

Reaching People for Christ - GOD FIRST!

Retired Pastor's Message



"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." (Ephesians 4:11).

So, we thank Almighty God for giving us our newly selected and elected Pastor, Reverend Corey R. Anderson. My brothers and sisters, the Search Committee has debated and deliberated. The church family has meditated and contemplated. And on March 12th our prayers were answered, as the Church voted overwhelmingly for Pastor Anderson to lead the flock.

Now, let me thank you, Joshua, for your unwavering support of me as your Pastor for over 34 years. It could have been another way. Moreover, I hold in high regard the church officers for your strong leadership during some very challenging times for the Church. It could have been another way.

And I appreciate the various ministries, clerical staff, ministers and every member of Joshua for your faithful service over the years. It could have been another way.

Also, I thank my wife for her encouragement, prayers, spiritual strength and behind the scenes support. It could have been another way. Much love!

Finally, let us rally around Pastor and Lady Anderson as they begin this tedious journey together. I remind them that they might feel lonely sometimes, but you are never alone. The reason being is, "And we know that all things work together for good..." (Romans 8:28). Godspeed, Pastor and Lady Anderson, Godspeed!

Welcome Pastor

Corey R. Anderson



Reverend Anderson isn't new to Joshua, but he is new to this assignment as our Pastor. We are very happy to welcome him, Lady Maria Anderson and their daughters to a new phase of their Christian journey.

Joshua is truly BLESSED and we look forward to supporting you, Pastor Anderson, as we pray and continue to put GOD FIRST!



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Grace is God's unmerited favor and love shown to mankind. We cannot earn it or ever be good enough to deserve it. To truly appreciate His grace, we need to comprehend certain truths about Christ the Lord and ourselves.

First, Jesus Christ is absolutely holy and sin cannot coexist with the sacred perfection of His presence. When Adam and Eve chose to eat from the forbidden tree, their intimate relationship with Him was broken. Since all future generations inherited their sinful nature, every person is born with a nature bent away from God.

Next, Almighty God's character is just. As a result, He requires payment for our sin. The penalty He demands is death (Romans 6:23), not just physically but also spiritually through eternal separation from Him.

Finally, we have a merciful God who does not treat us as our actions deserve but instead extends His grace toward us. He devised a plan that would affirm His holy nature, meet the requirements of His justice, and enable us to become members of His family. He sent His only beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to accomplish our salvation.

Born as a human being, the Lord Jesus lived a perfect life and fulfilled the Law. He alone was qualified to satisfy divine justice. Christ took our place on Calvary's cross, bore our sins, and experienced God's wrath at our rebellion - all so that we could be reconciled to His Father.

God made this provision for our salvation while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8). Have you acknowledged your sinful state and received His forgiveness through faith in the Father's Son, Jesus? If you have, then express continually an ongoing thankfulness for His grace, mercy, and love. If you have not, why not?

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 (NKJV)

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grace
IS SUFFICIENT

IBC Pearls Ministry



"She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor, yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." Proverbs 31:19-20 KJV

Thank You Father God for making ALL things possible! The Pearls Ministry is diligently working for the kingdom here on earth. We donated 110 crocheted hats, ear warmers, and sewn masks to *Charleston Inspiration Ministry* in November 2022. This ministry feeds and donates clothing to the homeless population throughout Charleston on Thanksgiving Day and during the Christmas season. An additional 100 crocheted red hats were donated to *Bon Secours Roper St. Francis*. This donation is part of the "Red Hats for Babies" campaign to promote healthy hearts in February sponsored by the *American Heart Association*.

The Pearls Ministry is working on several wonderful projects this year. If you crochet, knit or sew and want to use your talent for God's glory, be a blessing to your church and community, and Reach People for Christ, this ministry is for **YOU!** Sister Cindy Cato, Ministry Leader, is available to tell you more. Many blessings to you & happy crafting!

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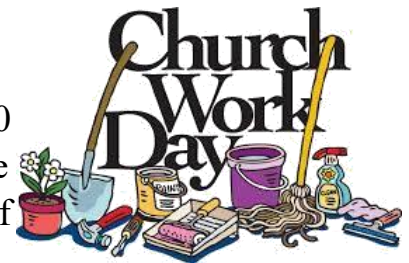
As we enter into the spring season, the grass is turning green, warmer days are ahead, yellow pollen is gone, and most of all we want to welcome Rev. Corey R. Anderson as Joshua Baptist Church's newly elected Pastor. Let's congratulate Pastor Anderson and give him all the Brotherhood support we can as Joshua continues to "Reach People For Christ."



Rev. Grove has pastored for nearly 35 years and we want to recognize and thank him for his God-led wisdom, leadership, and guidance. He has given tremendous support to our Brotherhood Ministry since its beginning (23 years) and will continue to help us "move forward" in any future events.

We also send out a huge **"Thank You"** to the Brotherhood, as we helped Rev. Grove celebrate another birthday on March 18.

Brothers, please do all you can to come out on 15 April at 9:00 a.m. as we conduct our annual clean-up around the church. There are things to be accomplished and we can only complete our list if you are there to lend a helping hand. Bring your work cloths, gloves, rakes, trimmers, etc, and most of all your willingness to do much needed work around and in the church. Someone once commented that "all of us, need all of we"!



Please keep 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. 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!" Look someone in the eye, and tell them God loves you and the Brotherhood does too!



Plans are in progress for the Retirement Banquet and church service. Please stay tuned for more information.



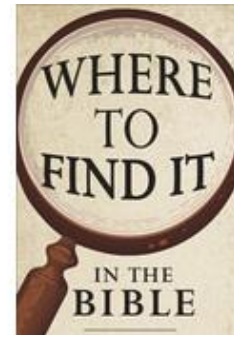
CELEBRATE! GIVE THANKS! REJOICE!

That poor lil' baby Jesus had to be born in a manger, because there was no room available at the inn. Today, as the Risen Savior, He's saying I'm looking for a lodging place, will you make room in your heart for me? In the thrill of the moment many, said YES Jesus, come on in!! Does your lifestyle proclaim the Glory of God or does it make one think that Jesus is suffocating in your heart because overweight deeds and thoughts take up the majority of the space? Jesus is Excellent in Spiritual-Spring Cleaning & Sin Reduction! Bring Him some quality time, and He'll fix your heart by the washing of His WORD, prescribe some spiritual workout plans, and transform you more into looking like Himself. Even you won't recognize you! By The Way, ALL costs previously paid at Calvary!!

Rev. Harriet Mazyck

Please Add These Sisters & Brothers To Your Prayer List

Sis. Francena Aiken	Sis. Lillie Harrison	Sis. Tamar Murray
Sis. Dionne Anderson	Sis. Chaquetta Heyward	Bro. Nehemiah & Sister
Bro. Sam Base	Bro. Steven Heyward	Sheila Nelson
Sis. Ella Baugh	Bro. William Heyward	Bro. Louis & Sis. Shirley Newman
Bro. Lavante Beckwith	Sis. Jaquanna Holmes	Deaconess Mary Pinckney
Sis. Rosa Lee Blue	Elder Roosevelt & Sister	Sis. Clarine Polite
Sis. Margie Breland	Carol Holmes	Sis. Tennie Proctor
Sis. Cheryl Brown	Pastor Isaac Holt, Jr.	Sis. Miriam Ragland
Dea. Leroy & Deaconess	Bro. George Hook	Sis. Christine Rollison
Shelley Brown	Sis. Carlotta Howard	Bro. Cedrick Rowe
Min. Stella Calvary	Bro. James Jackson	Trustee Curtis Salley
Sis. Tyneesha Chisolm	Sis. Jessica Jakes	Sis. Shannon Sally
Rev. Abrou & First Lady	Sis. Kristain Johnson	Bro. Terry & Sis. Alexis Scipio&fam.
Shirley Choice	Rev. Virginia Johnson &	Little Miss Briella Shannon & fam.
Sis. Georgette Coleman	Daughter	Sis. Dorotheine Shaver
Bro. Leroy & Sister	Sis. Yvonne Johnson	Sis. Dorothy Sheppard
Ruthie Coleman	Bro. James Kenlaw	Bro. Lenard Sinclair
Sis. Tia Coleman-Jenkins	Bro. Sammy & Reverend	Bro. Carl Singleton
Sis. Josephine Collins	Hester King	Dea. Casdell & Deaconess
Sis. Felicia Cox & Shipmates	Bro. Kenneth Lamot	Chenette Singleton & family
Sis. Barbara Dent-Jenkins	Sis. Angie Lawson	Bro. Kendall Sinkler
Little Ethan Entsuah-Dent	Bro. Johnny McCoy	Sis. Mary Taylor
Sis. Gertrude Evans	Sis. Shirlene Mchellan-Davis	Sis. Celisa Vanderhall
Sis. Elizabeth Frazier	Sis. Roberta McKinney	Sis. Jacqueline Williams
Sis. Gwendolyn Frazier	Sis. Sylvia Major	Sis. Terry Warner
Sis. Janice Funnie	Sis. Lillie Manning	Dea. Joseph & Deaconess
Bro. Ike Green	Sis. Joann Maze	Maryette Wilson
Sis. Lizellen Hartley	Bro. Richard Molony	Sis. Debra Wright



Before and After

Take some time this week to consider what transformation looks like in your life.

1. How would you describe the “before” picture: Who were you before following Jesus? Who might you be today without Jesus?
2. How would you describe the “after” picture: What has Jesus transformed in you?
3. Transformation often is a series of “reconstructions” and “renovations”—the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit. What does that process look like now?

What's the Story?

Read each Gospel passage and fill in the chart.

	Matthew 28:1-10	Mark 16:1-11	Luke 24:1-12	John 20:1-18
Who?				
What?				
When?				
Where?				
Why?				

How do multiple accounts help non-witnesses believe an event?

How do different versions have a negative impact on a story's credibility?



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