

**One of the Most Amazing Athletes in History!**



# Carl Joseph

Author of

*"Some Called Me Superstar"*

*"An Inspiration to everybody"* Roger Staubach,

Heisman Trophy winner and Hall of Fame quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys

*"Carl is an exceptionally rare human being!"*

Dan Dierdorf, member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame

Member of the Florida Athletic Hall of Fame

Lettered in 8 High School & Collegiate Sports

Author, Pastor, Coach & Inspirational Speaker

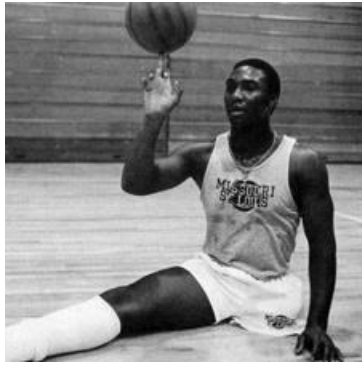
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# COMING TO HOUSTON!

**Tuesday, December 14th 6 PM**

**Pines Presbyterian Church**

**12751 Kimberley 77024**



## Hall of Fame One Legged Wonder

### Biography of Carl Leon Joseph

Born February 17, 1961 to Gladys Joseph Davis (deceased) and James Carl Turner on a North Florida tobacco farm, Carl was born into a life of poverty. Carl is a fourth child of 10 children in a single mom household. Carl Joseph didn't stand much of a chance in life even if he had been born with both legs, but through the strength of God and unyielding perseverance, he has led not only a normal life but an extraordinary one.

Carl became a star high school varsity athlete beloved by his small rural hometown of Madison, Florida. When he removed his bulky prosthesis or dropped his crutches to play sports, he morphed from a gimp into a powerful competitor. In going where no one-legged human had gone before, he sacked quarterbacks, dunked basketballs, threw the discus a record 134 feet and soared to victory in the high jump. In his heroic journey, he transformed himself from the object of pity and ridicule as a child to one of respect and awe in high school, winning over incredulous coaches at each hop along the way. The improbable athletic exploits of this honor student were credited with bringing Madison's black and white communities together during the tense early years of forced integration. In 1980, Carl was known worldwide. He appeared on "That's Incredible," "To Tell the Truth," "Today" and several NFL shows. Stories extolling his high school exploits were written in national magazines and newspapers. He received thousands of fan letters. In 1981, a book was written about him, "One of a Kind: the Legend of Carl Joseph." In 1982, the Philadelphia Sportswriters Association gave him its prestigious Most Courageous Athlete of the Year award, putting him in the company of sports legends Rocky Blair and Tommy John.

Carl went on to play college football at Bethune-Cookman University and received his degree in physical education in 1987. After graduating, he coached college and high school football for 23 years. He finished his coaching career at Jefferson High School under former NFLer Rodell Thomas.

## Biography of Carl Leon Joseph (continued)

Carl has had to rely on his never-give-up attitude as his health deteriorated in recent years. He had knee surgery in 1992 and has been forced to use crutches for mobility. In 2002 he was hospitalized with sarcoidosis – the mysterious and life threatening respiratory ailment that took the lives of NFL Hall of Famer Reggie White and comedian Bernie Mac. Even after a miraculous recovery, getting around today is harder than ever for Carl. True to character, however, he soldiers on with the strength of the Lord.

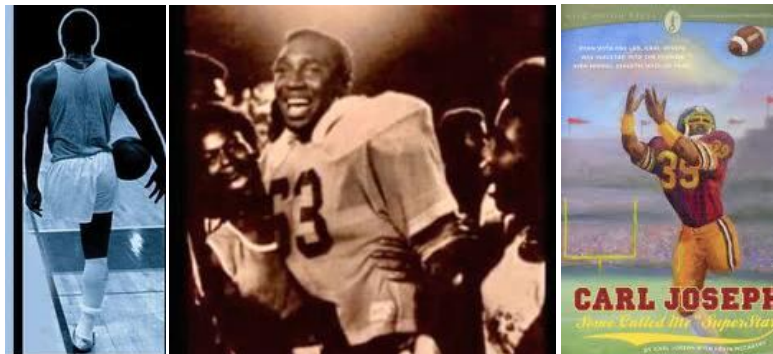
In April 2009 Carl Joseph was elected to the Florida Athletic Hall of Fame. He has since appeared on the “Today” show and the ever popular “Best Damn Sports Show!” CBS Sports analyst Dan Dierdorf recently commented “I’ve wondered whether a guy could jump over a canyon on a motorcycle, but I never even thought about someone playing football on one leg. It was so preposterous it never entered my mind. All I can say is that Carl is an exceptionally rare human being.” In today’s barrage of gloomy world news, Carl’s story provides a hopeful message that anything is possible if you possess a relentless fighting spirit.

In February 2010 Wild Onion Press published Carl’s latest book, “Some Called Me Superstar.” Based on his life, this remarkable book is an inspiration to kids of all ages and is currently being used as a text book in many Florida public schools.

Carl enjoys speaking to teens and adults alike about his life. He is an ordained Bishop in his church and serves as a pastor there. Carl’s nationally renowned gospel group, Bishop Carl Joseph & the Spiritual Tru-Tones, has performed throughout the US for over 20 years and has two albums to their credit. They have been ranked in the top 100 among America's top quartet groups.

God’s greatest blessing to Carl is his loving family. He and wife Michelle have eight daughters and one son, as well as seven grandchildren, two of which are deceased.

For more information, please contact Carl Joseph Ministries at [carljoseph48@yahoo.com](mailto:carljoseph48@yahoo.com) or by calling (386)283-3977 or (832)640-8844. Also see video footage of Carl on [www.greatsportstories.com](http://www.greatsportstories.com).



# Hall of Fame One Legged Wonder Carl Joseph

## Itinerary for December 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

Carl's presentation is a 30 minute video and live event that will inspire any audience. Designed especially for teens, Carl shares his life experiences and his unique outlook on overcoming obstacles. His story is especially effective with those with disabilities, at-risk teens, and athletes of all disciplines. Audiences are motivated to reach for the stars as Carl's message of hope and courage helps us realize that we can achieve anything if our heart is big enough.

### Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

7 AM – 8:30 AM: Mac Haik Enterprises Managers Breakfast

10 AM – Noon: **AVAILABLE**

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM: **AVAILABLE**

### Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

1 PM – 3 PM: Krause Children's Center, Katy

### Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

9 AM – Noon: Pines Presbyterian Church

2 PM – Evening: **AVAILABLE**

### Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

8 AM – Noon: **AVAILABLE**

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM: **AVAILABLE**

### Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

8 AM – Noon: **AVAILABLE**

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM: **AVAILABLE**

6 PM – 8 PM: Pines Presbyterian Church Youth Event

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