



Joshua's Journal

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



Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



The past few weeks have been challenging at best. Lady Grove and I were struck by something known as RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). That was the bad news. However, we were tested for COVID-19 and that was negative – that was the good news. This is what we thought! However, we have learned that we cannot take

anything for granted, and nobody has immunity to the ravages of the world. Therefore, we still feel bad, we went to Roper - St. Francis Xavier Hospital for another more in-depth test - that, one was positive. But it is God who is in charge, no matter the circumstances. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to HIS purpose.

We are on the rebound, but we've got to take it easy for a little while longer." Brothers and sisters, I appreciate your understanding and your unwavering support of Joshua. Let us continue to uphold the church leadership as we "Reach People for Christ".

Finally, as we prepare for our annual tea in October and our \$50 donation, let us pray that our Creator sweeps away the viruses, illnesses, and unnecessary suffering of the earth. And my brothers and sisters, we must not allow our fears to be bigger than our faith.

God loves you and we 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.

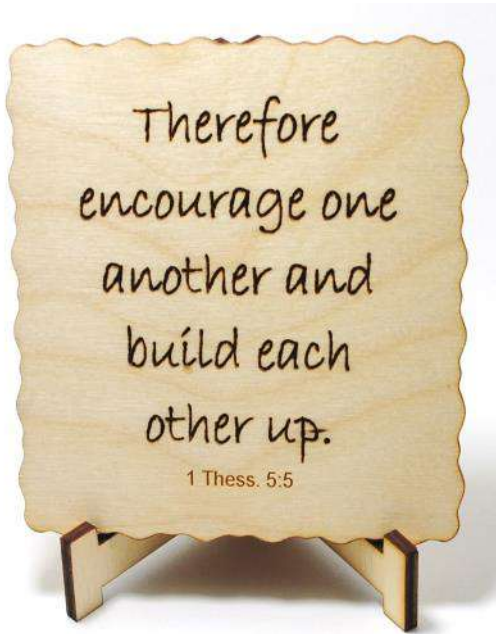
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God Bless You

By Margaret Richeson



“God Bless You!” How sweetly these precious words fall upon the ear when soul calls out to soul for help, for comfort, or for cheer. Very often we close the door of love and understanding by our failure to bless all persons and conditions around us. How often do we pause to bless any little task that we are called upon to do? We bless it by simply calling it good. Too often we bind ourselves to so-called misery by our failure to look for good (or God) in all that we do.

Very often I have found myself performing some duty, thinking, “How I hate to do this!” One task I used to dread more than all others was ironing. One morning as I was in the midst of the ironing, and incidentally feeling very sorry for myself, a Bible verse kept running through my mind. It is found in II Chronicles 20:17: “Ye shall not need to fight in this battle; set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of Jehovah with you.”

As I pondered over this verse, a beautiful unfoldment began. I need to fight this job I disliked! Not only did my negative attitude toward my work make the task more distasteful, but certainly God and hate could not dwell together in my realm of mind no matter what I disliked! Gradually, the light flooded my consciousness.

What is your work? Are you a laborer, an artist, musician, housewife, banker, lawyer, politician? No matter what your work is, bless it, thank God for it. You can glorify God in your particular vocation in life by blessing it, dedicating it to Him.

All during His ministry, Jesus Christ blessed all that He did. Before any healing was made manifest to the people around Him, He gave thanks and blessed it. His admonition to us was that we should do likewise. It is so simple, so easy to do. As you rise in the morning, bless the day and give God thanks for it. As you clothe yourself, bless the garments and ask God that they may be as robes of righteousness. As you pray, open your heart and mind to all of God’s creation and bless it. Bless the stranger on the street. Bless, bless, bless!

Let God speak through you in a mighty way. As you do this, His love will fill your life to overflowing. As the prophet Malachi said, God will “open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” However, unless we give a blessing, we cannot receive one. We can take unto ourselves only that which we impart to others.

No matter what the circumstances seem to be, quietly and with faith bless every situation and turn it over to God. No matter what demonstration you desire to make, what material gain you long for, always remember that before you can receive a blessing, you must first give one.

*“Bless Jehovah, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits,”
“All that is within me,
Bless his holy name.”*

“God bless you.” These three eternal words smooth the road of life. Though there may be difficulties on our way, they quickly fade as we breathe out three simple words: “God bless you.”



JBC Missionary Ministry Purse Project

On Saturday, July 31st, some of Joshua's Missionary Ministry members stuffed purses with toiletries to be given to ladies at homeless shelters. Forty-five purses were donated from ladies at Joshua last year for this outreach project. However, the project could not be completed at that time due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thirty-seven purses filled with toiletries were donated to 180 Place on Meeting Street, Downtown Charleston. From there, some will be given to other area women's homeless shelters. Five purses that were too small to be filled with toiletries were donated to the National Kidney Foundation. Three purses could not be used at all due to their conditions.

The extra toiletries that were not used for the purses were given to the following:

- ◆ Deaconess Sonya Jenkins to be placed into backpacks to be given to homeless adults
- ◆ Home of Hope, a homeless shelter for men in Summerville

The Missionary Ministry would like to thank all of the ladies at Joshua who donated purses for this outreach project. Thanks to our missionaries and Sister Donna Cato who assisted with stuffing the purses. We are also grateful to Sisters Samantha Fordham and Dianne Smith for donating some of the toiletries that were used. Deacon Eugene Wright and Brother Sam Kinlaw, we appreciate that you were at Joshua with us during the time we completed our project.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

--Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

God's blessings,

Gail Wallace Tolbert

Senior Missionary President





THE PEARLS MINISTRY

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.

PEARLS OF WISDOM



Any who may wish to profit himself alone from the knowledge given him, rather than serve others through the knowledge he has gained from learning, is betraying knowledge and rendering it worthless

Haile Selassie

BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY

It is far better for us to be 100% safe at this point and attempt to get together at a later date. With that being said, the annual men's retreat has been canceled. A big "Thank You" to those who were already planning to attend and making plans to be part of a super excited, fun-filled, three days in Myrtle Beach.

Also, you can still bring a "Love Gift" of \$50 and mark your envelope "Brotherhood" donation as we try to ensure we can bless others in the near future directly from the Brotherhood Ministry.

Brethren and members, thank you so much for supporting the Deacons Appreciation service that was held Sunday, August 29th.

Please keep families lifted up in prayer as well as all the sick and those affected by Covid-19 virus.

Remember we are somebody because God made us and Christ died for us. Support your home, family, and church because, *"No matter what anyone else may say, God knows, I'm Trying !!!"*



Serving God through Serving Others

BE STRONG
in the Lord
AND IN THE
Strength
OF HIS
MIGHT
EPHESIANS 6:10

Deacon & Deaconess Appreciation Day - Sunday, August 29, 2021: Honoring our Deacons & Deaconesses



Deacon Albert & Deaconess Helen Hill



Deacon Eugene & Deaconess Annette Wright



Deacon Joseph & Deaconess Maryetta Wilson



Deacon Arnold & Deaconess Sonya



Deacon Frank & Elder Cecily Brown



D-E-A-C-O-N-S

Knowing Where to Serve:

Our deacons and deaconesses have been very instrumental in terms of their service rendered to the body of Christ. We celebrate and honor all of you in a big way.

- Desire**
- Experience**
- Aptitude**
- Counsel**
- Opportunity/Open Doors**
- Need**
- Spirit-Prompting**



Thank you to our Deacons and Deaconesses who have served our church and Lord so faithfully! Let us all keep praying for our deacons and deaconesses so that God can add more wisdom and knowledge that comes from Him.



Deacon Anthony & Rev. Mary Glover



Deacon Casdell & Deaconess Chenette Singleton



Deacon Leroy & Deaconess Shelley Brown



Deacon Lawrence & Deaconess Alma Strother



Deacon Stanley & Deaconess Diane Perry



Deacon Leroy & Deaconess Clarice White



Deacon Charles & Deaconess Mary Pinckney



Deacon Joseph & Deaconess Betty Fields

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH



COVID-19 Vaccines for Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised People

NOTICE: FDA has granted full approval for Pfizer-BioNTech (COMIRNATY) COVID-19 Vaccine.

What You Need to Know

- ◆ People who are moderately to severely immunocompromised are especially vulnerable to COVID-19 because they are more at risk of serious, prolonged illness.
- ◆ People with moderately to severely compromised immune systems may not build the same level of immunity to 2-dose vaccine series compared to people who are not immunocompromised.
- ◆ People who have compromised immune systems may benefit from an additional dose to make sure they have enough protection against COVID-19.
- ◆ CDC recommends people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised should receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine after the initial 2 doses.
- ◆ This additional dose intended to improve immunocompromised people's response to their initial vaccine series is not the same as a booster dose, given to people when the immune response to a primary vaccine series is likely to have waned over time.
- ◆ Although CDC does not recommend additional doses or booster shots for any other population at this time, HHS has announced a plan to begin offering COVID-19 vaccine booster shots this fall.

Who Needs an Additional COVID-19 Vaccine?

Currently, CDC is recommending that moderately to severely immunocompromised people receive an additional dose. This includes people who have:

- ◆ Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- ◆ Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- ◆ Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- ◆ Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- ◆ Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- ◆ Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response
- ◆ **People should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them.**
- ◆ **Find a COVID-19 Vaccine Location near you: Search [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233.**
- ◆ Check your local pharmacy's website to see if vaccination walk-ins/appointments are available.
- ◆ Contact your state or local health department for more info.



Innovative SC AMEN project puts spotlight on black men, prostate cancer

Prostate cancer survivor Lee Moultrie encourages black men in his community to lead active and healthy lifestyles and is an ambassador for prostate cancer screenings. The 15-month project, led by cancer researcher Marvella Ford, PhD, associate director of Population Sciences and Cancer Disparities, will focus on Black men age 40 to 65 years, the recommended age group for prostate cancer screening.

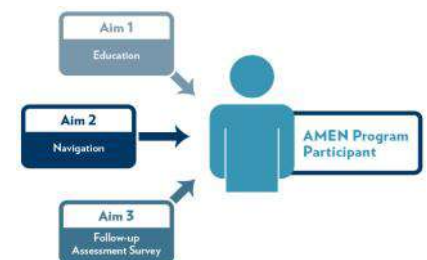
We know that in South Carolina, black men die of prostate cancer at a rate that's nearly three times higher than for white men with prostate cancer, and so that's a real problem. If we can screen more men and educate people about prostate cancer and then help to deliver screening, then we will be able to reduce the mortality rates."

Here's how the program works. Its three aims are:

- To deliver monthly prostate cancer education sessions to black men, focusing on ways to increase prostate cancer screening in their communities.
- To provide navigation services for those who attend the prostate cancer educational sessions to resolve any barriers they may face in getting prostate cancer screening.
- To administer a follow-up survey to each program participant to assess prostate cancer screening rates following the education session.

Everyone who participates will receive a \$50 gift card at the start of the program and then another \$50 once a three-month follow-up survey is completed. At each session, there will be giveaways. The men who go through the program will become ambassadors in their own neighborhoods, spreading the word. And, most importantly, they'll be getting the care they need.

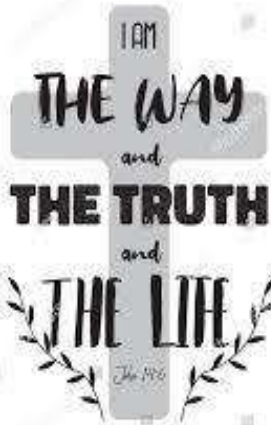
For more information, email Melanie Slan at slan@muscu.edu.



Matthew Chapter 5:1-12



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BLESSED
COMFORTED
EARTH
FILLED
GLAD
GOD
HEART
HEAVEN

HUNGER
INHERIT
KINGDOM
MEEK
MERCIFUL
MOUNTAIN
MOURN
PEACEMAKERS

PERSECUTED
POOR
PROPHETS
PURE
REWARD
RIGHTEOUSNESS
SPIRIT
THIRST

Why did the unemployed man get excited while reading his Bible?

He thought he saw a job.

Does God love everyone?

Yes, but He prefers "fruits of the spirit" to "religious nuts!"

If Mary had Jesus, and Jesus was a little lamb... Does that mean Mary had a little lamb?

What's so funny about forbidden fruits? They create many jams.

Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean? He just knew there was something fishy about it.

**Just
for
laughs**

Church News

HELLO
September



YouTube

Sunday School Classes

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

In-person



Via Facebook and YouTube

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#

YouTube



4th Sunday Mornings at 11:00 a.m.

Joshua Baptist Church Activity Center

In-person

Casual Clothes and Tennis Shoes

Recommended.



Virtual Bible Study

Join us via Zoom conference call on your computer or phone



YouTube

Evening Bible Study

Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Study ~ Spiritual Warfare

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.

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



Happy Birthday and Anniversary to everyone celebrating in September!



September 6th



September 12th



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