



Welcome To Crossing Jordan

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.

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.

“Opportunities for Spiritual And Christian Growth”

Sunday school every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Praise & Worship Service every Sunday at 11:00 am.

Praise & Worship Service Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

Midday Worship Service at 12:00 pm., Lunch with the Lord

Exhortation Ministry

Will have Intercessory Prayer at 9:00 a.m. every 3rd Sunday starting in February

Editor’s Expressions

Sister Mary Helen Nelson

“Stay Plugged In”

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (Matt 5:16)

Jesus is the light of the world and He lights up those who come into relationship with Him. When Moses spent time in god’s presence, his face became so bright that he wore a veil because people feared to come near him. (see **Exodus 34:29-30**)

As a lamp must be plugged into the electrical outlet to illuminate the darkness around it, so we must stay plugged into God if we want our light to shine before others. The only way we can walk in love and behave the way we should is to pray, read the word, and experience fellowship with God. Stay plugged in, and be a light wherever you go.

“Worship With Your Whole Heart”

I will cry to God Most High, who performs on my behalf and reward me (who brings to pass His purpose for me and surely completes them)! (Psalm 57:2)

Great worship leaders know to come into the presence of God with their entire being, prepared to give thanks and praise (see **Deuteronomy 10:12**)

As you approach God in the morning, come to Him with a heart full of worship, expressing your awe of Him for His faithfulness toward you. He promises that He will never forsake you, but be with you all day long. (see **Joshua 1:5**)

“Message for the New Year”

Don’t rob God! Those who give less than a tenth of their income limit what God can do for them according to His own Word. *“Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, “How have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings”. (Malachi 3:8)*

Lest we somehow believe that principle applies only to the Old Covenant, Paul amplifies it for us: “Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully.” (**2 Corinthians 9:6**)

“Give and it will be given to you”: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” (**Luke 6:38**) ☪

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sister Bernice R Marshall

What is the definition of “Black History Month?” I will give you my definition derived from words with which we are familiar:

1. Black – adjective: of or relating to a group or race characterized by dark pigmentation; especially of or relating to the Negro (Black/African American, you decide) race;
2. Black – noun: a person belonging to a dark-skinned race or one stemming in part from such a race: AFRO-AMERICAN.
3. History – noun: a chronological record of significant events(as affecting a nation or institution) often including an explanation of their causes;
4. History – noun: a treatise (an account or tale of facts) presenting systematically related natural phenomena.
5. Month – noun: a measure of time corresponding nearly to the period of the moon’s revolution and amounting to approximately 4 weeks or 30 days or 1/12 of a year.

My definition of Black History Month: A chronological record of significant events relating to a group of “people of color” presenting a “systematically related natural phenomena” for a period of 4 weeks! This is probably why the month of February is the host month, if you will, as it is only four (4) weeks in length! Thus we have the celebration of “**BLACK HISTORY MONTH!**”

It’s all about us, recording and celebrating the struggle of our ancestors to survive, to get from whence we came to where we are. All the pain, suffering, injustice and blood, sweat and tears, carried on the back-bones of those who struggled before us, those who sacrificed so much for us, that we may be where we are and that those coming after us shall continue the legacy for generations to come!

Let us review two of those systematically related natural phenomena:

- ◆ In 1929, on the 15th of January, **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** was born in Atlanta, GA. Dr. King became known as one of the world’s best advocates of non-violent social change strategies. Dr. King’s roots were in the African-American Baptist Church. Both his father and grandfather were prominent pastors and activists as well. Dr. King studied at Morehouse and Crozer Theological Seminary.
- ◆ In 1955, Dr. King was elected president of the newly formed Montgomery Improvement Association in response to the Rosa Parks arrest. After the U.S. Supreme Court declared Alabama’s segregation laws

unconstitutional, Montgomery buses were desegregated in December, 1956.

- ◆ Dr. King organized many mass, non-violent protests, marches, and sit-in, from 1956 – 1963. On August 28, 1963, these efforts were culminated when 250,000 protestors marched to Washington, DC at the Lincoln Memorial and Dr. King delivered what has become his famous “I have A Dream” oration. Following this event, Dr. King’s renown grew, and he was named Time Magazine’s “Man of the Year” and he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in December, 1964.
- ◆ On April 4, 1968, Dr. King was silenced by an assassin’s bullet, while seeking to assist a garbage workers’ strike in Memphis, Tennessee.

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- ◆ In Honolulu, Hawaii, on August 4, 1961, **Barack H. Obama** was born to a white mother, Ann Dunham, and Kenyan father, Barack Obama Sr. Mr. Obama’s parents were students at the University of Hawaii, where they met. After their divorce, his father returned to Kenya and Barack was raised primarily by his grandparents in Hawaii.
 - ◆ Mr. Obama graduated from Columbia University in New York, where he became a community organizer for a small church group in Chicago for three years, helping poor resident cope with a wave of plant closings.
 - ◆ In 1990, Mr. Obama attended Harvard Law School, where he became the first Black President of the Harvard Law Review. From 1997 to 2004, he served as an Illinois State Senator. The junior United States senator from Illinois made history on August 27, 2008, when he was nominated by Democrats as the first African American to be a major party’s candidate for President of the United States.
 - ◆ On November 4, 2008, Mr. Obama was the first African-American, Black, Negro elected by the people with an overwhelming, unprecedented margin as the 44th **President of the United States of America!**

Young people, it’s up to you to keep the phenomena going – Stay in school and reach for the stars! You can be anything and do anything you set your heart’s desire on, just remember to put **God** first in your life! ☞

Member Spotlight

Sister Mary Nelson

For the Month of February, the Crossing Jordan Member Spotlight is focused on **Sister Delores Tiller-Thurman.**

Sister Thurman was born in Detroit, Michigan. She was educated in the public school system. At an early age she found her talent and passion working with the elderly population in nursing homes. She received her CNA certification in Michigan.

Sister Thurman is married to Brother Dennis Thurman, who fills her life with love, joy and fulfillment. She is the mother of three (3) children: Glenn Tiller, Tyreke Nichols and Karla Nichols-Beal, whom she states are her pride and joy.

In 1985, she and her family moved to Valdosta, Georgia to be closer to her mother, Ms. Lillie Mae Tiller, who was the rock of her life, and who instilled in her, the Lord and values that keeps her going strong each and every day.

Sister Thurman received her Georgia CNA certification, and resumed her passion for working with the elderly at Parkwood Development Center and Holly Hill Nursing Home. She enjoys meeting people, laughter and serving our Lord daily. ☪

A Message for the New Year

Sister Dorothy Marlow

"Love One Another"

What a blessing to see a brand new year. God has watched over us, He did not have to do it, but He did. God wants us to give our love unconditionally, for that is the way He gives His love to us. It is impossible to love God, and not love our brothers and sisters.

In 2010, let us vow to get along and love one another. As born again Christians, God desires that we come together, and that we are on one accord. There should be unity among the saints – a sense of oneness. Oneness is a clear sign of a healthy well balanced church. Let us make 2010 a year of love.

Love ye one another as Christ loves us. Let us pray for one another, lift each other up. As Christ loves the Church, so should we love one another. Where there is love, there is peace. Let love abide.

Until next time ----- Blessings ☪

Youth Spotlight



Danielle Vaughn, a sophomore at Valdosta High School, won first place in the MLK poetry/poster contest at Valdosta High School for 2009-10. See her award winning poem below.



Conterious (CT) Hannon, a fourth grader at Southeast Elementary School, won first place in the 2010 spelling bee.

Let Freedom Ring

Fighting for the racial right
Yes, Martin fought for the light.
The light that led to integration,
He longed for no more segregation.
Black and white what does it mean
For to him these colors all seem
To come as one under God and the sun
His work paid off for now it is done
His dream for us was equality
To let all nations be set free.
They couldn't triumph over this man
Equality, prosperity in his hands
That all nations be free
And no longer can we see
The differences between each other
We learned to love one another
I pledge you Martin for letting us be free,
Free with equality
Now to you, Martin, I sing
Thanks for letting freedom ring.

Danielle J. Vaughn (2009-10)

TIDBITS

“Chuckle Corner”

Isn't it funny when you know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions?

Amazing, isn't it? You just hang something in your closet for a little while, and it shrinks two sizes.

“Looking Back Over the Events of 2009”

Crossing Jordan was purchased on May 26, 2009 – To God Be The Glory!!

“Handy Hints”

Spray your shoelaces with water before tying; this will prevent them from coming undone. Great to do for children!

Set an alarm clock on a tin plate: It will be heard!!

“First Aid”

A small burn will heal faster if you put a bit of toothpaste on it.
Apply toothpaste to relieve the itch of mosquito bites.

“Useful Information”

Lowndes County Department of Family and Children Services will be closed on the following days:

Friday, February 5, 2010
Friday, May 21, 2010
Monday, May 31, 2010
Friday, June 4, 2010
Friday, June 18, 2010

Friday, March 5,
Friday, April 2, 2010
Monday, April 26,
Friday, May 7.

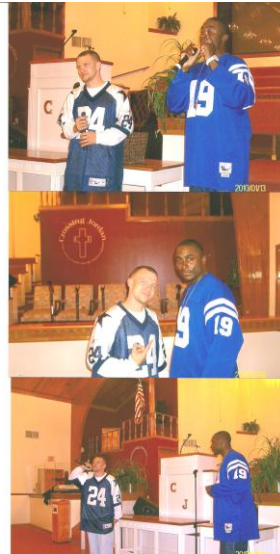
“Upcoming Events”

Pastor's Anniversary Banquet - March 12, 2010
See any ministry leader for tickets

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Photo Corner



Walk Right Ministries



At work and play at Cici's Pizza



Music Ministry at CiCi's Pizza

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