

# JOSHUA'S JOURNAL

Reaching People for Christ - GOD FIRST!

## Pastor's Letter

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is an honor to greet and address you on this occasion.



Every time I think of you, the overwhelming thought and emotion I experience is a profound sense of gratitude. Your determination to honor the Lord, to stay connected as a church, to support the mission, and to love one another keeps me going. One of the things that gives me joy is welcoming new Christians to the body of Christ! We want to rejoice in our baptismal service held on Sunday, September 10.

In a world that seems to be increasingly polarized and angry, the Church should shine out as an example of how to live differently; how to live in kindness and compassion. Kindness is different than niceness. It goes deeper - it's a genuine reflection of the heart. Niceness can be helpful, but kindness is a result of a heart changed by God.

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT - 22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

*God  
is really  
good*

Let us strive to live in the center of God's will for our lives as individuals and as a church. Let us strive to live out the fruit of the Spirit as spelled out in Galatians. I encourage us not only to profess our faith in Jesus Christ, but to live out our faith. Let us love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and our strength and let us love one another as we love ourselves. Let us strive to become the church God wants us to be. Let us keep our focus on Jesus Christ and seek to please Him above everything else.

With the love of Jesus,

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## Good Morning Heavenly Father!

Thank You for opening up Your arms and welcoming me to come unto You to find peace, love, contentment, rest, freedom and to acquire a life of true abundance through trusting and believing by faith in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

Please open my spiritual eyes to see what is trying to block and stop me from doing what You have ordained and called me to do for Your purpose and glory.

Fill me with Your Holy Spirit power in order to get my breakthrough that will renew my mind and heart, to receive the things of God that will benefit me and my loved ones. Thank You for Your grace & mercy that You have provided by the blood of Jesus to escape from feeling burdened, lost and condemned when making wrong choices and decisions along the way.

II Corinthians 4:6-9 says, "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God & not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." Help me to receive that peace from You Lord Father, that You have placed in my path, when facing strong difficulties and bound by strongholds, that is leading to destruction.

Help me not to be conformed to the things and ways of this evil world that leads one away from doing Your will; but transform my mind and heart to do the things of God, so that I may prove what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God.



Please stir up the gifts and talents that You have strategically placed in me so that I can apply them in the areas of my life, to be a light for Christ. May Your works and miracles in my life, be a witness to others that You are The True & living God. May You be glorified and lifted up, to lead others to you for their salvation. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen!



Where did summer go and the extreme heat waves? As you read this article, summer is but a distant memory in our thoughts and fall is upon the land, although this state still has some very warm days. I want say a huge "Thank You" to the entire church family who aided in a successful 2023 Carnival Aquiva back in August. We had over 350 come through the arch and probably some were missed by entering another direction. Our Four Seasons Tea and Senior Day are also in the rear view mirror. Another "Thank You" for all who made those events a great success. We will need much help in providing a great Harvest Night at the end of the month.

The Brotherhood is preparing for a return to Myrtle Beach for our Annual Men's Retreat. We are asking all men who can, please sign up and attend this event. There are some sponsorship spots available if someone wants to attend and does not have the funds. Please contact is the BH President.



A detailed three-day program will have something for everyone to enjoy as well as the all you can eat seafood dinner.



We would like to take time out and recognize our JBC Security Team. Trustee Clarence Isler and his entire team have done a great job in keeping our church secure by providing weekly security, up-to-date information on events, scheduling CPR classes, and much more. Along with Sis. Angie Green and the Pandemic Team, these two groups have allowed Joshua to remain open and hold church services on a weekly basis. Please take time to get to know our Security Team and if possible, join the team as they continue to keep us all safe and secure.

Lastly, we would like to give special honor to Deacon Eugene Wright for his 35 years of service as Trustee Chairman. He faithfully served JBC, relinquished his position in July, and was in the forefront of so many church accomplishments during his tenure. Many times he was alone at the church doing things that many of us would never notice. **A great salute and job well done to you, Senior Deacon Eugene Wright!**



We continue to make a plea for our men to come out on Tuesday nights for Prayer Service and Bible Study. We are still seeking that **magical number of 100 people** showing up to reach Pastor's vision. Always remember that we are somebody because God made us and Christ died for us. "No matter what anyone else may say, God knows, "I'm Trying!" Shake someone's hand, look someone in the eye, give someone a hug, and tell them God loves you and the Brotherhood does too!

# Pausing To Say A Special Thank You

Please Say A Prayer For:

Sis. Francena Aiken  
Sis. Dionne Anderson  
Bro. Isaac Banks  
Bro. Sam Base  
Sis. Ella Baugh  
Sis. Dale Bausley  
Sis. Frances Beckwith & Family  
Sis. Rosa Lee Blue  
Sis. Margie Breland  
Sis. Sally Brennan  
Sis. Cheryl Brown  
Sis. PeOschia Brown  
Dea. Leroy & Dcns. Shelley Brown  
Sis. Phyllis Bryant  
Bro. Reggie Burgess  
Sis. Cindy Cato  
Rev. Abrou & 1st Lady Shirley Choice  
Sis. Georgette Coleman  
Bro. Leroy & Sis. Ruthie Coleman  
Sis. Tia Coleman-Jenkins  
Sis. Josephine Collins  
Sis. Felicia Cox & Shipmates  
Little Ethan Entsuah-Dent  
Sis. Gertrude Evans  
Sis. Elizabeth Frazier  
Sis. Gwendolyn Frazier  
Sis. Thalia Frost  
Sis. Janice Funnie  
Bro. Ike & Trustee Angie Green  
Bro. Sullivan Hamilton  
Sis. Lillie Harrison  
Sis. Lizellen Hartley  
Sis. Chaquetta Heyward  
Bro. Steven Heyward  
Bro. William Heyward  
Mother Helen Hill and Family  
Sis. Jaquanna Holmes  
Elder Roosevelt & Sis. Carol Holmes  
Rev. Isaac Holt  
Bro. George Hook  
Sis. Carlotta Howard

Bro. James Jackson  
Sis. Jessica Jakes  
Sis. Kristain Johnson  
Rev. Virginia Johnson  
Sis. Yvonne Johnson  
Bro. James Kenlaw  
Bro. Sammy & Rev. Hester King  
Bro. Kenneth Lamot  
Sis. Angie Lawson  
Sis. Jennifer LeBoeuf  
Sis. Shirlene Mchellan-Davis  
Bro. Johnny McCoy  
Sis. Roberta McKinney  
Sis. Lillie Manning  
Sis. Joann Maze  
Bro. Richard Molony  
Sis. Cynthia Monroe  
Sis. Tamar Murray  
Sis. Lisa Nelson  
Bro. Nehemiah & Sis. Sheila Nelson  
Bro. Louis & Sis. Shirley Newman  
Sis. Clarine Polite  
Sis. Tennie Proctor  
Sis. Miriam Ragland  
Bro. Cedrick Rowe  
Trustee Curtis Salley  
Sis. Shannon Sally  
Little Miss Briella Shannon & Family  
Sis. Dorothrine Shaver  
Sis. Dorothy Sheppard  
Bro. Lenard Sinclair  
Bro. Carl Singleton  
Sis. Takeya Singleton  
Bro. Kendall Sinkler  
Sis. Genice Stewart & Family  
Bro. William Stuart  
Sis. Mary Taylor  
Sis. Celisa Vanderhall  
Sis. Terry Warner  
Dea. Joseph & Dcns. Maryette Wilson

God  
LOVES  
Us

EVERY DAY Is A Day Of Thanksgiving!!  
Give THANKS With A Grateful Heart



# JBC's Youth of the Quarter



JBC's Youth of the Quarter is none other than Miss Zuri Middleton. Zuri is the proud daughter of Mr. Antwan and Mrs. Donnetia Middleton. She attends Meeting Street Academy Downtown Campus where she is in kindergarten.



Here at Joshua, Zuri is a faithful member of the Sunday School Ministry and Lord's Angels Choir. Her favorite song to sing in the choir is "Inside Out" by the Mississippi Children's Mass Choir. Zuri says her favorite part of church is that she gets to love Jesus with all her friends.

So when you see Zuri, please congratulate her and give her a high five for being JBC's Youth Department's Youth of the Quarter.

CONGRATULATIONS



## Let's Make A Deal, Pt. 1

Work with a partner to match the contract with the person concerned.

### Look at the Big Picture

Scripture
John 5:1-15
John 5:16-47
John 6:1-15
John 6:60-71
John 7:1-13
John 7:25-44



Name the event, Jesus' action, Jesus' response and Jesus' teaching. Answers may vary.

- I made a deal with God to rescue Sodom if he found 10 righteous people alive there. A. Jonah
- I made a deal with my brother for bread and stew in return for my birthright. B. David
- I made a deal with God to dedicate my child to him if he gave me a son. C. Daniel
- I made a deal with Laban to marry his daughter in exchange for seven years of work. D. Abraham
- I made a deal with God from the stomach of a big fish to offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving. E. Hannah
- I made a deal with the spies that my family would be saved in exchange for their protection. F. Jacob
- I made a deal not to eat the king's meat or drink his wine for 10 days. G. Esau
- I made a deal with Jonathan not to tell his father, the king, my whereabouts when my seat at the table was empty. H. Rahab



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

What did Daniel tell his real estate agent?

"I'd prefer a house with no den."



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.

WHICH BOOK OF THE MAJOR PROPHETS IS THE EASIEST TO UNDERSTAND?

Ezekiel.

# INTRODUCING OUR NEW WEBSITE



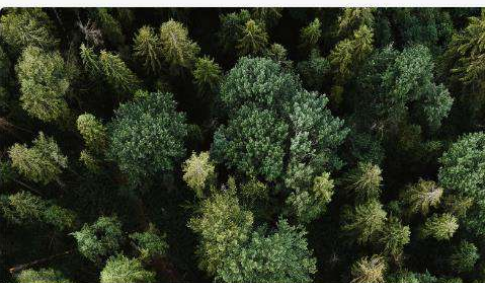
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Tithes & Offerings

**Contribute**

## Prayer Request Form

Name of person requesting prayer

Would you like to be visited?

- Yes
- No

Would you like to be called?

- Yes
- No

Please enter your prayer request



SUPPORT THE FIGHT!

# BREAST cancer

## Awareness Time!

Please wear pink on  
Sunday - October 15

Remember and honour



## WHAT IS REAL THANKSGIVING?

*In the difficult times in which we live, I have heard people say,  
“With all that’s happened I find it very hard to feel thankful!”*

*Did you know that the Creator God, who commands  
our thankfulness, never tells us to feel anything?*

*“Thankfulness”, like “Love” and “Rejoicing”, is a word of action, not feeling. Just as the Bible never commands us to feel Love, but to Love others by our compassionate actions; and we are never commanded to feel Joy, rather to Rejoice [by choosing to speak words that praise and honor God, in spite of our circumstances]; so also THANKSGIVING, or Giving of Thanks, is an act of the will based on a conscious choice. If we decide to focus on the positive blessings we have; if we voluntarily set aside our negative feelings of doom and gloom; and we tell God what we’ve found that we can be thankful for: that is Biblical Thanksgiving.*

*Sometimes our situation might be so bad, that we cannot even muster a few words of Thanks. In those cases, we need to still trust God and say, like the exiled writer of Psalms 42 and 43, that we promise you Lord that we will be thankful sometime in the future:*

*“Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I will YET praise Him, He who lifts my countenance and is my God.”*