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Welcome to Crossing Jordan

Where Jesus is exalted and the word is explained



## Jordan's Quarterly Recap



### Pastor's Pen



Do you believe that the blessings of God are worth the wait? Romans 8:18 describes that it's easy for you to wait while everything is good. How do you wait when illness, death, job loss, wars and rumors of wars is upon your household?

Psalms 37 describes why many of you often question why do you catch hell constantly when your neighbor who doesn't even want to believe in the Lord God appears to live a life of prosperity? Can you have faith when it looks like your world is turned upside down? We often focus on what's going wrong rather than celebrate what's right. Stop complaining and start believing, child of God! God wants you to learn how to say thank you in the rough times. You may ask, "How long Lord must I be in this holding pattern?" Just hold on and believe that it's worth the wait! You know how to do what's right, but you're prone to do that which is wrong.

In Romans 7:19, Paul said every time I go to do right, evil is right there waiting on me. The problem with some believers is that you can be around all of the anointing in the world, and still not know the will of God. Many of the situations you're in, you caused yourself because you were trying to get ahead of what God has for you. Stop looking around for everyone to blame...start with yourself.

You ought to look up and just say thank you Lord for saving and blessing me. Be satisfied and content with what you have right now. We're only where we are because God allowed His only son, Jesus, to die for our transgressions, and we still can't thank God for His goodness. The struggle to put yourself on hold in order to allow God to elevate you, will cause an internal conflict.

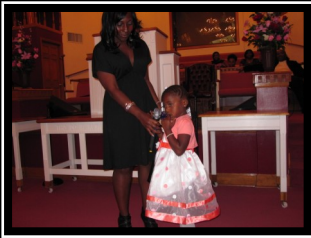
It's worth the wait because:

- 1) you need to analyze your affliction
- 2) while anticipating your affluence.

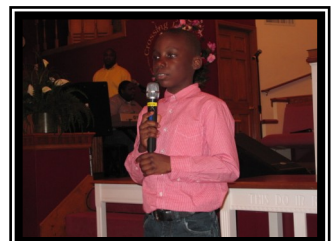
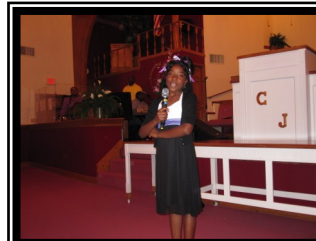
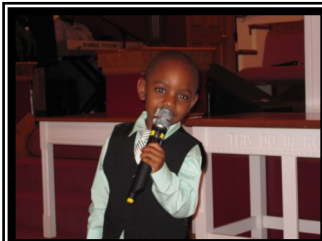
Self evaluation is the hardest thing for many of you to do. Where is God right now in your life? Is God satisfied with where you are with Him right now? Can you handle the transition from your way to God's way? Look at yourself in the mirror and be truthful with yourself. God is constantly working on you. God has to break you down sometimes in order to build you up. God has to put you in some situations to see if you can pass the test.

God wants to know if you're ready for elevation to the next dimension. Stop being stuck on stupid! Start telling the devil thank you for everything he's put you through because through it all you've learned to trust in Jesus.

Pastor Ronnie J Mathis



# EASTER SUNDAY



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 13-17



# F Y I ...

## Strategic Plan for Crossing Jordan 2011

### G.I.F.T.S

#### Giving In Faith Together Sacrificially

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, shall men given into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye meet withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38 KJV

#### GOAL: \$100,000

**Purpose:** To pay off our church mortgage, expand on our church building with additional bathrooms and classrooms.

**Program:** Every member of CJBC gives \$1 per day for the entire year.\*

**Period:** First Fruit Sunday May 2011- April 2012

\* This is beyond your tithes and offerings.

## DEACON'S MINISTRY

"The Pastor's Assistants in the Ministry"

(based on the first letter of you last name)

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SOMETHING FOR  
YOU TO FEAST ON-

**YOU CAN DO IT,  
GOD CAN HELP!**

## EDUCATION

### Opportunities for Spiritual Growth...

Bible School every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Praise and Worship Service  
Sunday at 11 a.m.

Bible Study every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

New Member Orientation every Sun-  
day at 10 a.m.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2011-2012 CJ STEPPERS!

**Erica Bines, Nicole Carter, Danielle Vaughn, Valez Wright, Conterious (CT) Vaughn, Sashem Lane, Diamond Anderson, Jewell Anderson, Demarie Howell, David Anderson and Xavier Jones**



Easter Sunday photo taken by  
6-year-old Rayna Skrine

## *CROSSING JORDAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY*

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Hours of Operation~ Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Night Care Available until 12 a.m.

Tuition fee: \$85 weekly

Ages 3-5 years

Before/After School Enrichment program

3 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. ~ Ages 5—12 years





### Vision statement

**Crossing Jordan Baptist Church will fulfill its mission by cultivating committed Christians to minister in this six fold manner: building up leaders, equipping the laity, reaching the lost, exalting the Lord, advancing by learning and nurturing through love.**

#### LIST OF MINISTRIES

- Armor Bearer Ministry
- Beautifying (Cleaning) Ministry
- Choir
- Christian Education
- College Connection
- Convalescent (Nursing Home)
- Culinary Ministry
- Daughters of Destiny
- Deacon Ministry
- Exhortation Ministry
- I Care Ministry
  - \*Website Ministry
  - \*Public Relations
  - \*Hospitality Ministry
  - \*Membership & Orientation
- Media Ministry
- Parking Lot Ministry
- S.W.A.T. Ministry
- Transportation Ministry
- Usher Ministry
- W.O.W. (Women of Wisdom)
- Youth Ministry

#### CHURCH INFORMATION

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Calling all ministry leaders/department heads... Please let the staff of the Jordan Journal know what news or events you have to share with the body of Christ. This can be anything from praise reports to member spotlighting to community events, etc. To submit your information, e-mail Sister Dawn Castro at [gdschld72@yahoo.com](mailto:gdschld72@yahoo.com).

#### Mission Statement...

Crossing Jordan Baptist Church exists to bring glory and honor to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by cultivating committed Christians to minister through worship, the word, and witnessing, to its congregation, community, city, county, country and those throughout the world.