

*The grass withereth, the flower  
fadeth: but the word of our God  
shall stand for ever.*

*Isaiah 40:8 (KJV)*

# Joshua's Journal

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



To: The Officers and Members of Joshua Baptist Church  
Greetings!

Almighty God has blessed me to lead and serve the congregation of Joshua for over 34 years. As I served Joshua, I endeavored to always serve the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us to, "Trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not to our own understanding, and in all our ways to acknowledge Him and He will direct our paths."

So, with the counsel of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of the Word of God, I submit my intention to retire as the Pastor of

Joshua, effective September 1, 2022, **or until as such time that the church has duly elected and installed a new pastor.**

Saints of God, this is the most difficult choice I have ever had to make. The Lord has blessed our House for more than three decades, and I shall never forget that. In Christ Jesus, Joshua is ascending to even greater heights.

During my tenure I have always tried to be obedient to the will of God. However, fresh, vigorous, progressive, and forward- leaning leadership is needed for this present age. The choice for the next pastor will ultimately be in the hands of God, the officers, and members of Joshua. I pray that God's will be done.

I appreciate the strong support that I have received over the life of my pastoral leadership. To our LORD be all the glory. Brothers and sisters, GODSPEED!

*Reverend Robert L. Grove, Pastor*

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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



# Happy Retirement



Pastor Grove, may God Almighty bless your days ahead with joy and peace as you begin your retirement.

*The Joshua Church Family*



Reverend Dr. Robert L. Grove,

We encourage you as we thank God for allowing you to lead our congregation in the study and application of God's Word. The life you live is truly a reflection of God's will. We thank you for caring for us and lifting us up in prayer. It's comforting to know you are here for us.

We encourage you, we love you and we pray God's blessings upon you and your family, always.



AND WE KNOW  
THAT IN ALL THINGS  
**GOD**  
WORKS FOR THE GOOD  
OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM

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WHO HAVE BEEN  
**CALLED**

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**ACCORDING**  
TO HIS PURPOSE

ROMANS 8:28

**Pastor's Aid**  
*Ministry*



# It's Harvest Time

**:37 Then He said to His Disciples;  
the Harvest is plentiful  
but the workers are few.**

**:38 Ask the LORD of the Harvest,  
therefore, to send out workers into  
HIS harvest field. Matthew 9:37-38**

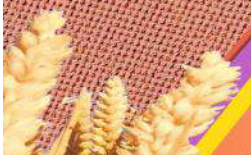


God gives to us "Exceeding Abundantly" above all that we can ask or think (Ephesians 3:20). We're recipients of an Abundance of Love, an Abundance of Hope, an Abundance of Peace, an Abundance of Joy, an Abundance of Comfort, an Abundance of too many things to name!!

**You're Up! What contributions are you planning to make to the Lord of the Harvest as a worker in His Vineyard?** *Rev. Harold W. Wray*

*Please lift up these Sisters and Brothers in prayer:*

Sis. Francena Aiken	Sis. Elizabeth Frazier	Bro. Richard Molony
Bro. Fred Barnes	Sis. Janice Funnie	Bro. Earl Nelson
Bro. Sam Base	Bro. Ike & Trustee	Bro. Nehemiah & Sis.
Sis. Ella Baugh	Angie Green	Sheila Nelson
Bro. Lavante Beckwith	Sis. Lizellen Hartley	Bro. Louis & Sis.
Min. Belinda Bennett	Sis. Chaquetta Heyward	Shirley Newman
& Family	Bro. Steven Heyward	Sis. Clarine Polite
Sis. Rosa Lee Blue	Bro. William Heyward	Sis. Tennie Proctor
Sis. Margie Breland	Bro. Walter Heyward	Sis. Miriam Ragland
Sis. Cheryl Brown	Sis. Carlotta Howard	Bro. Cedrick Rowe
Dea. Leroy Brown	Bro. James Jackson	Trustee Curtis Salley
Deaconess Shelley Brown	Sis. Jessica Jakes	Bro. Greg Salley
Sis. Megan Brown	Dea. Arnold & Deaconess	Sis. Shannon Sally
Bro. Tony Brown	Sonya Jenkins	Sis. Dorotheine Shaver
Rev. Abrou & First Lady	Rev. Virginia Johnson	Sis. Dorothy Sheppard
Shirley Choice	Sis. Yvonne Johnson	Bro. Lenard Sinclair
Sis. Georgette Coleman	Bro. Sammy & Reverend	Bro. Kendall Sinkler
Bro. Leroy & Sis.	Hester King	Bro. Carl Singleton
Ruthie Coleman	Sis. Angie Lawson	Sis. Mary Taylor
Sis. Tia Coleman-Jenkins	Sis. Shirlene Mchellan-	Sis. Celisa Vanderhall
Sis. Josephine Collins	Davis	Sis. Terry Warner
Sis. Felicia Cox	Sis. Roberta McKinney	Dea. Joseph & Deaconess
Sis. Ethel Drayton	Sis. Sylvia Major	Maryette Wilson
Little Ethan Entsuah-Dent	Sis. Lillie Manning	Sis. Debra Wright
Sis. Gertrude Evans	Sis. Joann Maze	Sis. Shavonne Young





# The Words We Say Matter

JANEE MITCHELL



It is God's desire that we live a life full of purpose and hope.

It's a life that He has equipped us for long before we entered our mother's womb. It is a life that is for our good and will bring Him maximum glory. This God-designed life is within our reach. We do not have to chase it down.

When we listen to the Lord and follow His instructions, He guides us on the path that leads us exactly to the life He intended for us to live. Even knowing all this, **why does this God-designed life and purpose seem so out of reach at times?**

The answer to the question is in Proverbs 18. What could this possibly mean? It means that the words that flow from our lips can bring us closer to our purpose or push us away from our purpose.

The Bible cautions us about unwholesome speech. It is imperative that we use our words to speak life so that we don't suffer the consequences of an unruly tongue.



**JANEE MITCHELL** is from SC. She has been married for almost 10 years. She and her husband have 4 children. She is the Children's Church Director at Living Word Christian Church. She teaches kids of all ages and absolutely loves it. Janee is also the founder of Mommy It's Time which is a community for moms of all stages on their journey of motherhood. She utilizes YouTube and Instagram to encourage and empower moms through biblical affirmations to discover the purpose that God has for their lives. She comes from a big family and now with her own, Janee enjoys it when they are all able to spend time together. She also enjoys sitting outside when the morning is still quiet and meditating on God's Word where she finds so much peace, joy, and clarity.

These are excerpts from her recent article which was shared by her aunt, our very own Sister Cindy Cato.

## You Are Invited to the Wedding Supper

The Inspirational Hour

Submitted by Mother Helen Hill

**You are invited!**

**GUEST OF HONOR: Jesus Christ**

**TIME:** Whenever you're ready. Please don't be too late though, or you'll miss out on all the fun.

**PLACE:** In your heart. He'll meet you there. You'll hear Him knock.

**ATTIRE:** Come as you are. Grubbies are okay as He'll be washing our clothes anyway. He said something about new white robes and crowns for everyone who stays till the last.

**TICKETS:** Admission is free. He's already paid for everyone. He says you wouldn't have been able to afford it - it costed Him everything He had.

**REFRESHMENTS:** New wine, bread and a far-out drink He calls "living water." This will be followed by a supper that promises to be out of the world!"

**GIFT SUGGESTIONS:** Your heart. He's one of those people who already has everything else. (He's very generous in return though - just wait until you see what He has for you!)

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Joy, Peace, Truth, Light, Life, Love, Real Happiness, Communion with God, Forgiveness, Miracles, Healing, Power, Eternity in Paradise...and much more! (All rated "G" so bring your family and friends).

**RSVP:** Very Important! He must know ahead so He can reserve a spot for you at the table. Also, He's keeping a list of His friends for the future. He calls it the "Lamb's Book of Life."

**PARTY GIVEN BY:** His Kids. That's us! Hope To See You There!

Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given to her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of saints)

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb! - Revelation 19: 9-9

*We are prepared for an unlimited number of guests.*

**Hope to see you there!**

**\*ANSWERS\* Word Scramble: Lost in Space Hidden Message: 1. lion 2. oleo 3. Vermont 4. eel 5. oily 6. nun 7. Exodus 8. Africa 9. Noah 10. oval 11. tax 12. head 13. ebb 14. rot Message: I love one another.**



# Joshua Baptist Church

139TH ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST 21, 2022

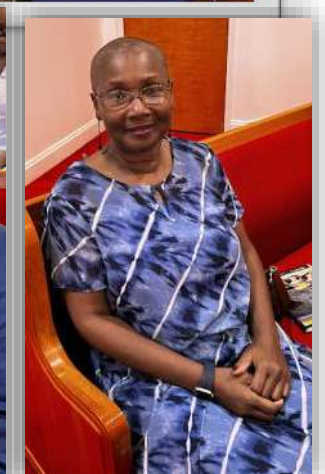
*'We've Come A Long Way Lord: A Mighty Long Way!'*

*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*  
~Titus 3:5 (KJV)



**Celebrate**





grateful  
thankful  
blessed





Thank you for blessing these men of God with your love offering. These godly men and their wives are a true blessing from God to Joshua, and your ongoing prayers and encouraging words serve to strengthen them.

We were pleased to have this chance to express our respect to them. A heartfelt thank you to the committee, which included the Sisters Diane Smith, Cindy Cato, Maria Anderson, and Pauline Grove, as well as everyone else who took part in this unique occasion.



On Sunday, September 25, at 2:00 PM, Joshua Baptist Church hosted their annual Four Seasons Tea. Pastor Grove requested a \$50.00 love donation from each adult Joshua member. This fundraiser is a blessing for Joshua's development and requirements. The program covered all four seasons.

## GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT



Aynna Pugh is the daughter of Sis. Shanstacy (Carl) Whack and Larry Gethers and the granddaughter of Viola Reed and the late Bro. Joe Pugh. Aynna is a high school graduate of the Class of 2022. She has been a very active member at Joshua.

Aynna might be unnoticed due to her reserved personality and reserved behavior. Aynna graduated from the Military Magnet Academy in fourth place with a grade point average of 4.124. She hopes to work as a veterinarian in the future. Aynna has received more than \$350,000 in scholarships thanks to her outstanding academic success and acceptance into numerous universities.

She received acceptance letters from Howard University, College of Charleston, and Mary Baldwin, to name a few. Aynna made the decision to continue her education at Wingate University, where she is presently a sophomore, as a result of all the college classes she took at Military Magnet Academy. You are definitely not unnoticed and greatly admired by the Joshua Church family, Aynna. We adore you. May God keep you under his watch.



We appreciate all of the clergy, and please know that your work has a much wider good impact than you could possibly imagine. JBC gives thanks to God for using everyone of you so powerfully in our church today. We've learned so much and are encouraged by your sermons. We ask God to continue to utilize you all in powerful ways.





## Joshua Baptist Church Brotherhood

Just a few short months ago, our July Brotherhood article began "Welcome to Summertime" and now it's October. What happened to summer? I'm sure everyone will enjoy the cooler temperatures which are headed our way for the fall season.

As you read this, we would have concluded our last food drive of the year, cemetery clean up, and our Men's Day program. We turned in five boxes of food and \$225 to the Low Country Food Bank thanks to many generous donations from our congregation. Our Brotherhood also donated \$100 towards the Four Seasons Tea fundraiser event.



Our Men's Day program (led by Brother William Heyward) was another successful event as Reverend Chris Thurman delivered a dynamic message. Thank You to all the brothers who had a hand in making it such a great day. We were able to honor two outstanding men this year: Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove and Rev. Melvin Scott. These men have played a vital leadership role in guiding the Brotherhood over the years. Rev. Melvin Scott has blessed us with such wonderful sermons at our annual retreat and never fails to provide wisdom, guidance, and knowledge.



## MEN'S RETREAT

Our plan is to have a great schedule of Christian learning events as well as giving you an opportunity to enjoy the area on your own time.

I'm asking our men to sign up and make it to Myrtle Beach on November 17-19, 2022, as we return for our annual retreat. We have an opportunity to receive huge room discounts and a free conference room if enough men sign up. Our plan is to have a great schedule of Christian learning events as well as giving you an opportunity to enjoy the area on your own time.

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. It was such a wonderful blessing to see Brother Curtis Salley walk unassisted through the doors of Joshua on September 11. What a mighty God we serve!

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!" Look someone in the eye and tell them God loves you and so do I!





YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*Sunday*  
SCHOOL  
THE GREATEST SCHOOL OF ALL!

The Sunday School ministry is in need of teachers and volunteers for all classes. Please contact Deaconess Shelley Brown at (843) 697-4028 or Reverend

LaTonia Robinson at (843) 568-4750 if you're interested in teaching, helping a teacher, or volunteering. They anticipate your communication.

JOIN OUR TEAM

The **C.A.P.P.S. Ministry** is looking for volunteers to help with the Journal's preparation and publishing. If you are interested and able to assist, Sis. Trena Haskell would appreciate hearing from you. All skill levels are welcomed as we do provide on-the-job training.

**Thank you!**

WE GIVE *because*  
GOD GAVE FIRST

**Ways to Give** ~ As you know, your gifts of tithes and offerings support the church financially. Below are ways you can continue to support Joshua during these prayerful days that God continues to be GOOD and BLESS His people!

**On-site** - Deacons will be at the church on **Sundays** at 9 a.m. to receive your offerings if you would like to drop them off.

**Mail** - You can mail your offering to: Joshua Baptist Church, 2482 Faber Road, North Charleston, SC 29405

**Online** —Through our website <https://www.joshuabapt.org> (click "Online Giving" in the top right corner)

**Giving Envelopes** – Please clearly indicate on your envelope where you would like your offering to be allocated.

Also, print **FIRST** and **LAST** name on your envelope. We want to ensure that accurate records are maintained and you receive proper credit for your donations. THANK YOU.



The Women's Retreat, which will take place in February 2023, is now in the planning stage. The retreat's organizers are Sisters Shelley Brown, Mary McNeal, and Thalia Frost. Further details will be available soon. Although the Retreat's exact price has not yet been established, you can start making payments in advance if you so choose.

Make sure to write "Retreat" on your envelope and inform a member of the planning committee of your payment. Pray right away for the wonderful time we will have in this fellowship!

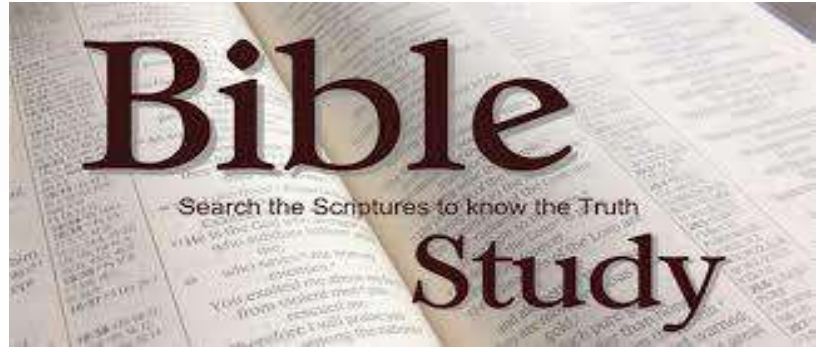
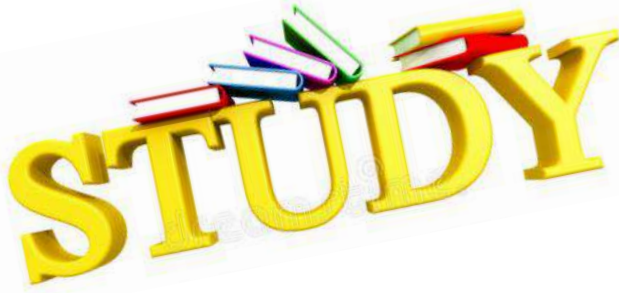
### Be Always Giving

Poet: Unknown

The sun gives ever; so the earth--  
What it can give so much 'tis worth;  
The ocean gives in many ways--  
Gives baths, gives fishes, rivers, bays;  
So, too, the air, it gives us breath.  
When it stops giving, comes in death.  
Give, give, be always giving;  
Who gives not is not living;  
The more you give  
The more you live.

God's love hath in us wealth unheaped  
Only by giving it is reaped;  
The body withers, and the mind  
Is pent up by a selfish rind.  
Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give pelf,  
Give love, give tears, and give thyself.  
Give, give, be always giving,  
Who gives not is not living;  
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The more we live.





### Daily Bible Activities

- Sunday: Luke 14-17
- Monday: 1 Samuel 4-7
- Tuesday: 1 Samuel 8-10
- Wednesday: 1 Samuel 11-13
- Thursday: 1 Samuel 14-16
- Friday: 1 Samuel 17-20
- Saturday: Psalms 43-45

What phrase is hidden in these letters?

**s p l o s t a c e**

### Hidden Message

Using the clues provided, write the word in the spaces provided. The first letter of each word should reveal a hidden message when read vertically from top to bottom.

- 1. King of the beasts            \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 2. Short for margarine        \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 3. Montpelier is its capitol    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 4. Electrical fish              \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 5. Greasy                        \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 6. Counterpart to monk        \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 7. Second book of the Bible    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 8. Continent south of Europe    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 9. Ark-builder                 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 10. Egg-shaped                 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 11. A levy on one's income      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 12. Top of human body         \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 13. Associated with tides        \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 14. Decay                        \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



**Message:** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_





To all veterans of all branches:

Thank you for your sacrifice, your bravery, and the example you set for us all. In short, thank you for your service!

To all those who have served, and those who continue to serve...

Happy Veterans Day!



**Thanksgiving means GIVING TO GOD.** Paul stated to the Corinthians that remembering what Jesus gave for our sakes should make us want to give generously and cheerfully to God in return. (2 Cor. 9:6-9). The point is that thanksgiving to God should be rendered with our hearts, with our talents, with our time, and yes, even with our pocketbooks.

**Thanksgiving means GIVING TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN TO US.** We all owe a debt of gratitude to those who raised us. Certainly we should honor them (Eph. 6:2). Unfortunately, in our fast-paced society, many children seem unable (or unwilling) to give their parents the time they should (this is true no matter how old you or your parents are). Are we truly thankful for our parents? Then let's demonstrate our gratitude by giving them the most valuable gift of all—ourselves. And not only our parents, but truly give back to any and all who have selflessly touched our lives (i.e. fellow Christians, teachers, friends, etc.).

**Thanksgiving means GIVING TO THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED.** Real gratitude shares. Those who have been richly blessed by God must, in turn, be a blessing to others. It's too easy for us to look at world hunger, hardship, and the needs of so many others and excuse ourselves by saying, "Well, I can't help everyone." True, you can't help everyone, but you can help someone (Gal. 6:10)! It is not enough to count our blessings, we must also share them with others.

We have so much for which to be grateful. But genuine thankfulness, genuine thanksgiving not only feels, it acts!



The CAPPS Ministry would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy holiday season. We will be celebrating hope, peace, love, and joy during this time. We pray that all four of these things will abound in your life this Christmas and always. We give God thanks. We celebrate "Jesus Christ" this Christmas as we do every year since it began (God with us). We would be lost without Christ's presence among us. God's presence working within us results in our being healed, changed, made right with others, and made whole. We wish you a wonderful Christmas.



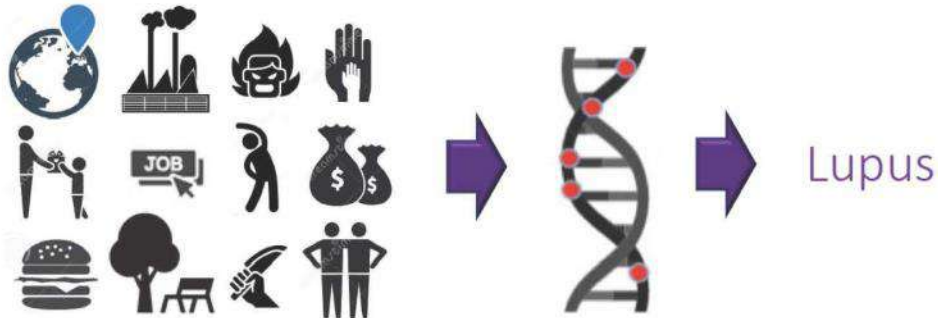


Take Care

MUSC Division of Rheumatology and Immunology

Social Factors

Gene Activity



Social factors such as lifestyle choices of diet/exercise, support network systems, environmental issues/pollution, and employment/financial stressors are known to impact lupus outcomes.

The goal of the SELA Study is to understand how social factors of racial discrimination/bias can affect gene activity and influence lupus outcomes.

If you are an African American women between the ages of 18 -75, you can play an important role in Changing What's Possible at MUSC and beyond

For more information contact Quinnette King at 843-843-792-7645 or kinglu@musc.edu

Compensation is available for participation

**Other African-American women without the disease may also qualify.**



The Pandemic Committee wishes to thank everyone for their patience, understanding and cooperation during the past two years. As we all were learning to take new safety precautions, it became very challenging at times. We became Joshua Strong and did what was asked of us.

Let's continue to be careful and take good care of each other.