

# Joshua's Journal

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I pray you had a Merry Christmas and will be blessed with a happy and prosperous New Year! My prayer for the Joshua Family is that in the coming years you love one another as Christ loves us. Moreover, we are brothers and sisters in Christ. We all have one Father – Almighty God.

During this time of transition, let us not lose sight of our mission to reach people for Christ. Although I will no longer serve as your Pastor, I will always work with and for Joshua to be a place where people can come to praise and worship Him in spirit and in truth. I want the officers and ministry leaders to know that I appreciate each of you for your support and prayers.

I also pray for and give thanks to the Search Committee for your dedicated efforts in finding and recommending a candidate to be our next Pastor.

Also, Lady Grove and I are very thankful to the Church Family and the many members who so generously blessed us for Christmas. We love every person in Joshua. Members, be careful of the words you release into the atmosphere. The enemy is just lurking and waiting, seeking whom he may devour. So, don't be negative and mean-spirited in the words you speak. Remember, life and death are in the power of the tongue. Saints, just keep on praying the Lord is nigh. Yes, keep on praying and He will hear your cry. The Lord has promised, and His Word is true. So, keep on praying and He will answer you. God loves you and Lady Grove and I do too!

**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 and May 9, 2012)



# *Celebrating 2023 by God's Grace*

You bought the best, most wonderful gifts for the persons who make your heart happy. In 2023, intentionally direct some love & attention, some real quality time to the ONE who made your happy heart. Jesus First!! *Rev. Harriet Mazyck*

*Photo by King Fisher*

## *The Need For Prayer Never Expires Please Pray for the Following Sisters & Brothers:*

Sis. Francena Aiken  
Barnes Family  
Bro. Sam Base  
Sis. Ella Baugh  
Bro. Lavante Beckwith  
Sis. Rosa Lee Blue  
Sis. Margie Breland  
Sis. Cheryl Brown  
Dea. Leroy Brown  
Deaconess Shelley Brown  
Sis. Megan Brown  
Bro. Tony Brown  
Sis. Phyllis Bryant &  
Failey Family  
Sis. Edna Clark & Family  
Rev. Abrou & First Lady  
Shirley Choice  
Sis. Georgette Coleman  
Bro. Leroy & Sis.  
Ruthie Coleman  
Sis. Tia Coleman-Jenkins  
Sis. Josephine Collins  
Sis. Felicia Cox & Shipmates  
Sis. Ethel Drayton  
Little Ethan Entsuah-Dent  
Sis. Gertrude Evans  
Sis. Elizabeth Frazier  
Sis. Janice Funnie

Bro. Ike Green  
Sis. Lizellen Hartley  
Sis. Chaquetta Heyward  
Bro. Steven Heyward  
Bro. William Heyward  
Sis. Jaquanna Holmes  
Bro. George Hook  
Sis. Carlotta Howard  
Bro. James Jackson  
Sis. Jessica Jakes  
Dea. Arnold & Deaconess  
Sonya Jenkins  
Sis. Kristain Johnson  
Rev. Virginia Johnson  
& Daughter  
Sis. Yvonne Johnson  
Bro. Sammy & Reverend  
Hester King  
Bro. Kenneth Lamot  
Sis. Angie Lawson  
Bro. Travis & Sis. Haven  
Lingard, Sr. & Family  
Sis. Shirlene Mchellan-Davis  
Sis. Roberta McKinney  
Sis. Sylvia Major  
Sis. Lillie Manning  
Sis. Joann Maze  
Bro. Johnny McCoy

Bro. Jesse & Sis. Mary McNeal  
& Family  
Bro. Richard Molony  
Bro. Earl Nelson  
Bro. Nehemiah &  
Sis. Sheila Nelson  
Bro. Louis & Sis. Shirley Newman  
Sis. Edna Peacock & Family  
Sis. Clarine Polite  
Sis. Tennie Proctor  
Sis. Miriam Ragland  
Bro. Cedrick Rowe  
Trustee Curtis Salley  
Bro. Greg Salley  
Sis. Shannon Sally  
Sis. Doroithrine Shaver  
Sis. Dorothy Sheppard  
Bro. Lenard Sinclair  
Bro. Carl Singleton  
Bro. Kendall Sinkler  
Sis. Anna Smalls  
Sis. Mary Taylor  
Sis. Celisa Vanderhall  
Sis. Terry Warner  
Dea. Joseph & Deaconess  
Maryette Wilson  
Sis. Debra Wright  
Sis. Shavonne Young

*Today if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts Hebrews 4:7*





**John Robert Lewis** was an American politician and civil rights activist who served in the United States House of Representatives for Georgia's 5th congressional district from 1987 until his death in 2020.



**The first African-American woman** to serve as a justice of the United States Supreme Court —

**Ketanji Onyika Brown Jackson** is an American jurist who serves as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Jackson was nominated to the Supreme Court by President Joe Biden on February 25, 2022.

She was confirmed by the US Senate on April 7, 2022 and sworn into office on June 30, 2022.

## **The practice of vaccinations was brought to America by a slave.**

With the recent devastating spread of COVID and the life-saving vaccines that have started to turn the tide, some appreciation should be given to the man who brought this game-changing practice to the United States. In 1721, a smallpox epidemic struck the city of Boston. This highly contagious virus was killing hundreds during a time of lesser medical advancements, and it was an enslaved man by the name of Onesimus that changed everything.

Onesimus was purchased in 1706 for Cotton Mather, a prominent Puritan minister. Though Mather held a great distrust for Onesimus, he knew that the man was clever. Amid the spreading sickness, Onesimus confided to Mather about the practice of inoculations, which had been used in Africa for centuries. Mather brought this vital information to Dr. Zabdiel Boylston who despite a major pushback against the idea, managed to successfully inoculate 240 people.

# OUR BROTHERHOOD



What a mighty God we serve! Psalm 133 reads:

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”*

The Brotherhood of JBC recently returned to our Annual Men’s Retreat in Myrtle Beach, SC. Despite all the rules and restrictions that COVID-19 had on the world, the Brotherhood continued to serve the church, elderly, widows, food bank, local jails, handicapped, and our community.

On 17 November 2022, sixteen men arrived at Hampton Inn to kick off the 2022 retreat. We opened with song, scripture, prayer, and a dynamic Daily Bread lesson. Once our planned agenda (and a little fun) was completed, we enjoyed a marvelous in-house meal that was truly finger-licking good.



We opened Friday morning with more spiritual learning.

Eleven more men arrived that afternoon to join us for the weekend. We were blessed to have three men who attended their first retreat and two visiting Deacons from Morning Star Baptist Church. We completed our evening agenda and a short drive took us to another super fantastic meal at Captain Bennett’s Seafood Calabash.



On Saturday, we opened with prayer for various entities, another fantastic Daily Bread, and a great Bible study lesson that left us with homework. Remember your arrows, Brothers!. Lastly, our retreat guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Robert L. Grove, spoke to us about TRUTH.

What a marvelous three days of fellowship, togetherness, learning, laughter, and most of all spiritual growth that was enjoyed. Thank You to all who had a role in ensuring our retreat was a huge and wonderful success for 2022. We also had the opportunity to wish Deacon Frank Brown a very Happy Birthday!

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. Always 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 to have a tremendous Christmas and Happy New Year.



### *Christmas Cantata*

**Our Annual Christmas Cantata was held on Sunday, December 25, 2022, during morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. Additional pictures are available on our website.**

**The Cantata Committee and all of the participants did an exceptional job!**

# Attributes of God

All the words listed below are in the puzzle- left, right, up, down or diagonally. After you have found all the words, use leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.

G	E	D	N	G	L	S	L
N	G	H	O	L	Y	U	U
I	N	E	N	O	F	O	F
W	A	S	E	R	G	I	I
O	H	I	E	I	O	C	C
N	C	W	D	O	V	A	R
K	O	T	S	U	J	R	E
P	N	I	N	S	G	G	M

Glorious, Good, Gracious, Holy, Just, Knowing, Merciful, No change, No Needs, Powerful, Wise

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The capacity to learn is a *gift*; the ability to learn is a *skill*; the willingness to learn is a *choice*.

Brian Herbert



**Prayer of Salvation**—God, I come to You in the name of Jesus. I do not know You personally, but I want to know You. I believe that Your Word, the Bible is true. I believe that Your Son Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins. I believe that You raised Him from the dead. I am sorry for my sins and the life I have lived. I don't want to go to hell; I really want to be free from my sin. Dear God, I ask Jesus to come into my heart and cleanse me of my sins and give me the power to overcome those sins. I want to be Your child and learn Your ways. Keep me from evil and save my soul. I am asking to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord so that I can experience God's love and plan for my life. Amen (Scripture found in Romans 10:9). If you have prayed this prayer, our Pastor or any one of our Ministers or Deacons will be glad to speak with you about what you should do next. God Bless you and welcome to the Family of God!

We give God the Praise, Honor and the Glory for these Baptism

Candidates (September 2, 2022):

Brother Vernon White & Sister Priscilla White, Brother Ky-von Walker, Brother Langston Middleton, and Sister Ariyanna Chisolm

Now we know what the U in Jesus really means.

**Submitted by The Deaconess Ministry**



Thank you Jesus  
for saving me..





### **Prayer for Blessings**

Jesus, Righteous Lord, You are the God of all mercy and it is Your desire to richly bless Your children. I pray that You anoint my head with blessings and make Your face shine upon me, Lord Jesus. Pour out Your Spirit on me and let me dwell with You in Your house all the days of my life. Bless all of my days on this earth and bless all of my comings and goings. In Your precious name, I pray, Amen.

### **Prayer for the Blessing of Protection**

All-Powerful Father, You are my strong tower and You are almighty in power. You are my refuge and my strength. I pray that You guard me, Lord, and uphold me with Your righteous right hand. Put up a hedge of protection around me. Bless me with the confidence that comes from the security of hiding in the shadow of Your wings. Be with me in all that I do and in all the conversations I have. Keep me safe from the snares of Satan. Amen.

### **Prayer for Protection of My Faith**

God of Enduring Faithfulness, protect me in my faith from the devil who prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Fortify my mind and spirit so that I give no opportunity to the devil. Shield my thoughts from the lies of the enemy and from the deceitfulness of sin. Help me to walk by the Spirit and in the Spirit and keep me from being misled or tempted by my unbelief. I know that You are with me and for me. I believe, God. Help my unbelief. Give me the ultimate blessing of faith. Amen.

### **Prayer for Grace Without Measure**

Compassionate and Gracious God, You say that where sin has increased, grace has increased all the more. Thank You for more than enough grace to cover my sinfulness. Please continue to pour out Your abundant grace on my life. Make my cup to overflow to the glory of God. I know that life is found in You, God, and I ask for the blessing of being counted as one of Your children. Let me taste and see that You are good. Fill me with the grace I need to live in this world and to serve others in Your image. Amen.

### **Prayer for the Blessing of Guidance**

Wonderful Counselor, You say that You will instruct me and teach me in the way I should go. You say You will counsel me with Your loving eye on me. Do this for me, Lord Jesus. Bless me with Your guidance and wisdom during this season of my life and make my paths straight. Show me how to delight in Your law and Your word, precious Savior. Give me the time I need to be with You and to study Your scriptures. I know that the words of eternal life are with You, Lord Jesus, and so is Your truth. Let Your word be a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Keep my eyes fixed on You all the days of my life. Amen.

### **Prayer for the Blessing of My House**

Precious Holy Spirit, please bless our house with Your peace. May the walls of this house know nothing of sadness, bitterness, or despair. May it be a house filled with the presence of the Almighty, where friends gather, and laughter is often heard. May it be a house where children run and play, and neighbors are welcomed and loved. Pour out Your Holy Spirit and bless this house. In this house, mighty God, we will serve the Lord all the days of our lives. Amen.