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# JOSHUA'S JOURNAL

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Reaching People for Christ - GOD FIRST!

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## Pastor's Letter

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope you are staying cool during these hot days of July!

God has been great to us and we need to stop and just count our blessings and see what He has done for us and with us. God loves you and He wants the very best for you. God is good all the time. I didn't say our circumstances or situations are good, but God is good! He promised He would never leave us nor forsake us. He is with us always even unto the ends of the earth. Let us use our time "Focusing on Jesus Christ" and seeking to do what He has planned for us. Let us serve the Lord with Gladness."



Let us strive to become the Church God wants us to be by seeking the lost and ministering to those in need. We cannot save anyone-- but we can point them to the one who can, Jesus Christ.

Let us worship and praise Him in everything we do. He deserves our worship and praise. Let us show Our Savior how much we love Him by our obedience to His word and His commandments. Let us bear the fruit of the Spirit He has given us.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our Vacation Bible School on July 8-11.

Let us keep our focus on Jesus Christ and His Word. See you in worship. May God's blessing be with you now and always.

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# Senior Spotlight

on  
*Dorothy Sheppard*



Dorothy “Dot/Dottie” Sheppard accepted the Lord into her life at the age of 9. She was baptized at Joshua Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. J. S. Simmons and Deacon Ted Simmons. Throughout her 60-year membership at Joshua, she has served on many ministries within the church and with the Cooper River Baptist Association.

Here at Joshua, Sis. Sheppard served as an usher. Later, she joined the choir and served as president for over 20 years. For a short while, she was the church musician. She also served as the president for the Cooper River Youth Department for over 30 years. Sis. Sheppard is the mother of three children: Elijah, Paula and Denise; she has seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Her favorite scripture is Psalm 27, “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” Although there are many songs she loves to sing, if she had to pick just one it would be “God Made Me” by Katie Sankey.



We celebrated this event on May 19 and what a wonderful celebration we had this year! There were record numbers of guests and we SALUTE all of the members who won for having the most family and friends in attendance. You really **REACHED PEOPLE FOR CHRIST!!**

As always, our kitchen staff went above and beyond and prepared a meal that *"tickled our palates"* (in the words of Deacon Frank Brown). Thank you for all you do!



Reverend Dr. Robert Grove, Pastor Emeritus, gave the history of how this celebration began. It was his idea many years ago that the members and their families come together for an occasion other than a funeral. The day was formerly called **"Feast & Fellowship."** Members were asked to bring their Sunday dinner to church and everyone shared as one family. There were approximately 25-30 active families at that time.

As you recall at this year's celebration, we FILLED the sanctuary. God has truly blessed us, Joshua!

We pray that we will be able to see each other next year as we continue to enjoy this wonderful day of fellowship.



# BROTHERHOOD



Remember yesterday (we all know it was months ago) when you said it was too cold outside and you prayed for summer heat to get here soon? Your prayers have been answered because God never fails. As we continue to move forward in this calendar year, months seem to be flying by faster than we can keep up. It won't be very long before leaves will be changing and fall is upon us.

This past quarter, the Brotherhood completed our annual church cleanup, supported Family & Friends Day, hosted N. Charleston Mayor Reggie Burgess, sponsored our mentees on several outings, presented flowers on Mother's Day, and donated \$250 to the Low Country Food Bank for their summer food drive. This donation helped provide about 1250 meals for needed families throughout our community. On the 20th of this month, we will be having our second mid-term "mini" retreat from gam-noon. Please come out and be part of a great morning of breakfast, praise learning, education, worship, and a little bit of fun. Invite a friend to come as well.



*We want to recognize Brother Jesse McNeal for his hard work and devotion to Joshua and the Brotherhood. It was his vision to bring small home repair projects to those in need. Jesse is a superior carpenter, devoted man of faith, loving husband, father of 4 children, 14 grandchildren, and 8 great grand children. He is also director of the W.E. Hugee Male Choir. Please give him a special greeting and firm handshake when you see him around the church.*

As always, please keep the sick and shut-in lifted up in prayer as there is much need for health and strength throughout our families. Some brothers are going through medical issues but still carry on by pressing their way forward. We will hold on to the belief that we are blessed and highly favored in God's sight. We are always "TRYING" because God made us and Christ died for us. We are determined to succeed, grow, lead, and put God first in all we do. "No matter what anyone else may say, God knows, "I'm Trying!" Take the time to give flowers while the aroma and beauty they posses can still be enjoyed. Be safe and have a fantastic 4th of July celebration. Remember, God loves you and the Brotherhood does too!



## Good News for Me

In the first set of footprints, write words that describe who you were before Jesus saved you (left foot) and who you became after He saved you (right foot).



In the second set of footprints, write words that describe who Jesus is to you (left foot) and what He has done for you (right foot).



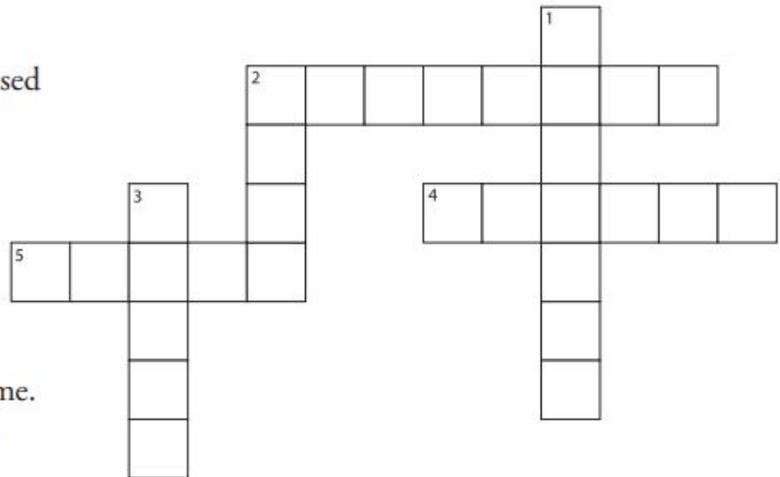
Who can you share this good news with this week?

## Kingdom Teaching

Complete the following crossword puzzle based on Matthew 13:44-52

### ACROSS

- The promised punishment will include the \_\_\_\_\_ of teeth.
- Jesus promised that they will separate the wicked from the righteous at the end of time.
- Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to a treasure hidden where?



### DOWN

- Jesus promised that the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven is like a treasure, new and old.
- The fishermen separated the \_\_\_\_\_ fish from the bad fish.
- Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to a merchant who found a valuable what?

Walk by  
FAITH  
not by sight

I WILL WALK BY  
faith  
NOT BY  
sight  
2 COR 5:7

It's the Lord's desire that we walk by faith. Yet if we consider our lives honestly, most of us will find a number of areas where we struggle to trust Him. Some days it's easy to relinquish control to Him, while at other times we quickly take matters into our own hands.

Thankfully, our heavenly Father is patient, kind, and loving. His Word clearly teaches that sanctification is the process of making us holy, not just the end result. Children are a great example of how this works. When toddlers learn to walk, they start by pulling up on something, standing, and then taking a step. Inevitably, they fall, at which point we help them back up so that they can keep progressing. In the same way, God shows us how to live according to our faith in Him, but we will make mistakes. Falling and getting up again are part of the learning process.

God teaches us, but we too have a role. Our responsibility is to study the Holy Scriptures, get to know God's nature, His character, and learn His promises. As we do these things, our confidence in Him will grow, enabling us to believe in and lean on Him. When we step out in faith and experience His provision and dependability, our trust grows.

Consider the responses, actions, and decisions that you have made in the past few days, or even, this past year. How many of those decisions were led by the Holy Spirit? How many human reactions were done from self-reliance? Did you pray before acting on it? Listen, living on the basis of trust in Jesus requires belief and action. Allow Him to lead in every area of your life... then watch your faith grow!

An Old man attended a Faith Healing session

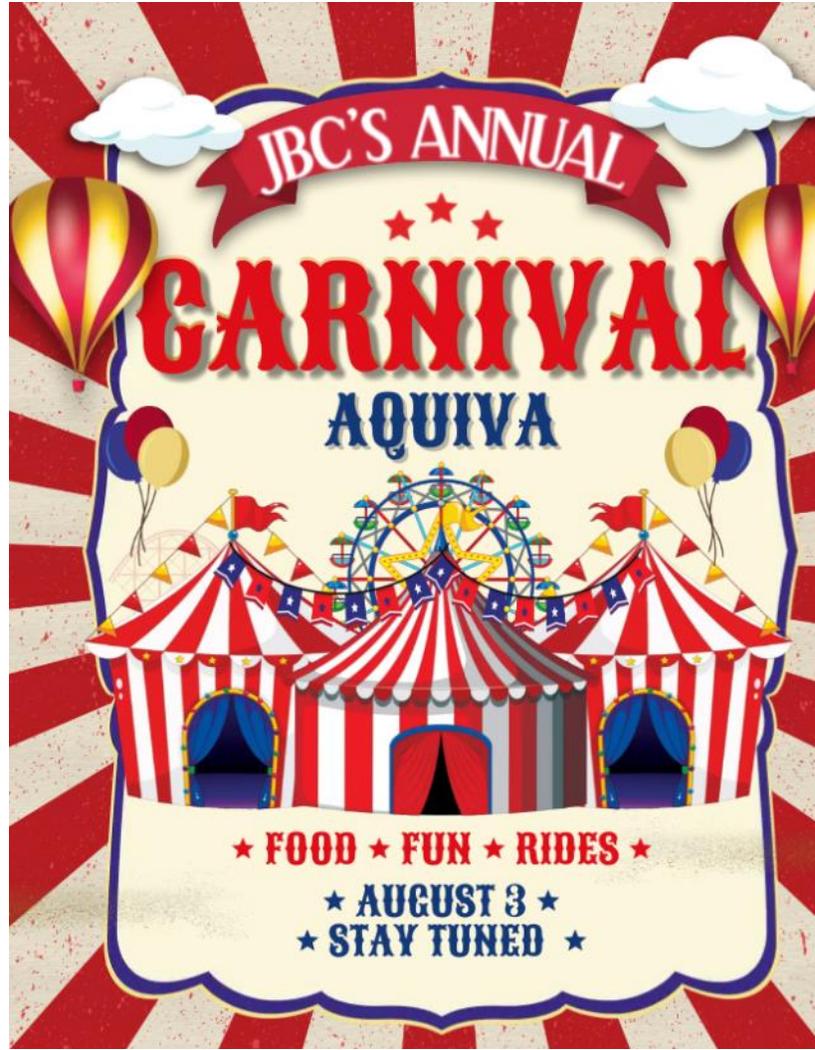
The preacher said "Stand up and walk"

Then the old man proceeded to stand up from his wheelchair and slowly walked. The shocked crowd yelled in praise.

The preacher asked him: "How are you feeling now?"

The old man replied: "I still can't see"





**Save The Date**

# BACK TO SCHOOL FIRST DAY FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY, August 11th, 1:00 - 4:00pm**  
 Charleston Gaillard Center  
 and South Carolina Aquarium

**Free School Supplies Giveaways!**  
 Free tours of the South Carolina Aquarium  
 Community resource information  
 Entertainment  
 Kids Zone



**ABOVE ALL, LET  
 US PRAY FOR  
 OUR CHILDREN**

<p><b>I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH.</b>  <small>PHILIPPIANS 4:13</small></p>	<p><b>WHATEVER YOU DO, DO EVERYTHING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.</b>  <small>1 CORINTHIANS 10:31</small></p>
<p><b>DO NOT BE AFRAID FOR I AM WITH YOU.</b>  <small>ISAIAH 43:5</small></p>	<p><b>Do to others as you would have them do to you.</b>  <small>Luke 6:31</small></p>

# 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.

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