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Welcome to Crossing Jordan
Where Jesus is exalted and the word is explained



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.



Pastor's Pen



Reasons To Give Thanks

What motivates us to express gratitude to God?

We often remember to thank Him when something positive happens in our life. But 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to give thanks in all things, which includes difficult times as well as happier circumstances. Of course, thanking God for something painful may seem illogical—but it is not. There are a number of reasons why, no matter what we are going through, it truly is “good to give thanks to the Lord” (Psalm 92:1). The first reason is stated in Psalm 107:1, which tells us to “give thanks to the Lord, for He is good (emphasis added).” Even though life may be difficult, our hope and joy remain because we serve the eternal, omniscient, omnipotent God of love. Second, our gratitude magnifies the Lord. He is glorified when we acknowledge His goodness and thank Him for His continual blessings. God is also pleased when, even in difficult times, we obediently thank Him. Third, thankfulness reinforces our faith. When we remember how God has met our needs, protected us, and answered cries for help, our trust in Him is strengthened. Recalling His faithfulness in the past equips us to face the future. In addition, our spirit rejoices when we dwell on who the Lord is, what He has done, and what He will do.

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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.

Scripture of the Month

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6-7



Pastor's Pen cont.

It's easy to be grateful when we receive something we have desired for a long time. But God wants us to express thanksgiving in everything. Meditate on His goodness, faithfulness, sovereignty, and sure promises—and offer Him your thanks.

Scripture Of The Day: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." - Colossians 3:17

A Christmas Moment

By Minister Raymond Copeland

Unto us a King is born; unto us our Savior is here. From my family to our church family, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Christmas has always been a time for me to share with friends and family, in love and in fellowship with one and another. Don't forget Jesus was born to die so that we all my live. Be blessed CJ family! Love you all!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CROSSING JORDAN TAKES TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE SAINTS WHO GRACIOUSLY SERVE IN THE LORD'S HOUSE. DECEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT MEMBER IS JUETHEL SPIKES.

Sister Spikes was born in Lowndes County but spent most of her early life in Mount Vernon, New York. She was baptized on April 12, 1957 at White Rock Baptist Church in Mount Vernon and graduated from Mount Vernon High. She moved back to Valdosta at the age of 20 and has lived here every since. She attended Valdosta Area Vocational Technical School and was certified as a Basic Orthopedic Traction Technician, CAN, and Operating Room Technician. She has been married for 29 years to Louis Spikes, and they have four children Daphne Pope, of Valdosta; Amelia Parrish, of Ft Lauderdale; Stephanie Mathis, of Jacksonville; and Louis Spikes, Jr, also of Jacksonville. Spikes also has nine grandchildren Shakendra, Solomon, Dominique, Shakeidra, Marquis, Emari, Malik, Shakayla, and Destiney. She also has a sister and a brother.

Sister Spikes is employed by W.G.Nunn Elementary.

She serves in the Women of Wisdom, Senior Ushers and I CARE ministries. She also serves as one of the teachers for Crossing Jordan's Vacation Bible School.

Her favorite scripture verse is, "In everything, give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ concerning you."

1 Thes 5:18.

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Strategic Plan for Crossing Jordan 2010

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 2010-April 2011

* 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)

A-B-C

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T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z

Bro. Garry Lenoir 229-245-1555

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Exhortation Ministry

Intercessory Prayer at
9 am every this
Sunday

SOMETHING FOR
YOU TO FEAST ON-

While accepting friends
on Facebook, try
accepting God on
Faithbook!

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
Sunday at 10 a.m.

KINGS KIDS

With Christmas approaching, some Crossing Jordan kids were asked what Christmas means to them. This is what they had to say...

"Christmas means opening gifts, buying gifts for others and we worship Jesus." -

Keshaunda Brantley, 8

"Spongebob!"- Isiah Canady, 3

"It means celebrating Jesus's birthday."- Victoria Kimber, 12

"Jesus was born on Christmas. We celebrate by giving to people, especially to those who do not have a lot."- Xavier Jones, 8

CROSSING JORDAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Dr. Ronnie Mathis, CEO

307 Mildred Street, Valdosta, GA 31601 Phone: (229) 241-0262 fax: 241-0261

Email- crossingjordanm@bellsouth.net

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

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!



CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!

Happy Birthday to Jesus and to all the Crossing Jordan saints!

12/1-Deacon J D Rice	12/18-Monica Holmes
12/4-Belivia Corbett	12/19-Myicia Robinson
12/5-Tieka Skrine	12/23-Christopher Holsendolph
12/6-Ashley Rose	12/26-Lu Eva Jones
12/8-Rev & Mrs. William Collier (9th Anniversary)	12/28-Regina Williams
12/11-Master William David Collier	12/29-R. Demonne Skrine Jr.
12/12-Keshaunda Brantley	12/30-Morris Wright
12/14- Velez Wright	
12/15-Mildred Holsendolph	
12/16-Estette (Dolly) Stewart	



May God Bless You All On Your Special Day!

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. All pictures and information MUST be e-mailed. The Jordan Journal is for the entire body of Christ. Please help support this ministry. Thank you!
- Crossing Jordan presents A Spectacular Christmas Event at 4 p.m. December 5.
- I CARE meets every 2nd Sunday
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Sister Johneine Grate! She passed the State Board of Cosmetology! She will be graduating from Wiregrass Technical College School of Cosmetology on December 17! Way to go!
- For transportation to Sunday or Tuesday night services, please contact Deacon Stacey Holmes at (229) 232-6970.
- If you have not yet paid your \$1 a day sacrificial offering, you still have 3 weeks!
- Christmas morning worship service will be at 10 a.m. December 25.
- Night Watch service will be December 31 at 10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Merry Christmas—English	Mele Kalikimaka—Hawaiian
Feliz Navidad—Spanish	Froehliche Weihnachten—German
Joyeux Noel—French	Buone Feste Natalizie—Italian