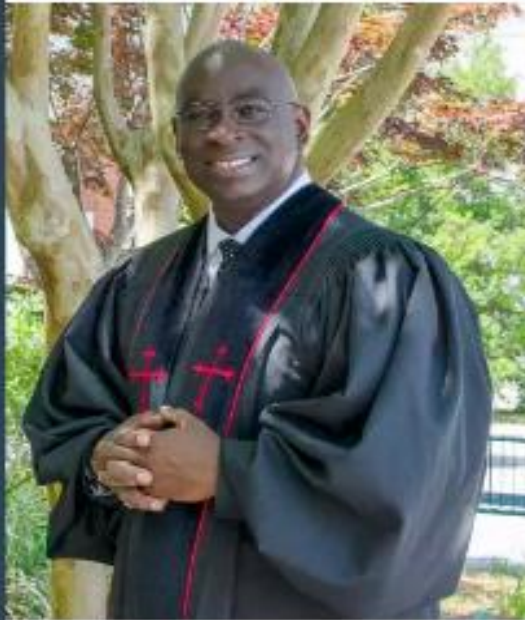


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PASTOR'S LETTER



Hello Joshua Church Family,

John 12:32 says:

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

I hope and pray those words are growing in meaning for you as we have been taking a journey through our most recent sermon series titled "Help Me Lift Jesus."

He pronounced the magnetic power of His blood and the cross. His magnetic power would be based on the undisputable fact that yes, He died on an old rugged cross, but He rose from the dead with all power in His hands. I want you

to remember that when that message is presented to the world, men and women everywhere will come running because Jesus said: "I'll draw all men unto me".

Always know that in order to lift Jesus up, we need fire. We must be on fire for the Lord. When you are on fire, you will move from lip service to heart service; we will stop talking about it and be about it. We must never lose sight of the magnetic power of the cross. We can't get weary. We have to keep our eyes on the cross and keep lifting Jesus up! When the cross was lifted, the power was turned on. The power of Christ's magnetic poles reunited sinful man with a Sovereign God.

Joshua Family we are excited as we attempt to follow the leadership of our Lord into the future as we strive to reach people of all ages. As a church we are trying to put tremendous emphasis on our Youth programs as we realize our youth are the Church of Tomorrow! We also know that we must care for our Seniors as they have paved the way. Continue to pray for our congregation as God continues to add to the body of Christ.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Corey R. Anderson

Strength

Like

No

Other



Worship is a powerful weapon, one that can turn the battle in your favor. When King Jehoshaphat faced the combined might of three different armies, he knew he was no match for them. So he turned to God, saying, "We have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us, nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You" (v.12).

Here's how God answered him: "Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's (v.15). Then God gave him an amazing strategy for victory. He told him to put a choir in front of his army and go into battle singing the praises of God. Can you imagine trying to explain that at some of our Ivy League schools today? They'd send you to see a psychiatrist.

But Jehoshaphat did it: "He appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army." And if that blows your mind, read this: "When they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated." Instead of attacking Judah, the three armies attacked one another. Israel never fired a shot, never took a casualty, and it took them three days to gather the spoils!

So when you're in a personal battle you can't win, begin to praise the Lord, sing songs to Him, and the forces of heaven will come to your aid.

"Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for Him to act." Psalm 37:7a (NLT)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We will observe Heritage Day on
Sunday, February 18 @ 10:15 a.m.



How did Black History Month start?

The event was the brainchild of Carter G. Woodson. Born in Virginia in 1875 to former slaves, Woodson had limited access to education and job opportunities. But he was able to study at one of the few high schools for black students

after saving money earned by working as a coal miner. In 1926, he launched the first Black History Week, set in February to coincide with the births of former President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Both men played a significant role in helping to end slavery. The event was expanded in 1970. And since 1976, every US president has officially designated February as Black History Month.

Spotlighting a Senior

by Sister Quinny King & the Seniors Ministry



Sister Tennie Proctor

Sister Proctor was born in Cross, SC. Starting at the age of six, she worked on Loch Dhu Plantation and continued until her late teens. She graduated from Central High School (later renamed Cross High). She was baptized at Unity Baptist Church in Cross, SC and served as an usher. She joined Joshua Baptist Church in April 2018. She participates in the Pearls Ministry and The Winding Chain Healing Team.

Sister Proctor enjoys reading her Bible, attending Sunday School and Bible Study. She also enjoys riding her stationary bike and feeding the birds. Her favorite song is "There's a Bright Side Somewhere" and her favorite Bible verses are found in Psalm 121:1-8.

So much has happened in her lifetime and she says the Lord has brought her a mighty long way.

God bless you, Sister Proctor!

Psalm 121: 1-8 - I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

GOOD FRIDAY



"HE DIED. DIDN'T HE DIE? BUT EARLY....."

Resurrection Day

Easter Sunday



March 31, 2024

The earth shook with the news.

**HE IS NOT HERE;
HE IS RISEN!**

And in that moment,

joy REPLACED DESPAIR

hope PUSHED PAST FEAR

life CONQUERED DEATH

not just that day, but for eternity.

We celebrate the *resurrection* of Christ

for what it meant then and what it means for us every day;

a sacrifice
that brings

FORGIVENESS, RENEWAL, AND PEACE

to any of us
who put our *faith* in Jesus.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

is the foundation of the Christian faith. Without the resurrection, the belief in God's saving grace through Jesus is destroyed.

When Jesus rose from the dead, He confirmed His identity as the Son of God and His work of atonement, redemption, reconciliation, and salvation.


The Resurrection was a literal, physical raising of Jesus' body from the dead. Let us be sure our focus is not on the bunny rabbits, eggs, dressing up in a variety of pastel colors and tailored suits or getting ready for the start of spring.

It is important to know that Easter serves as a reminder of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Brotherhood RETREAT

Happy New Year! What happened to 2023? It was here all year, then it disappeared and 2024 showed up at our door.

We are pleased to let our JBC family know that the Brotherhood had a fantastic 2023! It was closed out with Dr. Larry J. Ferguson being guest speaker at our Annual Men's Retreat in Myrtle Beach. What a joyous and marvelous occasion we had with spiritual teaching, a little preaching, some fun, and plenty of laughter! We left some empty fishing holes as the "all you can eat" seafood buffet was once again one of the highlights of the weekend.

A group of approximately 15-20 men of various ages and ethnicities are standing on the porch of a building. Above the entrance is a large sign that says "CALABASH" in white letters on a red background. The building has a white facade and a red roof. The men are dressed in casual to semi-formal attire, including jackets, sweaters, and collared shirts. Some are looking towards the camera, while others are looking slightly away.

The Brotherhood enjoyed a very educational session from Dr. Ferguson on how to care for our dental hygiene. It is a very important part of our overall health care and as we learned, the mouth can tell you a lot about what may be happening in the body.

We began our 2024 campaign with a meet and greet session led by Vice-President Glover on January 20. This was his vision many years ago to increase attendance in this ministry. We encouraged all men to try to make this meeting as we start to "look forward" in 2024. There are plenty of opportunities and much needed help for this Brotherhood. A huge "Thank You" goes to Vice-President Glover. It was very well received with 41 men in attendance and we enjoyed a wonderful, hot breakfast.

If you attended the January session, please be ready to discuss topics during our next meeting on February 17.

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 on Valentine's Day, and tell them God loves you, and the Brotherhood does too.




Featured

YOUTH

Ariana Johnson

Ariana is a sophomore at Goose Creek High School. She is the oldest of four siblings. She enjoys being a big sister and being a youth here at Joshua Baptist Church. Ariana has participated in the Lord's Angels Choir, Youth Bible Study, the State Youth Educational & Missionary Convention, and the Youth Ushers.

She is a great part of Joshua's Youth Department and we are blessed to have her.



Summerville Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Scholarship Opportunities



2024

Invest in Your Future With Our Program

We are thrilled to announce our Scholarship Program for Dorchester County seniors, designed to empower ambitious individuals like you to achieve your academic goals. Let's create a better tomorrow through education!

SEE YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR!

Available Scholarships Include:

- Johnnie Mae Good Mazyck Scholarship ✓
- Sandra Fishburn Larry Memorial Scholarship ✓
- LaVerne Wilson Williams Memorial Scholarship ✓
- Summerville Alumnae Scholarship ✓
- Summerville Alumnae Grant-In-Aid ✓
- Finer Womanhood Award ✓

APPLY TODAY

DEADLINE: MARCH 13, 2024



Please see Sister Gail Tolbert for
application information.