plans I have for you,  
says the Lord.  
Jeremiah 29:11

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



### Would Jesus wear a mask?



These are crazy times we are living in! As if we don't have enough division in the world already, now we seem to have a

controversy over whether or not to wear a face mask when in public. Some object to it because they think it makes them look foolish. Others see it as an inconvenience or a violation of their rights. Others cite some of our leaders aren't setting the needed example. Still others claim facemasks don't protest anyone, or that the whole COVID-19 crisis is a HOAX.

We are sadly divided people! Yet the facts are, our health professionals (locally, regionally, and nationally) urge us to wear a mask when we are in a public setting. Why? Because even though restaurants, bars, and stores are opening up, the COVID-19 virus hasn't gone away.

As I write this article today, confirmed cases of the virus have spiked in 20

states! We are currently seeing one new confirmed case in St. Croix County each day, and our numbers have doubles over the past month. And nationally, over 125,000 people have now lost their lives to this disease!

So I ask you?...If Jesus were walking our streets today, do you think he would wear a mask in public? Why, or why not? How do you think Jesus would suggest we best "love our neighbor"?

Would Jesus be concerned about being uncomfortable or inconvenienced? Would his concern be with his vanity and appearance? Would you see Jesus arguing over his civil rights? Would he insult or make fun of those who were frightened for their lives? Or, would Jesus discount the counsel of medical experts?

Think of it, friends: The Jesus we preach was willing to experience humiliation, suffering, and death to save the people he loved. It seems to me, if Jesus would die on a cross for us, he would wear a mask for us. He would do everything in his power to protect

our well-being and show his care in practical ways...like wearing a mask.

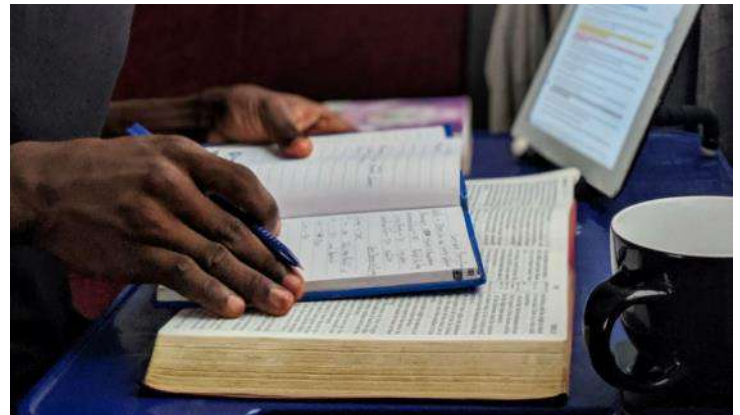
Christians should be leading the way in loving our neighbors and caring for the vulnerable. That is not just Jesus' job, it's your job and mine, too! What troubles me most is seeing people in public places without masks is sensing our convenience now overshadows our caring.

Liberty has become more important to some than love. And we have lost a sense of common courtesy and respect for those around us. Wearing a mask is not the only way to show our faith and our values, but it is ONE of the ways.

As a pastor in this community of faith, I hope and pray this crisis will bring out "the best" in those of us who claim to follow Jesus. I also hope you will be a living example of Christ's love, care, concern, compassion and respect for those around you.

Please, when you're in a public setting, think about the good of others. Jesus does. Put on your mask!

**John Lestock is pastor of Bethel  
Lutheran Church in Hudson.**

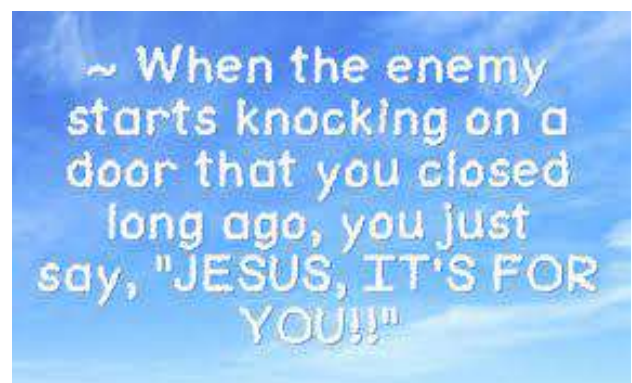


## TRUE, FALSE, AND WHEN?

Draw a line through every false statement about today's text of Matthew 14:22-33. Then put the remaining statements in the correct chronological order as told in the Bible story.

1. Peter, out of love for Jesus, swam to meet Him.
2. Jesus stayed behind while the disciples traveled to the other side of the lake without Him.
3. Jesus watched the disciples from a mountain to see how they'd handle the storm.
4. The minute the storm kicked up, Jesus hurried to save the disciples.
5. Jesus condemned the disciples because of their fear.
6. Jesus appeared to the disciples like a ghost walking on the water.
7. All the disciples asked Jesus if He'd help them walk on the water too.
8. Jesus warned Peter that his faith might not be strong enough to walk on the water.
9. Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, in spite of the storm.
10. Peter walked on the water.
11. The wind died down when Peter and Jesus got back in the boat.
12. Jesus kept Peter, James, and John with him on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.
13. Peter began to sink when he paid attention to the wind and his fear grew.

The correct order for the true statements is: \_\_\_\_\_



# Hello October

## Church News

### Sunday Worship Services

**Sunday Mornings at 11:00 a.m.**



In person



**Live at 11:15 a.m.**

Via Facebook and YouTube Or



### Sunday School Classes

**Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.**

In person



Via Facebook and YouTube



### Noon Day Bible Study

**Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon**

Via Conference Call

1-701-802-5010 Access Code: 833827  
If there is a cost, please call your carrier.

### 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



With the increasing number of cases of COVID-19

among children and adults, the Children's Church will no longer meet in person on the 4th Sunday.

Stay tuned for additional details on virtual sessions...



The deacons, together with the ministers of Joshua, are always a resource for you.

Please join them in continually praying for everybody!



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# NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

If you know of anyone who does not receive Joshua Blast's emails and would like to be included or no longer want to receive emails, please send email request to: [churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com](mailto:churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com) Attention: Sis. Karen Pratt or Sis. Cindy Cato.

## Three Ways to Give



Online

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. 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](mailto:churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com).
- ◆ **Healthcare Providers (Nurses) Ministry** is seeking volunteers to assist in this very necessary ministry. If you possess any or all of the 4 C's (caring, compassionate, courageous and committed) this ministry is for you! Those who are interested, please contact Sis. Kathy Capers Yellets at (843) 818-8209.
- ◆ The **CAPPS Ministry** is seeking volunteers to support the church journal. Please consider becoming a member of our ministry. No experience is necessary. If you are interested, please contact Sis. Trena Haskell or Sis. Betty Rouse via church email. ([churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com](mailto:churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com)) Attn: CAPPS

**Sunday School** - Classes are now held at the church starting at 10 am. The Adult Class is **live** streamed on the church's YouTube channel. The new Sunday School books are available for pickup from the church main lobby.

**Tuesday Night Bible Study** will be **live** on Facebook and YouTube at 6 p.m. The study at this time is "Obedience." Study Guides are available at the church in the main lobby to pickup.

Wednesday Bible Study via telephone conferencing. Class will begin promptly at 12 Noon. Everyone is asked to mute their telephone prior to the start of the study. To mute from your landline, press \*5. If there is a charge, please call your carrier.

1-701-802-5010      Access Code: 833827

**Pastor Grove, Rev. Isler, and Sis. Frazier look forward to sharing God's word with you!**

## WINDING CHAIN

Please remember to pray at our appointed hour.

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



The SC Stay Plus: South Carolina's Rent and Utility Assistance Program is a rental and utility assistance program, funded by the U.S. Department of Treasury, that launched in May 2021 to assist those who are experiencing financial hardships and housing challenges as a result of the COVID-19 global health emergency that has disrupted the lives of so many. You can call (803) 336-3420 or 1-800-476-0412 or click on the following link [SC Housing](#) for more information.

# JBC 3rd Annual Four Seasons Tea

*"Everybody in the Body Is Somebody Special"*

## SPRING



**FALL**

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Virtual—During  
Worship Service

## SUMMER



Please wear your  
season's colors.

## WINTER



Members are asked to give  
**\$50**

**Four Seasons Tea** ~ will be celebrated on Sunday, October 10 during regular worship service. Members are asked to wear their season's color (listed in photo).

This is a fundraiser to assist with paying down our mortgage and Pastor Grove is asking each adult member to give a \$50 donation for this event. Please contact your team captain at the number listed to let her know you are on her team and of your donation. When making your donation, make sure you indicate which month your giving represents. You can give your donation through our church website by online giving or by using an envelope.

We are grateful to have this opportunity to fellowship with one another once again and thank you in advance for your participation and support.



### Winter

Deaconess Helen Hill (843) 554-4715

**December, January, February**

Sis. LaKeshia Cooper

### Spring

Sis. Thalia Frost (843) 568-4152

**March, April, May**

Sis. Mary McNeal

### Summer

Sis. Andrea Grampus (843) 769-6707

**June, July, August**

Sis. J'hanness Wright

### Fall

Deaconess Betty Fields (973) 202-4578

**September, October, November**

Sis. Dianne Smith

### Drinks Table

Sis. Aleita Williams (843) 225-4878

Sis. Satrina Robinson

### Team Leader

Rev. Albertha Isler



**"Pour into Morris"** - Joshua has been asked to raise \$10,000 in donations for Morris College by the end of November. 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.

Thank you Joshua and please continue to give as we would like to reach our goal before November.