

Joshua's Journal

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



Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove



As I look back over the last quarter, I am filled with hope that we are on the other side of the Pandemic. I see stringent protocols being lifted and even eliminated throughout the land. I am very grateful for the magnificent way the Pandemic Committee led us through this very difficult time. I thank you the members for your strong support of the ministries of Joshua from the beginning of COVID 19 until now.

This year we have endured several losses of our Church Family and loved ones. But to the believers, we say, “Farewell but not goodbye” for one day God will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

Also, we are working very hard to re-open the Activity Center for regular use. The Trustees are looking for adult volunteers to assist with the oversight of on-site activities.

Finally, I leave with you some words of wisdom: The seed of prosperity must be sown in the soil of obedience. Satan does not have as much power and authority as a believer who is filled with the Holy Ghost. The first defense against temptation is to resist (James 4:7). Supplication is the act of asking for something in prayer (there is always a request in supplication). Tithing deals with obedience and an offering deals with expectation. And while you are being tested, your faith is being tried (1Peter 4:12-16).

Always 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.**

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 September 24, 1998

Amended
 July 30, 2005

Amended
 May 9, 2012

Peace
I give to you.
JOHN 14:27



Keep Together for Peace!



"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the Lord always." Isaiah 26:3-4a (NLT)

A Life of Peace

Your home offers protection from the outside elements. So when a storm rolls in, you seek shelter within the safety of those four walls. The same principle applies to life's storms. If you've built a home on a solid foundation of faith, then you've got a haven to run to whenever dark clouds gather and anxiety threatens to overwhelm and overtake you.

Let's suppose a problem is worrying you right now, and your stomach is all up in knots. Friends and family try to be understanding, but they're growing weary of you taking your heartache out on them. You're so focused on the issue that it feels as if your shoulders are bearing a heavy weight. Now listen to the liberating alternative the Creator offers:

"Cast your burden upon Me and I will sustain you" (Psalm 55:22). He doesn't always erase the ills that invade your life nor your thoughts. Instead, God shields you from the weight of worry and concerns by taking situations into His own hands. However, the call to a free and peaceful life goes unheeded unless a person has faith (confidence) in the Lord. Trust is built through a relationship... praying during daily trials and triumphs, seeking biblical guidance for decisions, and relying on the Word of God to see that it is true and practical. That's how a house of faith is constructed brick by brick, layer by layer... on the solid rock of Jesus Christ.

A believer who trusts in the Lord receives the peace that Isaiah 26:3 promises. But this unshakable peace definitely isn't instantaneous; it's cultivated through a consistent relationship with the risen Jesus. A lifestyle of dependence upon Him and Him only is essential to weathering life's storms.

"I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27 (NLT)



**...And the Power of the Lord was present
to heal them!! Luke 5:17**

Matthew, Mark, & Luke tell a story of friends going way above and beyond to get their sick friend into the house where Jesus was healing blinded eyes, cancer, grieving hearts, high blood pressure, diabetes, and on and on! You can imagine their journey would have been a lil slow, since they were transporting the dead weight of their paralytic friend on a mat. Nevertheless, their Faith in Jesus' "Never Failing Power" and their love for their friend prevailed. They pressed through the crowd only to see that there was no way to get in through the door! Jesus said ALL things are possible, If you only Believe, so they found a way to get to the Way Maker. These Christian men tore up the roof and lowered their friend on down into the midst of Jesus, and he was healed! There's strength in unity.

Please invest a little time to lift up these sisters and brothers in prayer. Faith without works is still dead!...and Prayer still changes things!

LOVE

Sis. Francena Aiken
Sis. Nellie Banks
Bro. Frank Barnes
Bro. Sam Base
Sis. Ella Baugh
Bro. Lavante Beckwith
Min. Belinda Bennett
Evang. Loretta Black
Sis. Rosa Lee Blue
Sis. Margie Breland
Sis. Murylen Broom
Sis. Cheryl Brown
Dea. Leroy &
Deaconess Shelley Brown
Bro. Tony Brown
Chief Reggie Burgess
Rev. Abrou & First Lady
Shirley Choice
Sis. Georgette Coleman
Bro. Leroy & Sis. Ruthie
Coleman
Sis. Tia Coleman-Jenkins
Sis. Josephine Collins
Sis. Felicia Cox
Sis. Ethel Drayton
Little Ethan Ensuah-Dent
Sis. Gertrude Evans
Sis. Elizabeth Frazier
Sis. Janice Funnie

FAITH

Bro. Stevie & Sis. Andrea
Grampus & Family
Bro. Ike & Trust. Angie Green
Sis. Lizellen Hartley
Sis. Chaquetta Heyward
Bro. Steven Heyward
Bro. William Heyward
Bro. Walter Heyward
Sis. Carlotta Howard
Bro. James Jackson
Sis. Jessica Jakes
Dea. Arnold & Deaconess
Sonya Jenkins
Bro. Montell &
Sis. Karen Johnson
Rev. Virginia Johnson
Sis. Yvonne Johnson
Bro. Don Kennedy,
Chas. County Interim Supt.
Bro. Sammy &
Rev. Hester King
Sis. Angie Lawson
Sis. Shirlene Mchellan-Davis
Sis. Roberta McKinney
Sis. Sylvia Major
Sis. Francena Manigault
& Family
Sis. Lillie Manning
Sis. Joann Maze

HOPE

Sis. Carolyn Mikell
Sis. Andrea Mills
Bro. Richard Molony
Bro. Earl Nelson
Bro. Nehemiah &
Sis. Sheila Nelson
Bro. Louis &
Sis. Shirley Newman
Sis. Clarine Polite
Bro. Gregory Polite
Sis. Miriam Ragland
Sis. Viola Reed & Family
Bro. Cedrick Rowe
Trustee Curtis Salley
Bro. Greg Salley
Sis. Shannon Sally
Sis. Dorothrine Shaver
Sis. Dorothy Sheppard
Bro. Lenard Sinclair
Bro. Carl Singleton
Sis. Mary Taylor
Sis. Celisa Vanderhall
Sis. Terry Warner
Dea. Joseph & Deaconess
Maryette Wilson
Sis. Debra Wright
Sis. Shavonne Young

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR STUDENTS ON YOUR PROMOTION TO THE NEXT GRADE!

Congratulations **NICE GOING!**
GREAT! Way to Go!
 Yea! **FELICITATIONS**
CHEERS Take A **BEST**
BOW! **WISHES!**



You've done it!
Congrats on your
incredible
accomplishment!

God has perfect timing:
never early, never late.
 It takes a little patience and
a whole lot of faith...
BUT IT'S WORTH THE WAIT



High School Diploma

Joshua Baptist Church held a Recognition Ceremony for the "Class of 22" graduates on Sunday, June 12th. We are exceptionally pleased with all of our students and wish all of them the finest within the career that they will be choosing. Congrats on this superb achievement. May God continue to bless each of you.

Albert "Ramone" Hill

Palmetto Scholars Academy Attending
 USC Upstate - Spartanburg
 Dual enrollment student at TTC



Aniyah Jhene Hughes

Trident Tech Early College



Antwann James Hughes Jr.

Burke High School



Aynna Pugh

Military Magnet Academy



Tariq Shabazz

Pinewood Prep



Anarje Skinner

Goose Creek High School

Attending College of Charleston

Enlisted in the US Air force

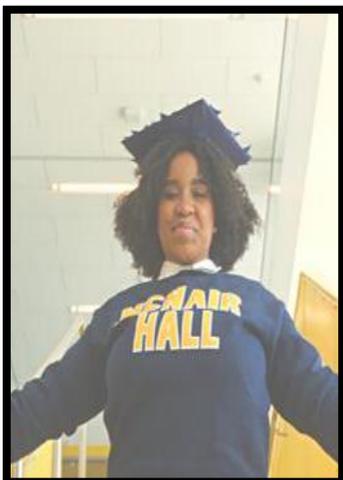
Attending Wingate University

College— TBD

College— TBD

Bachelor's Degree

Master's Degree



Alana Ellerson

North Carolina A&T

Engineering



Amera Roper

Winthrop University

Bachelor of Science Business Admin.



Deon Rhode

Master of Public Health

Florida A&M



Danielle Capers Taylor

Charleston Southern University

Master of Athletic Training



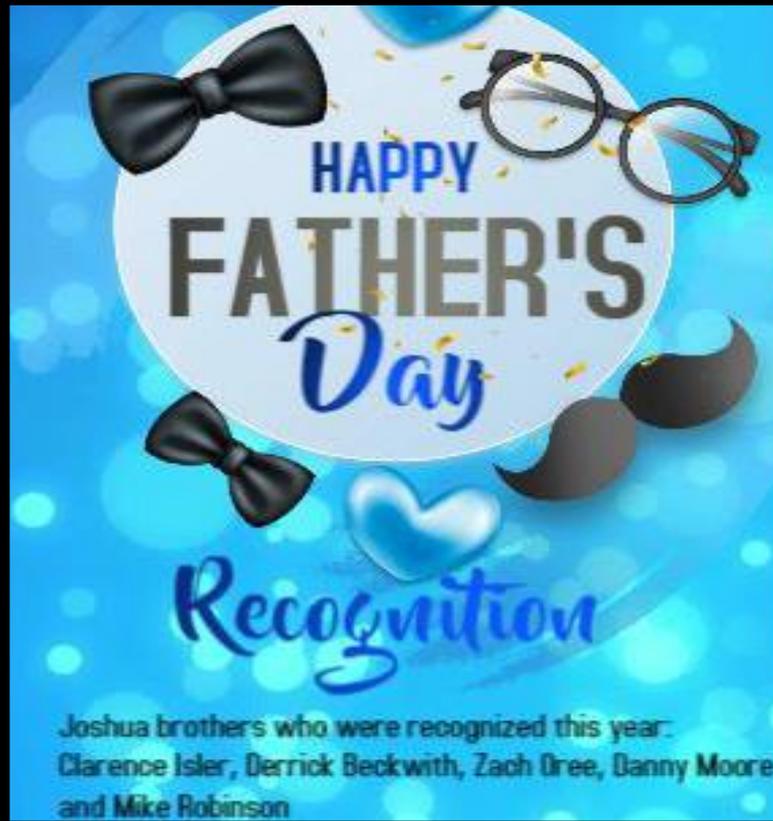
Mother Helen Hill

An award was presented to Mother Hill on Mother's Day in recognition of 33 years of service as President of the Deaconess Ministry.

The JBC Youth Department displayed a poster at The Annual State Woman's Baptist Educational & Missionary Convention 2022 and won first place, **The SC Program Award of the Year**. Korey Anderson displayed the trophy and Dallas Moore displayed the poster to the congregation. The poster included pictures and data from the Youth Department's Kick-off Program, "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ", held the Saturday before Easter. They explained what each photo represented and what the program entailed. They did an amazing job of representing the church! In addition, Sis. Alexis Jenkins sang a lovely solo. Pastor Grove and the Joshua Baptist Church family gave them with a big round of applause! We are exceptionally proud of them for all of their dedicated work.

Jadin Anderson was recognized for **Youth of the Year** for Joshua Baptist Church. Others who attended included Kori Anderson, Amora Pryor, Dallas Moore, Ariana Johnson and Elijah Grove.

Sisters Sara Grove and Alexis Jenkins also participated in the YWA Program.



Ordination Service of Minister LaTonia Robinson

Ordination Service was held for our very own Minister LaTonia Robinson on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Rev. Dr. Timothy R. Simmons, Moderator, presided, and Rev. Bernard Brown conveyed the message. She received her Certificate of Ordination, a Bible and a hymn book. She has now become Rev. LaTonia Robinson and has been described by Pastor Grove as a minister of the Gospel.

Rev. Robinson, as you walk in the path God has chosen for you, may the Lord give you joy as you are led by the Holy Spirit to do His will.

Congratulations and may God Favor and Bless You!



Thank You for all of the years of service with the Youth Department



The new officers of the Youth Department recognized the previous Co-Chair, Sis. Gail Tolbert and Youth Director, Bro. Steven Heyward on Sunday, May 22, 2022. Sis. Tolbert was unable to attend. Sis. Tolbert and Bro. Heyward served for ten years and did exceptional work. They backed the Youth Department by going to monthly Cooper River meetings, E&M conventions with the young people, held Back-to-School prayer services, black history programs,

attended and instructed YES Ministry classes, instructed the youth on how to lead devotional services, took them on outings, and so much more. With their leadership, it made all of these things possible. The Youth Department acknowledged them for their commitment to God and the Joshua Church Family. Our new officers are Dea. Casdell Singleton (Advisor), Sisters Alexis Jenkins and Shanstacy Whack (Co-Chairs) and Sis. Sonya Jenkins, Youth Director.



Congratulations to Sis. Xaviera Thurman!!



Sis. Thurman received the 2022 Meeting Street Brentwood Faculty Award. Her peers recognized her as an amazing and awesome educator.

On behalf of the Joshua Baptist Church family, we would like to congratulate you on being the best teacher of the year at Brentwood. Success isn't just a destination, it's a continuous journey.

This year, you have been named teacher of the year because you were the absolute best among your peers. You earned this number one spot. This best teacher award is an undeniable testament to your unwavering brilliance. Joshua is very proud of your accomplishment. Congratulations to you and all the best for the future.

MS. THURMAN




COLLEGE- NCCU & LIBERTY
 FAVORITE COLOR- MAROON AND GRAY
 FAVORITE FOOD- SEAFOOD
 FAVORITE THING TO DO OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL-
 SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

WHY AM I TEACHER? BECAUSE IT'S WHAT IS IN MY HEART. I LOVE SEEING LITTLE PEOPLE SEE WHAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF!



All of you will be preparing to return to school soon. It doesn't matter if it's your first day of kindergarten or the first day of your senior year. I know that going back to school can be exciting for some and stressful for others. There is a lot that goes into prepping for the first day of school, from buying all the necessary supplies to finding the perfect outfit or shoes. I know it may seem like everything goes so fast and it's so uncertain. But, just remember to make the first day of school as the first opportunity to start a new chapter. This is a new year, a new beginning. And things will change and can change! You got this! You can be the change!

I would like to invite you to try new things this year and develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow. Don't try hard to fit in, and certainly don't try hard to be different... just try hard to **be YOU**. You are amazing just the way you are, just the way God created you! Trying new things is not easy, but remember anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new. So, go for it and know that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. This school year is your year to shine.

Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen. I pray for a wonderful school year for all of you. I pray and ask God to give you the health, strength and love for learning that you need to make this year amazing.

May God bless you always!

Love,

Sis. Maria Anderson





JBC BROTHERHOOD CORNER

Welcome to summertime! Brothers, July is upon us and that usually signals a start to summer activities such as outdoor grilling, family vacations, nationwide celebrations on the Fourth of July, and hotter temperatures. The year is already moving faster than we can imagine and pretty soon we will be asking ourselves, "What happened to 2022?"

As you read this, our May and June Brotherhood meetings, as well as Father's Day will be in the rear view mirror. We were blessed to recognize a few fathers and answer a local request from Al Cannon Detention Center. I want to send out another huge "Thank You" for those who responded to the T-shirt request. We donated nearly 30 packs of T-shirts and a \$70 monetary gift as a result of your generosity. Outstanding job, Well Done!



Due to other services at the church, we will reschedule the cemetery clean up date and will be scheduling our next Lowcountry food drive for the week of 7-13 August. We can all agree prices are higher than ever and gas is at an all time high. However, there are still people all around us with far worse situations than ourselves. We must continue supporting those less fortunate where and when we can because of God's blessings. We are discussing returning to some type of retreat in November, so please come to the July 16 meeting at 9 a.m. as want everyone's input on how to move forward.

Please keep all the sick and shut-in lifted up in prayer, as there is quite a list of brothers who are in need of a blessing of health and strength. Also, take just a minute to say Happy Birthday this month to two of our most senior members: Rev. Melvin Scott (July 4) and Deacon Joseph Wilson (July 1). Deacon Wilson has a very historic life story to tell if you ever have a "few" minutes to sit and talk.

Brothers, please keep this thought in your daily walk of life. 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.





Church Announcements

- ◆ If you know of anyone who does not receive the Joshua Blast emails and would like to be included or no longer want to receive emails, please send email request to: churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com Attention: Sis. Karen Pratt or Sis. Cindy Cato.
- ◆ **CAPPS Ministry** is collecting photos through August 7th to be included in a year-end slide presentation. If you have any photos of events we have held over the years, please email them to churchjoshuabaptist@gmail.com or give to a CAPPS member.
- ◆ **Women's Day Service** ~ Missionaries, along with the women of Joshua, will once again celebrate our annual day. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to celebrate for the past two years, but thanks to God "The Storm" is passing over and we're back together in worship! The service will take place Sunday, July 17 and it will involve every woman in the church. A Women's Day choir is needed, so we are asking every woman in this ministry to serve. We also need all ushers and others to collect the offering. If you are interested in serving, please contact Sis. Aleita Williams. The attire is white with a pink corsage and accessories. We look forward to an 'Awesome' day of worship because we have so much to praise God for. Sis. Aleita Williams, Senior Missionary President
- ◆ **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 below changes are implemented immediately as a part of our progressive return to services as we once knew.
 - * For fully vaccinated individuals, the wearing of mask or face coverings is optional. However, choir members will continue to wear face coverings.
 - * While it is not mandatory, individuals who are unvaccinated are encouraged to wear a face covering for your protection and fellow congregants.
- ◆ **At-Home COVID-19 Tests** ~ The Federal government is allowing every household to order 8 additional free At-home COVID tests in preparation for the current surge and another likely Fall surge. If you are interested, you can order tests at www.covid.gov/tests. They are rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR, can be taken anywhere, give results within 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required) and work whether or not you have COVID-19 symptoms or up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines.
- ◆ **Giving Envelopes** – When giving your gifts, clearly indicate on your envelope where you would like your giving to be allocated. Also, print your **FIRST** and **LAST** name on your envelope. **DO NOT WRITE: Doe Family or J. Doe or Doe.** We want to ensure that accurate records of your giving are maintained and cannot do so without your full name **CLEARLY WRITTEN**.
- ◆ **JBC Sunday School**—All classes are held in-person at the church with the exception of the Adult Class which is held in-person and live streamed on the church's YouTube channel and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1076017706523399?ref=share> ~ Look for the banner that says, "Sunday School Taught Here." This ministry is looking for teachers and volunteers for all classes. If you have a burning desire to teach our children and/or assist a teacher, please contact Rev. LaTonia Robinson at (843) 568-4750 or Deaconess Shelley Brown at (843) 697-4028. They look forward to hearing from you.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Tuesday Night Bible Study** is taught at the church and **LIVE** on Facebook and YouTube at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Grove is teaching "Prayer".
- ◆ **Wednesday Inspirational Hour** held via telephone. Class begins promptly at 12 Noon. Everyone is asked to **MUTE** their phones before the study begins. To mute from your landline, press *5. 1) 1-701-802-5010 2) Access Code: 33827 Pastor Grove, Rev. Albertha Isler and Deaconess Helen Hill are excited and looking forward to sharing God's word with you.
- ◆ **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. Our Deacons as well as the Ministers of Joshua want you to know that you are in their concerns and prayers. Join them as we pray one for another. If you have a particular prayer request you would like to share with Joshua, please inform Sis. Cindy Cato or Sis. Karen Pratt.
- ◆ **WINDING CHAIN**—Please remember to pray at your appointed hour: Team 1 – Prosperity ~ 7:00 a.m. ~ Team 2 – Commitment ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ Team 3 – Salvation ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ Team 4 – Healing ~ 10:00 a.m. Team 5 – Increase Giving ~ 11:00 ~ Team 6 – Health ~ 12:00 p.m. Team 7 – New Members ~ 1:00 p.m. ~ Team 8 – Expansion ~ 2:00 p.m. Team 9 – Deliverance ~ 3:00 p.m. Team 10 – Youth ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Team 11 – Wisdom ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ Team 12 – Knowledge and Understanding ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Ways to Give** ~ Tithes and offerings support the church financially. Ways you can continue to support Joshua during these prayerful days that God continues to be GOOD and BLESS His people: **On-site** - Deacons are here on **Sundays** at **9:00 a.m.** to receive your offerings. * **Mail** - Joshua Baptist Church, 2482 Faber Road, North Charleston, SC 29405 * **Online** —Through our website <https://www.joshuabapt.org> (click "Online Giving" on top right corner)



WHY BE KIND?

Words to find:

Beneficent

Benevolent

Charitable

Considerate

Generous

Q T S Z U O E D T R A Q K F R
B K N V K M L V N G R Z E L R
J G V E Z Q E E E T W Z K J P
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Pray Strategically

*Sabbath Day Sunday - Praise God
from whom all blessings flow*

*Testimony Tuesday - Testify
about what God has done for you*

*Thankful Thursday - Try not to
ask God for anything but thank
Him for everything*

*Settle Saturday - Begin settling
your prayers and declaring them
in the name of Jesus...Wait
patiently for God to respond*

*Monday Manna - Pray God's word
over your family, job, etc. to
start off the week*

*Worship Wednesday - Focus on
who God is and how good He is*

*Free Friday - Whatever is on your
heart or mind that day or during
the week*

