



Joshua's Journal

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



Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



There is a song that says, “I can see the sun peeping through the clouds, the storms are almost gone.” Brothers and sisters, the storms of Covid-19, Delta Variant, and Omicron are almost gone. We still must be careful and exercise due diligence.

However, our pandemic committee and church officers have decided to relax some of our pandemic protocols. If you are not vaccinated, it is recommended that you continue wearing a mask. If you are fully vaccinated and have no virus-related symptoms, the mask is optional. In both cases, if you feel safer wearing a mask, continue to use it.

Brothers and sisters, change is coming to the Lord's House. And remember that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. In Joshua we love the Lord, and we worship here with purpose. Therefore, we must remain connected to our overall purpose, “Reaching People for Christ – God First!” If we do our part, then Our Father will do the rest.

Thanks to the church family, family, and so many friends who made my 77th birthday a special one. We look forward to the celebration of our 34th pastoral anniversary and 54th wedding anniversary. To HIM be all the glory. God loves you, 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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September 24, 1998

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May 9, 2012



HOW DO YOU HEAL A BROKEN HEART?



Faith is the light of the next step illuminating a way ahead, without revealing the direction. Faith will sustain and comfort through our darkest hours. Faith upholds the unseen hope. It is the seasoning that endures, the pain of life whilst revealing that misery can be optional.

Faith is a light in the darkness, surrounded, yet not consumed. In the storms of our lives, faith is the stillness seated at the rear of our boat.

Adrian Wait



Your pain touches God's heart



By faith, receive God's promise that your heart and life will be healed. Whatever the case may be in your life, God is the Ultimate Great Healer and Physician. He can fix anything in your life and make it new again so that it is better than it ever was before.

Today, choose to believe and trust that God will do exactly that. You don't have to figure it all out how He will do that. Let God do His job and let Him be the one to figure it all out. Not you. Your job is to just believe God, to trust Him that He will do what He promised in His Word and by His Word. Believe God to heal your broken heart.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up
1 Thessalonians 5:11

What Happened to Jesus. Across: 1, wounds; 3, punishment; 4, transgressions; 5, pain; 6, living; 8, iniquities; 9, took; 10, rejected; 12, slaughter. Down: 2, oppression; 5, punished; 7, mouth; 11, esteem.



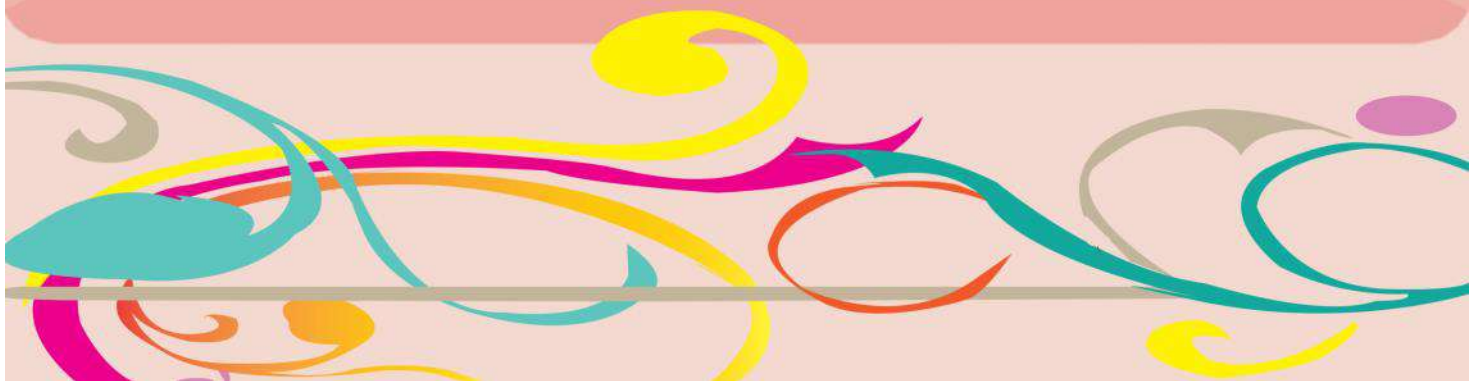
He's Just A Prayer Away

Sometimes we may think that our prayers aren't reaching God's ears. Nothing could be further from the truth! I'm sure if we asked Supreme Court Nominee Judge Ketanji Brown-Jackson, if her prayers for strength were answered, she'd say that God positioned Sen. Corey Booker to comfort her in the midst of all the madness this past Wednesday. Keep on praying for you and yours, and please add the following Sisters and Brothers to your prayer list:

Sis. Francena Aiken
Sis. Nellie Banks
Bro. Sam Base
Sis. Ella Baugh
Bro. Lavante Beckwith
Sis. Rosa Lee Blue
Sis. Margie Breland
Sis. Murylen Broom
Sis. Cheryl Brown
Dea. Leroy & Dcns. Shelley Brown
Bro. Tony Brown
Chief Reggie Burgess
Rev. Abrou & First Lady Shirley Choice
Sis. Edna Clark
Sis. LaTone Codrey
Sis. Georgette Coleman
Sis. Tia Coleman-Jenkins
Sis. Josephine Collins
Sis. Felicia Cox
Little Ethan Entsuah-Dent
Sis. Gertrude Evans
Sis. Toni Foster
Sis. Doreen Frasier
Sis. Elizabeth Frazier
Sis. Janice Funnie
Bro. James Gadson
Rev. Mary & Deacon Tony Glover

Bro. Ike Green
Sis. Sonnie Haymond
Sis. Lizellen Hartley
Sis. Chaquetta Heyward
Sis. Carlotta Howard
Pastor Allen Huddleston
Sis. Jessica Jakes
Dea. Arnold & Dcns. Sonya Jenkins
Rev. Virginia Johnson
Sis. Yvonne Johnson
Sis. Betty Jones
Sis. Yummy Jones
Bro. Don Kennedy
Bro. Sammy & Rev. Hester King
Sis. Shirlene Mchellan-Davis
Sis. Roberta McKinney
Sis. Sylvia Major
Bro. Jacob & Sis. Francena Manigault
Sis. Lillie Manning
Sis. Joann Maze
Sis. Carolyn Mikell
Bro. Charles & Sis. Andrea Mills
Bro. Richard Molony
Bro. Earl Nelson
Bro. Louis & Sis. Shirley Newman
Sis. Clarine Polite

Bro. Gregory Polite
Sis. Tennie Proctor
Sis. Miriam Ragland
Bro. Marion & Viola Reed
Bro. Cedrick Rowe,
Trustee Curtis Salley
Bro. Greg Salley
Sis. Shannon Sally
Sis. Dorotheine Shaver
Sis. Dorothy Sheppard
Trustee Joan Simmons
Bro. Lenard Sinclair
Bro. Carl Singleton
Deaconess Alma Strother
Sis. Mary Taylor
Sis. Celisa Vanderhall
Sis. Terry Warner
Sis. Beverly Washington
Sis. Jan Washington
Bro. Johnny Washington
Dea. Joseph & Sis. Maryette Wilson
Bro. Anthony Wright
Sis. Debra Wright
Sis. Shavonne Young



**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
34th PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY!**

Congratulations to

*Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove on receiving the
William "Butch" Barfield Lifetime
Achievement Award*



Pastor Grove received the William "Butch" Barfield Lifetime Achievement Award. This award was presented to him by the North Charleston Police Department Cops Athletic Program on February 26, 2022. Joshua Baptist Church family is very proud and honored to have you as our HERO. Congratulations Pastor Grove!



Pastor Robert L. & First Lady Pauline Grove



Celebrating Your Birthday!



The Pastor Aid Ministry, along with the congregation, wished Pastor Grove a very Happy 77th Birthday on March 13th during Sunday Morning Worship Service. His birthday was on March 18th.

**You are special, you
are loved, you are
YOU ~ and the world
is blessed to have you
in it!
Happy Birthday!**

*We
Appreciate
You,
Pastor*

17 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

18 For Scripture says, "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," [a] and "The worker deserves his wages."

1 Timothy 5:17-18

Thank You Pastor

The work you have done for this congregation has truly been a blessing. I am praising God to be so blessed as to have a shepherd who loves his flock this much.



YOU'VE BEEN LOVED FOR

34 YEARS
that is 408 months

1,768 WEEKS

12,410 DAYS | 297,840 HOURS

17,870,400 MINUTES

and counting!



The **U** in Jesus

Before **U** were thought of or time had begun,
God stuck **U** in the name of His Son. And each time **U** pray,
you'll see it's true- You can't spell out Jes**U**s and not
include **U**. You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For **U** He was born; that's why He came. And his great love
for **U** is the reason He died. It even takes **U** to spell
cr**U**cified.

Isn't it thrilling and spendidly grand He rose from the dead,
with **U** in His plan? The stones split away, the gold
tr**U**mpet blew, And this word res**U**rrection is spelled with a
U. When Jes**U**s left earth at His **U**pward ascension, He felt
there was one thing He just had to mention. "Go into the
world and tell them it's true. That I love them all—Just like
I love **U**." So many great people are spelled with a **U**, Don't
they have a right to know Jes**U**s too? It all depends now on
what **U** will do, He'd like them to know, But it all starts with
U. (A Christian poem by: Laketa)

Submitted by the

Deaconess Ministry

You Deserve The Glory!!

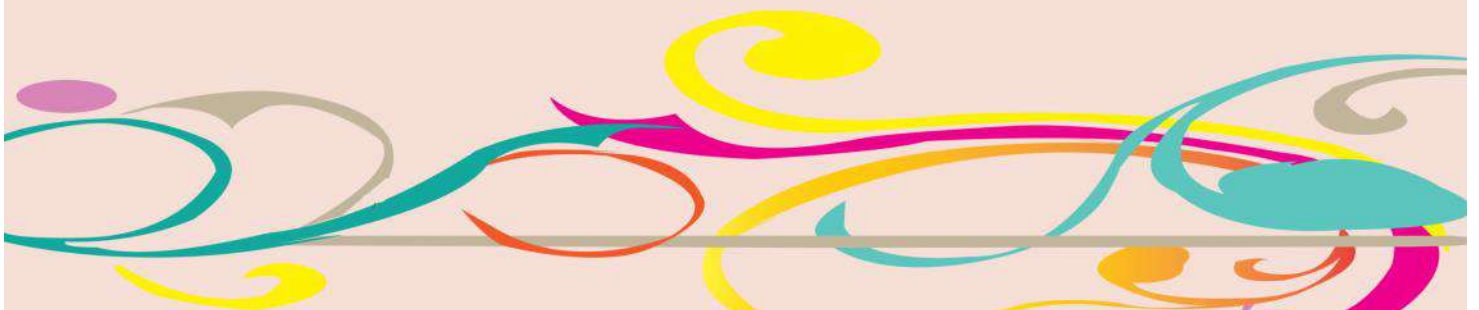


Hello S-O-Nrise

Rev. Harriet Mazyck

Newton's law of Inertia says that for every action, there is a reaction. Our Father's law of Sovereignty declares that He can interrupt any action to direct it towards incomprehensible Divine reactions of His personal choosing. The WORD refers to situations in our lives symbolically as attributes of nature. Darkness speaks to mental and physical turmoil we experience resultant of natural situations as well as wickedness in the land emerging from the hearts of people who've decided to serve other gods rather than the only True and Living God. The sun and the moon understand the spans of time that they are to present themselves to us here on earth within a 24-hour period. Likewise, the seasons in our lives are temporary. We experience challenging times during our dark seasons, but John 1:5 reminds us that the light shines in darkness; and the darkness vanishes away. Therefore, we can be reassured that trouble won't last always!

This month, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who shines brighter than the s-u-n! Jesus experienced darkness here on earth, especially, as His journey led him closer to His crucifixion to save you and me. But early one Sunday morning when His night gave way to a S-O-Nrise, Jesus jubilantly proclaimed, I Have Overcome the World! His Father, Our God, had raised Him from the dead causing a normal action to result in a Divine reaction. All Powers begin and end at Jesus' feet! Through Him, we too are Overcomers! Our Victorious, Jesus can grant salvation for the asking. Can't get a hold of your go-to-person around 12 am, He's available for a conversation! He can give you a peace that surpasses all understanding. Jesus can turn your mourning into dancing! Weeping may endure for a night, but JOY comes in the morning!! Always remember and share the Good News that although darkness may exist, when God speaks, it has to desist! Hello S-O-Nrise!





JBC BROTHERHOOD CORNER

April has usually meant spring has sprung and it's clean up time from the harsh months of winter. As you read this article, clocks are already turned forward, most of us are trying to keep things clean from all the yellow pollen, and we welcome longer sunlit days and warmer temperatures.

We want to recognize a brother this month who stands tall, never asks for anything of himself, always says yes no matter the task at hand, works to bring happiness and joy to others, and above all loves the Lord. Brother Carl Singleton is that person and more.

He has been an integral part of the Brotherhood for more than 10 years and if you were at our retreat a few years ago, heard his own personnel story. Like many (or all of us), he wasn't always putting his family, friends, loved ones, and even God first. However, that day came in his life when he made the choice to accept God as his Lord and Savior and we can only say, to God be the glory. He "moved forward" leaving the past behind and the Brotherhood is stronger because of men like Carl Singleton.



If you have never spent a few minutes talking to him, I encourage you to reach out and hear his many fish stories, how much he loves going to the men's retreat, attending Brotherhood meetings but most importantly, how God has touched and changed his life. He is a devoted father, grandfather, and friend. In Luke 10:29, someone asks Jesus, who is my brother? Carl Singleton answers that question by his actions, words, and deeds!

Please keep the Rollison/Salters family in your thoughts and prayers as Charles Rollison had his homegoing service on the 5th of March. Brother Charles absolutely loved the Brotherhood and we were far better with him on our team. May he rest in peace and God's good grace!

Brothers; please remember that we are somebody because God made us, and Christ died for us. Continue to provide for your home, lead your family, and support your church because, "No matter what anyone else may say, God knows, I'm Trying !!!" Show some brotherly love to somebody!

Deacon Lawrence Strother, President

WHAT I have LEARNED

Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

- Philippians 4:9 (NLT)
God's Love For Us

WHAT HAPPENED TO JESUS

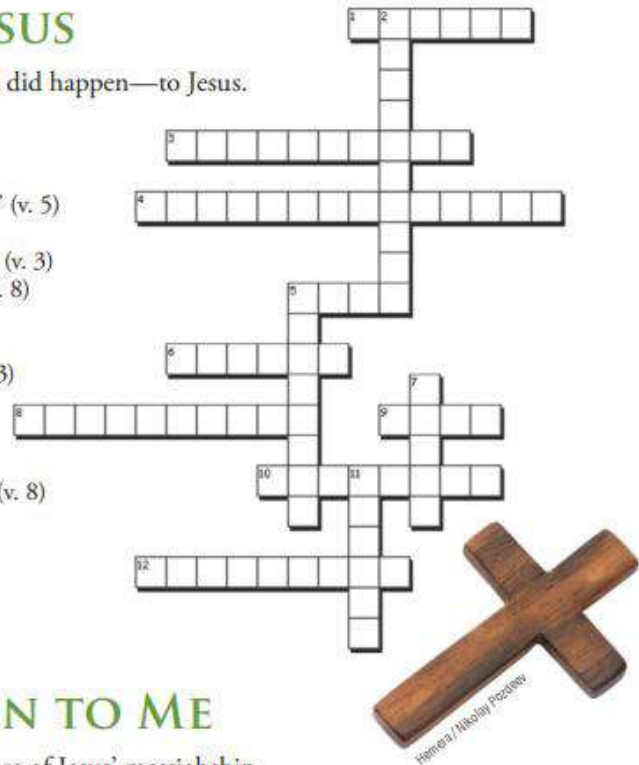
From Isaiah 53, recount what was to happen—and did happen—to Jesus.

Across

1. "by his _____ we are healed" (v. 5)
3. "the _____ that brought us peace was on him" (v. 5)
4. "he was pierced for our _____" (v. 5)
5. "a man of suffering, and familiar with _____" (v. 3)
6. "he was cut off from the land of the _____" (v. 8)
8. "he was crushed for our _____" (v. 5)
9. "surely he _____ up our pain" (v. 4)
10. "he was despised and _____ by mankind" (v. 3)
12. "he was led like a lamb to the _____" (v. 7)

Down

2. "by _____ and judgment he was taken away" (v. 8)
5. "we considered him _____ by God" (v. 4)
7. "he did not open his _____" (v. 7)
11. "we held him in low _____" (v. 3)



WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO ME

The disciples were slow to catch on to the true nature of Jesus' messiahship, and sometimes our actions (or lack of actions) demonstrate our own slowness in that regard. Read the following statements from Jesus and circle the one where you need his assistance most in applying it to your life. Then write a prayer to him confessing this and asking for his help.

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' . . . But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:31, 33).

"Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37).

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it" (Mark 8:34, 35).

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).



Timmy didn't want to put his money in the offering plate Sunday morning, so his mother decided to use some hurried creative reasoning with him. "You don't want that money, honey," she whispered in his ear. "Quick! Drop it in the plate. It's tainted!" Horrified, the little boy obeyed. After a few seconds he whispered, "But, mommy, why was the money tainted? Was it dirty?" "Oh, no dear," she replied. "It's not really dirty. It just 'taint yours, and it 'taint mine," she replied. "It's God's."

Educational Ways and Means needs YOU!

If ...

You have graduated high school since 2017 **and** attend a two-year or four-year college **and** attend Joshua Baptist Church.



Please...

Email a copy of your Spring 2022 Class Schedule to churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com with the subject **Educational Ways and Means**.

Receive...



A love offering towards your education!

Also, please help us continue the “Let Us Know” column! We want to recognize our children and their accomplishments especially upcoming graduates. Please email churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com with the subject **Educational Ways and Means**.

pearls of wisdom



“Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking. Don’t settle. As with all matters of the heart, you’ll know when you find it.” — Steve Jobs

The Pearls Ministry has been busy in the past couple of months with different projects.

For Heart Awareness Month, we took on the challenge of creating some crocheted red hats for Roper St. Francis Hospital. Together we were able to donate 136 hats, which was truly amazing!



For Black History Month, we took on the project of creating Heritage Ribbons, This was made from recycled materials just as our ancestors would make quilts from old shirts and pants to keep warm. This shows that this practice is still with us, and a permanent reminder of those who came before us with all their hopes, dreams, and prayers.

We are thankful that we are able to use our gifts for God’s Glory and to be a blessing for others. And pray that we have more project ideas to come! The Pearls Ministry



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **2021 Tax Giving Statement** — Please email Sisters Karen Pratt or Cindy Cato at churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com for a copy of your giving statement or you may request a copy by mail.
- ◆ **Lenten Observance ~ March 2 - April 17** - Pastor Grove has asked that we read and study Genesis Chapters 1 and 2 and while reading the first chapter to notice a refrain (something that is said over and over) so we can understand that creation is complete, God is not still creating. See if you can identify the refrain. Pastor is hopeful that we will be able to discuss this study in the future.
- ◆ **Resurrection Saturday ~ April 9, 12:00 – 1:30 PM** —The Youth Department is preparing a beautiful walk-thru program for the children. Please assist by **donating artificial flowers and one dozen size egg cartons** immediately.
- ◆ **Good Friday, April 15 & Easter Sunday, April 17** - *During this time, we are asked to not eat meat, seafood, or sweets until noon on Easter Sunday.*
- ◆ **Easter Candy** - The Sunday School ministry is asking each member of Joshua to **donate two bags of candy**. You can give your donation to any Sunday School teacher.
- ◆ **Pandemic Committee** continues to keep current with the latest information and protocols from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding COVID-19. As a result, the following changes have been implemented as a part of our progressive return to services as we once knew.
 - ◆ Fully vaccinated individuals — Masking is not required for the exception of choir members.
 - ◆ Individuals who are not vaccinated — While masking is not mandatory, individuals are encouraged to wear a face-covering for your protection and that of fellow congregants.
- ◆ **Our Sunday Service and Bible Study** will continue to be offered on YouTube and Facebook. Therefore, if you are not feeling well, please use one of these platforms to be a part of the service to keep yourself and others healthy.
- ◆ **JBC Sunday School** — All Sunday School classes are held at the church. The Adult Class is held in person and live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel. The Sunday School ministry is looking for teachers & volunteers for all classes. If you would like to teach, assist a teacher, or volunteer in the Sunday School ministry, please contact Min. LaTonia Robinson at (843) 568-4750 or Deaconess Shelley Brown at (843) 697-4028.
- ◆ **JBC Sunday School Ministry** is also taught on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1076017706523399??ref=share> ~ Look for the banner that says *Sunday School Taught Here*.
- ◆ **Pastor & First Lady Grove's 34th Anniversary** — On April 24, Pastor and Sis. Grove will be celebrating 34 years of serving at Joshua. We have truly been blessed by their leadership. Sis. Sylvia Major is asking all ministry leaders to encourage their members to participate in this wonderful occasion by giving their love offering. All members of Joshua are asked for a love offering of \$50. You may give online or by envelope. Be sure to indicate where your offering should be allocated.
- ◆ **The Employment and Education Services Department** is currently accepting applications for *Summer Youth Works 2022* for any high school (10th - 12th grade) or college students 24 years of age or younger. Use the link listed to complete the application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VRCYMCF>
- ◆ **Intercessory Prayer** - Pastor Grove has asked that you include in your prayers a request for our Father to '...fill us with all the fullness of GOD' *Ephesians 3:19. "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."* Joshua, thank you for your continued prayers as they are very needed in these times.



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