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**Theme:**  
**AIMING TO**  
**PLEASE GOD**

**John 8:29**

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Thank you for worshipping with us at Canaan Baptist Church. The corporate life of this congregation is the faithful witness of the vitality of service to be found in the Sunday worship experience. What we

do from Monday to Saturday speaks volumes about Canaan's commitment and dedication to Christ and our community.

Canaan is "family," and all of us are saved sinners working out our soul salvation. Under the structured Body of Christ, we recognize the powerful work of the Holy Spirit in impacting the lives of our in-reach and outreach ministries. We are organized but not so organized to prevent the organism, the church, from bearing whole life. We welcome you!

Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock  
First Lady Rev. Dr. Debbie Bullock  
and the Canaan Baptist Church Family

### Canaan's Mission Statement

An urban Baptist Church which serves as a vanguard of liberation, faith, and empowerment through our Christian witness. Canaan's mission is to do Ministry for the Master through the five-fold ministries of Discipleship, Fellowship, Service, Worship, and Evangelism. Acts 2:42-47

### Canaan's Core Values

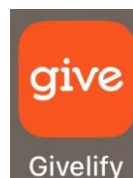
Congregational Intimacy (I Corinthians 13:13)  
Salvation for the Lost (John 3:16)  
Applied Christianity (James 2:14-20)  
Impact the Human Condition (Luke 4:18-19)

**In-Person and Online** --Tune in--Canaan's Facebook Page or YouTube. To receive notifications when Canaan Baptist Church is going "**LIVE**", "**Like**" and "**Follow**" us on the "Canaan Baptist Church of Delaware" Facebook Canaanbcvideo page and "Subscribe" to our YouTube Channel Canaanbcvideo.

### WAYS TO GIVE

Several options to give of His Tithes and our offerings:

1. Deposit your offering envelope in the baskets located inside the sanctuary doors
2. Drop off a sealed offering envelope on Sundays from 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.
3. Send via U.S. Mail to:  
Canaan Baptist Church  
3011 New Castle Avenue  
New Castle, DE 19720
4. Transfer e-funds online via PayPal:  
[www.Paypalme.com/canaanbaptistde](http://www.Paypalme.com/canaanbaptistde)



Download and use the Givelify mobile app.

Thank you for your continued and unwavering financial support of the Canaan Ministry!





## Greetings from the Editor's Desk



“The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us.” Psalm 115:12

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** I do not know what still awaits, or what the morrow brings; but with the glad salute of faith, I hail its opening wings!

For this I know—that in my Lord shall all my needs be met; And I can trust the heart of Him who has not failed me yet!

### CELEBRATE THE SAINTS

Got News? Are you celebrating a birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement, educational, personal, or professional achievement, accomplishment, special occasion, engagement, a new birth, an adventure, a milestone, or recognition? Share your news with us. Photos are welcome. Please email your announcements by the 20<sup>th</sup> to: [CanaanNews3011@gmail.com](mailto:CanaanNews3011@gmail.com).

### ROBOCALLS

All members are asked to lock the church's telephone number, (302) 654-8818, in your phones. Periodically, you will receive a robocall from the church regarding upcoming events, information, and urgent announcements.

### RESERVE CHURCH FACILITIES

To reserve any of the church facilities for your meetings and events for the use of the Sanctuary, Hall of Faith, Conference room, or other spaces, please call the church office at (302) 654-8818.

Please notify the **MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY and the Church Office** should your contact information--Formal Name, Email Address, Cell Phone Number or Mailing Address-- change.

### CANAAN NEWS STAFF

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Sis. Deb Piner  
Bro. Derek Edwards, Photographer  
Ministry Leaders  
Administrative Staff

### CANAAN'S KIDS NURSERY:

Qualified Volunteers needed to work and serve in the nursery. For more information, please see Sis. Linda Wells, Ministry Leader.

The **MEDIA MINISTRY** is seeking volunteers to train and operate the church PA Sound System. If you are interested in training to serve in this vital church ministry, please contact Dr. Arvis or any member of the Media / Sound Team.



# **ORDER OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:00 AM**

**Call to Worship and Prayer**

Ministry in Music  
Welcome of Visitors  
Church Announcements  
Giving of His Tithes and Our Offering  
Ministry in Music  
**A Word from the Word**  
Invitation to New Life  
(First Sunday—Holy Communion)  
Closing Selection – **"Heal the Land"**  
Benediction

**Sunday, January 4, 2026, 10:00 AM**  
**Pastor Bullock's 2026 State of the Church**  
**AIMING TO PLEASE GOD ~ John 8:29**

## **I AM ON THE BATTLEFIELD FOR MY LORD**

Refrain

I am on the battlefield for my Lord, I'm on the battlefield for my Lord  
And I promised Him that I would serve Him till I die  
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord.

Verse 1

I was alone and idle, I was a sinner too  
I heard a voice from heaven, say "there is work to do"  
I took the Master's hand, and I joined the Christian band  
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord.

Verse 2

I left my friends and kindred, bound for the Promised Land  
The grace of God upon me, the Bible in my hand  
In distant lands I trod, crying Sinner, come to God  
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord.

Verse 3

Now when I met my Savior, I met Him with a smile  
He healed my wounded spirit, and owned me as His child  
Around the throne of grace, He appoints my soul a place  
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord.

# What We Believe

## The Articles of Faith in the Baptist Church

**I. The Scriptures.** We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried.

**II. The True God.** We believe the Scriptures teach that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

**III. The Fall of Man.** We believe the Scriptures teach that Man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgressions fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

**IV. The Way of Salvation.** We believe that the Scriptures teach that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior.

**V. Justification.** We believe the Scriptures teach that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

**VI. The Freeness of Salvation.** We believe that the Scriptures teach that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

**VII. Regeneration.** We believe that the Scriptures teach that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith, and newness of life.

**VIII. Repentance and Faith.** We believe the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our prophet, priest and king, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

**IX. God's Purpose of Grace.** We believe the Scriptures teach that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

**X. Sanctification.** We believe the Scriptures teach that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means especially the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.

**XI. Perseverance of the Saints.** We believe the Scriptures teach that such only are real believers as endure to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

**XII. The Law and Gospel.** We believe the Scriptures teach that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arise entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

**XIII. A Gospel Church.** We believe the Scriptures teach that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its only scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons whose Qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

**XIV. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.** We believe the Scriptures teach that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

**XV. The Christian Sabbath.** We believe the Scriptures teach that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations, by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for that rest that remained for the people of God.

**XVI. Civil Government.** We believe the Scriptures teach that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the Kings of the earth.

**XVII. Righteous and Wicked.** We believe the Scriptures teach that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

**XVIII. The World to Come.** We believe the Scriptures teach that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave for final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.



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## TITHING CALCULATOR

Weekly Income	10%	11%	12%	13%	14%	15%
\$100	\$10	\$11	\$12	\$13	\$14	\$15
\$150	15	16.50	18	19.50	21	22.50
\$200	20	22.00	24	26.00	28	30.00
\$250	25	27.50	30	32.50	35	37.50
\$300	30	33.00	36	39.00	42	45.00
\$350	35	38.50	42	45.50	49	52.50
\$400	40	44.00	48	52.00	56	60.00
\$450	45	49.50	54	58.50	63	67.50
\$500	50	55.00	60	65.00	70	75.00
\$550	55	60.50	66	71.50	77	82.50
\$600	60	66.00	72	78.00	84	90.00
\$650	65	71.50	78	84.50	91	97.50
\$700	70	77.00	84	91.00	98	105.00
\$750	75	82.50	90	97.50	105	112.50
\$800	80	88.00	96	104.00	112	120.00
\$850	85	93.50	102	110.50	119	127.50
\$900	90	99.00	108	117.00	126	135.00
\$950	95	104.50	114	123.50	133	142.50
\$1,000	100	110.00	120	130.00	140	150.00
\$1,050	105	115.50	126	136.50	147	157.50
\$1,100	110	121.00	132	143.00	154	165.00
\$1,150	115	126.50	138	149.50	161	172.50
\$1,200	120	132.00	144	156.00	168	180.00
\$1,250	125	137.50	150	162.50	175	187.50
\$1,300	130	143.00	156	169.00	182	195.00
\$1,350	135	148.50	162	175.50	189	202.50
\$1,400	140	154.00	168	182.00	196	210.00

**The Tithing Calculator** is posted to help us better understand and determine what an actual tithe (or tenth) is based on our income.

Christian disciples who obey the Word of God, tithe in response to the Lord's command, in light of the Lord's graciousness and also to ensure that Canaan has all we need to do ministry that honors the Lord, equips individuals and to build a wholesome Christian community. (Malachi 3:8-10)

If you are not yet a committed part of our "tithing community", we encourage you to prayerfully trust God today, pray and begin surrendering your life to His will in this and every area of your life.

Let the Words of Jesus become real and evident in your life according to Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."





# Canaan Baptist Church - Ministries



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# CHURCH CALENDAR



Thursday, January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
Saturday, January 3	Missionary Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith	11:00 AM
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, January 4</b>	<b>Morning Worship Service – Voices of Canaan</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Monday, January 5	Funeral Service/Repast – Sis. Ivorette Brock	11:00 AM
Tuesday, January 6	Funeral Service/Repast – Sis. Bernadette Weekes	11:00 AM
Tuesday, January 6	Respite Ministry Meeting – Rt. 9 Library	1:00 PM
Wednesday, January 7	Noon Bible Study – Hall of Faith Evening Bible Study – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, January 8	Men of Canaan Rehearsal – Sanctuary	6:30 PM
Friday, January 9	Memorial Service/Repast – Mr. Kevin McDaniels	11:00 AM
Saturday, January 10	Saturday Church School New Members Class – Sanctuary CPR Class – Hall of Faith Junior/Seniors Ushers Ministry Meeting Canaan for Life Ministry Meeting – Rt. 9 Library	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, January 11</b>	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> Sisters of Canaan Fellowship – Hall of Faith	<b>10:00 AM</b> 11:30 AM
Tuesday, January 13	Overcomers Meeting – Hall of Faith	7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 14	Noon Bible Study – Hall of Faith Evening Bible Study – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, January 15	Food Truck Delivery Voices of Canaan Rehearsal	9:00 AM 6:30 PM
Friday, January 16	Food Sorting – Hall of Faith	6:00 PM
Saturday, January 17	Saturday Church School	9:00 AM
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, January 18</b>	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> Food Distribution	<b>10:00 AM</b> 11:30 AM
Monday, January 19	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
Tuesday, January 20	Respite Group Meeting – Hall of Faith	1:00 PM
Wednesday, January 21	Noon Bible Study – Hall of Faith Evening Bible Study – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, January 22	Men of Canaan Rehearsal – Sanctuary	6:30 PM
Friday, January 23	Marriage Ministry Fellowship	6:00 PM
Saturday, January 24	Saturday Church School CPR Class – Hall of Faith	9:00 AM 11:00 AM
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, January 25</b>	<b>Morning Worship Service</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Tuesday, January 27	Overcomers Meeting – Hall of Faith	7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 28	Noon Bible Study – Hall of Faith Churchwide Prayer Service	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, January 29	Voices of Canaan Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Saturday, January 31	Saturday Church School	9:00 AM



## Canaan's Kids



Sis. Linda Wells, Ministry Leader

### Sunday Morning Worship

Ages 6 and under  
8:45 – 11:45 AM



## Wilmington University President Dr. LaVerne Harmon Selected as Delaware Business Times' First Person of the Year

Published on December 10, 2025



“The Delaware Business Times created the Person of the Year to feature and spotlight one person who has done the most to influence Delaware’s economy in a particular year,” says Katie Tabeling, editor of Delaware Business Times. “In a state with 222 impactful leaders, we decided to highlight one of them who stood head and shoulders above the rest.”

They chose Wilmington University President **Dr. LaVerne Harmon** as the publication’s first Person of the Year, an honor introduced in its Delaware 222 supplement. As its name suggests, Delaware 222 recognizes 222 of Delaware’s most influential business, nonprofit and civic leaders. Being singled out from among this accomplished group as the inaugural Person of the Year underscores the reach and significance of Dr. Harmon’s work and the University’s economic impact on the First State.

According to Tabeling, the Delaware Business Times sought leaders who delivered strong results over the past year or introduced game-changing products or services. The selection committee also weighed nominees’ successes in leading transformations with strong outcomes and in expanding their organization’s reach or overall impact on Delaware’s economy.

Under Dr. Harmon’s leadership, Wilmington University has expanded educational access for students of all ages and backgrounds, many of whom live and work in Delaware. Through a wide range of new or enhanced programs, WilmU graduates serve as educators, health care professionals, public safety officials, IT specialists and business and community leaders whose daily contributions strengthen the state’s workforce and quality of life. A focus on opportunity, student success, and strong community partnerships—and her consistent advocacy for collaborative teams that bring faculty, staff, and community partners together on behalf of students—have defined her tenure.

*As an example of the promise WilmU offers, Dr. Harmon worked her way up from being assistant to the president to president herself, reflecting the same commitment to accessibility and advancement that defines the University’s mission.*

— **Katie Tabeling, editor of Delaware Business Times**

“In our first year naming a Person of the Year, our team selected Dr. Harmon not only because she is blazing a trail with innovative programs—such as the state’s first nurse anesthesiology program and a new, high-

demand law school—but also because, behind the scenes and throughout her career at WilmU, she has helped shape the University’s mission of creating affordable education and upskilling options for Delawareans of all ages,” says Tabeling. “As an example of the promise WilmU offers, Dr. Harmon worked her way up from being assistant to the president to president herself, reflecting the same commitment to accessibility and advancement that defines the University’s mission.”

Dr. Harmon’s recognition was first announced at the inaugural Delaware 222 reception at the Delaware Art Museum on December 3, 2025. She offered words of thanks to the Delaware Business Times and Today Media teams and acknowledged the leaders named to the 222 list. The moment reflected Dr. Harmon’s many achievements and Wilmington University’s role as a key partner in Delaware’s growth and future.

<https://blog.wilmu.edu/news/category/academic-news/>

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## **Guarding the Flock Online: Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the Church**



Cybersecurity and AI shape the world in which Canaan Baptist Church ministers, including families, youth, young adults, and seniors. Cybersecurity helps protect church records, financial giving, live streams, and personal information from cyber criminals who seek to steal, destroy, or misuse data. When the church takes digital protection seriously, it reflects the command to care for the flock and to avoid giving place to the devil through carelessness, remembering that “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour,” 1Peter 5:8 (KJV). Guarding against data breaches and online scams is part of wise, loving oversight of the congregation.

At Canaan, teaching about cybersecurity and data breaches shows that digital life is not separate from discipleship. God has entrusted His people with tithes, offerings, prayer requests, and personal testimonies, and “Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful,” 1Corinthians 4:2 (KJV). Protecting information is one way to walk honestly and to “Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men,” Romans 12:17 (KJV). When church leaders apply strong passwords, update passwords in a timely manner, use secure networks, and train members about online fraud, they are practicing biblical stewardship of the tools that God has placed in their hands.

AI tools already influence social media, news feeds, and even Bible apps on phones and tablets. They can help with translation, scheduling, and communication, yet they can also push ungodly content, spread false teaching, and amplify confusion very quickly. God’s people are commanded to “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world,” 1John 4:1. Comprehending cybersecurity and AI helps believers live circumspectly, guard their homes, and strengthen the witness of the church in an increasingly digital age, “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil,” Ephesians 5:15-16 (KJV).

Canaan Baptist Church's Historian,  
Sharon L. Burton, Ph.D., DBA, MBA-HRM, MBA-Mgmt., CISM, PMP



## Parent Camp School Team at McCullough Middle School

Dear Pastor Bullock,

We are excited to invite you to join our Parent Camp School Team as we work to strengthen meaningful partnerships between our school, families, and community organizations. ***As part of this work, we are seeking one to two individuals from your organization to serve as representatives and join our Parent Camp School Team (it's okay to have more).***

Parent Camp is a transformational Family–School–Community Engagement model designed to create a school ecosystem where adults are connected, supported, and committed to the success of every student. This model emphasizes collaboration, shared learning, and open dialogue among educators, families, students, and community partners.

Unlike traditional engagement approaches that often rely on one-way communication, Parent Camp focuses on relationship building and two-way engagement. Through structured conversations and collaborative experiences, participants work together to build trust, break down barriers and develop a shared sense of purpose centered on student success.

Community partners play a vital role in this work by bringing valuable perspectives, resources, and connections that enrich our school community. As members of the Parent Camp School Team, your organization's representatives would help support and guide conversations that foster collaboration and strengthen the network of support for our students and families.

To establish a strong foundation for this work, partners who are interested in joining the Parent Camp School Team must commit to attending the first two Parent Camp training sessions, which will take place on January 20 and January 22, 5:00–7:30 PM. Both sessions will be held in the McCullough Middle School Library and will include dinner. **Please have the individual(s) who will be participating in and representing your organization complete the Google Form linked below to indicate their interest:**

<https://forms.gle/dBp7emf7znqdk3T5A>

Thank you for considering this opportunity to partner with us in creating meaningful connections that support student success. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Kind Regards,



### Helpful Links:

District Website: <http://www.colonialschooldistrict.org>

School Hours: <http://www.colonialschooldistrict.org/about-us/school-hours/>

Colonial School District Calendar: <http://www.colonialschooldistrict.org/calender/>

Registration: <http://www.colonialschooldistrict.org/registration/register-for-school/>

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# The Red Sea Rules: 10 God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times

By [Robert J. Morgan](#)



**New Bible Study Series taught by Pastor Bullock.  
Please see Dean Valerie Hill to purchase your copy - \$5.00**

## Summary

Bestselling author Robert Morgan offers ten strategies for dealing with hard times and discouragements in order to move from fear to faith—a divine protocol for handling life. *The Red Sea Rules* has been updated with

new study questions.

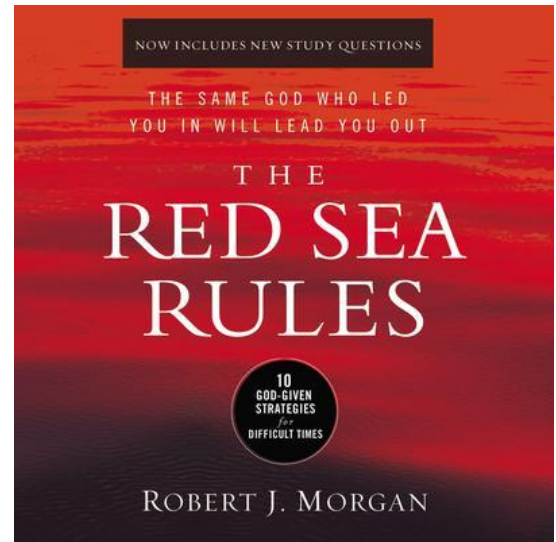
Life is hard, especially for Christians. It is certain that we will face difficulties and that God will allow them. But just as certain is the fact that the same God who led us in will lead us out. As *The Red Sea Rules* makes comfortingly clear, He is in control.

Using the Israelites' story in Exodus 14 as an example, Robert Morgan offers ten sound strategies for moving from fear to faith. Just as Moses and the Israelites became trapped between Pharaoh's rushing armies and the uncrossable Red Sea, so are we sometimes overwhelmed by life's problems. In *The Red Sea Rules*, you will learn strategies to:

- Realize that God means for you to be where you are
- Acknowledge your enemy, but keep your eyes on the Lord
- Stay calm and confident, and give God time to work
- View your current crisis as a faith builder for the future

*The Red Sea Rules* reveals that even in the midst of seemingly impossible situations, God promises to make a way for us. His loving guidance will protect us through danger, illness, marital strife, financial problems, or whatever challenges Satan places in our path.

This document discusses the challenges Christians face and highlights the comforting message of "The Red Sea Rules," which uses the Israelites' story in Exodus 14 to offer practical strategies for moving from fear to faith. It emphasizes God's guidance and protection through difficult times, and includes a press release from the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. mourning the loss of Demartravion "Trey" Reed and calling for justice. The document also introduces the upcoming Sunday School Fall Quarter, focused on the theme "Judah—from Isaiah to Exile," with lessons designed to explore God's role in guiding His people through history.



# CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER ALAN BULLOCK, PASTOR  
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**WEDNESDAY**  
**JANUARY 28, 2026**  
**6:30 PM**



**The Power of Prevailing Prayer: Ask, Seek and Knock**  
**Matthew 7:7-8**



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## MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Valerie Hill, Dean and Ministry Leader  
Rev. Pete Owen, Assistant Dean

The Sunday School Winter Quarter (December 2025-February 2026) is entitled “*Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith*.” This quarter’s lesson study highlights the essential teachings of the Bible in relation to the defining elements of Christian faith.

Unit II: “Grace and Reconciliation”

### Lessons at a Glance

**Lesson 5 - January 4** - The Wrong Path (I John 1:5-10; 2:1-6)

**Lesson 6 - January 11** - A Generous and Forgiving Parent (Luke 15:11-24; Acts 2:38-39)

**Lesson 7 - January 18** - A Time to Be Bold; a Time to be Humble (Genesis 18:25-27, 30-32; Luke 18:9-14; I John 5:14-15)

**Lesson 8 - January 25** - If at First you Don’t Succeed, You’re Probably Human (Matthew 4:18-20; 16:16-18; John 21:15-18; 2 Peter 3:14-15, 18)

Source: 2025-2026 Townsend Press, Sunday School Commentary based on the International Lessons Series. 105th edition. King James Version/New International Version.

### Christian Education Opportunities

**Saturday Church School for all ages, toddler to adult (resumes January 10)**

Continental breakfast served from 9:00am-9:30am - Hall of Faith

Lesson study - 9:30-10:30 AM

### **New Members Class**

Every 2nd Saturday of the month - Sanctuary

**Wednesday Midday Bible Study  
(resumes January 7)**

Noon-1:00 PM in the Hall of Faith

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30 PM in the Hall of Faith  
(resumes January 7)**

(If you pre-ordered and prepaid for a copy of the Bible study book “*The Red Sea Rules*” please pick it up in the Christian Education office after service).

**Weekly Sunday School Lesson** via YouTube presented by the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. - [youtube.com/@sundayschoollesson-at-a-glance](https://youtube.com/@sundayschoollesson-at-a-glance)

The Christian Education Ministry is looking for new members, please email [valeriehill157@gmail.com](mailto:valeriehill157@gmail.com) if you’d like to be a part of this ministry.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” – 2 Timothy 2:15

## HEALTH MINISTRY

Janice Grant, Ministry Leader



The **Health Ministry** will be offering a **CPR/Heart Saver** certification course. Certification cards will be given upon completion of class. The classes will be offered on **Saturdays: January 10 and January 24, February 14 and February 28. Classes are 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM.** The cost of the class is \$45. Class instructor is CBC member Leslie McClendon, certified instructor. You may sign up with a member of the Health Ministry at the table in the vestibule before and after service.







**Arvis Strickling-Jones**  
**Minister of Music**

“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the

Lord.” Colossians 3:16

### **Music Ministry Opportunities:**

#### **Voices of Canaan**

All genres—psalms, hymns, spirituals, traditional and contemporary gospel music.

#### **Men of Canaan**

Bro. Wayne Jefferson, Director

#### **Next G/YA Choir**

Ages 6-39 – Sis. Chelsia Ivey Douglas, Director

### **JANUARY SINGING SCHEDULE**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, January 4

Voices of Canaan

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, January 11 – Men of Canaan

Rehearsal: Thursday, January 8, 6:30 PM

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, January 18 – Mass Voices of Canaan

(Includes Voices of Canaan and Next G YYA)

Rehearsal: Thursday, January 15, 6:30 PM

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, January 25 – Men of Canaan

Rehearsal: Thursday, January 25, 6:30 PM

Voices of Canaan Rehearsal

Thursday, January 29, 6:30 PM

For more information, please contact Arvis

Strickling-Jones, (302) 981-4908

Email - [MomArvis420@gmail.com](mailto:MomArvis420@gmail.com)

### **United in Faith Adult Singles Ministry**

Rev. Vickie A. Gaines, Ministry Leader

### **Happy New Year! 2026**

Pastor Bullock, Executive Pastor Debbie Bullock, and Church Family

As we step into this new year, we thank God for His faithfulness and for each of you. May the year ahead be filled with renewed hope, deeper faith, and countless blessings. We look forward to growing together in love and service. God bless you in the year ahead!

Painting with Trista -- The United in Faith Adult Singles Ministry Fellowship - Thank you so much to everyone who helped plan, serve, and participate in the recent "Painting with Trista" event with the United in Faith Adult Singles Ministry. It was truly a blessing and a wonderful example of our ministries coming together in fellowship. We are so grateful for the time, effort, and heart that went into making the event meaningful and welcoming. From the volunteers behind the scenes to everyone who attended, your contributions made a lasting impact. Thank you for serving so faithfully and for helping strengthen our church community. We appreciate you all more than words can say.





## Together We Care

Canaan Baptist Church, alongside Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore, will be offering a respite program tailored to provide relief to caregivers & a nurturing environment for those with dementia, Alzheimer's, & Parkinson's.

When: Second and Fourth Mondays, beginning March 9, 2026  
Time: 9 am - 1 pm at



**Canaan Baptist Church**



3011 New Castle Ave, New Castle, DE

Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor



\*Partially funded through the state Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities through the National Family Caregiver Support Program, Title IX of the Older Americans Act

To learn more about  
volunteering or participating,  
contact: Patricia Risher  
[pjrisher@verizon.net](mailto:pjrisher@verizon.net)



Grief is a process that is different for everyone. Grief is not a “one-size fits all.” The five stages of grief come at different times in the healing process, and you may even experience repetitive stages.

During your grieving process you need someone to talk to, someone to listen, and periodically someone to share words of encouragement. Sharing is imperative to the healing process.

We will not claim forever pain, but ask God to replace Grief with grace, Regret with reassurance, Intense sorry with increased awareness, Erratic behavior with emotional healing and Frustration with faith.

**Our First 13-week Session**  
**The Winter session**  
**February 3 through April 28, 2026**

**GriefShare Leaders**

Dr. Mimi Melchor (Day session)

Tamara Lewis, MSN FNP-C (Evening session)

Minister Ann Wilson (Chaplain)

Looking to enroll in a session, there will be signup sheets after service every Sunday for the month of January.

**Meeting schedule** - You are encouraged to join us any week. Sessions are self-contained.

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time (ET)</b>
1 - Is This Normal?	Tue, Feb 03, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
2 - Your Grief Journey	Tue, Feb 10, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
3 - Loneliness & Sadness	Tue, Feb 17, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
4 - Self-Care	Tue, Feb 24, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
5 - Fearful and Overwhelmed	Tue, Mar 03, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
6 - Anger	Tue, Mar 10, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
7 - Regrets	Tue, Mar 17, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
8 - Grief and Your Household	Tue, Mar 24, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
9 - Grief and Your Friendships	Tue, Mar 31, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
10 - Questions for God	Tue, Apr 07, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
11 - Stuck in Grief	Tue, Apr 14, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
12 - Hope and Resilience	Tue, Apr 21, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
13 - What Do I Live for Now?	Tue, Apr 28, 2026	





## WELCOME TO THE **NEXT G**

**MINISTRY**

### **Mission:**

**The Mission of the Next G Ministry Is to fan the flames and stir up the gifts of the next generation through Engagement, Encouragement, and Empowerment.**

### **II Timothy 1:6**

## **YOUTH MINISTRY PLEDGE**

### ***ENGAGEMENT- I TIMOTHY 4:12***

I AM ENGAGED, BECAUSE I ALLOW NO ONE TO DESPISE MY YOUTH, BUT I AM AN EXAMPLE TO THE BELIEVERS IN WORD IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN SPIRIT, IN FAITH, AND IN PURITY

### ***ENCOURAGEMENT-I PETER 2:9***

I AM ENCOURAGED BECAUSE I AM A CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A PART OF A HOLY NATION, GOD'S OWN SPECIAL PEOPLE THAT I MAY PROCLAIM THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO CALLED ME OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT

### ***EMPOWERMENT-II TIMOTHY 1:7***

I AM EMPOWERED, BECAUSE GOD HAS NOT GIVEN ME A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER, LOVE, AND A SOUND MIND

**"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall  
spring forth; shall ye not know it?  
I will even make a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert."**

**Isaiah 43:19 KJV**





## MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Deacon Isaac and Sis. Lorraine Perry  
Ministry Leaders



“What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”.  
Matthew 19:6,

Our next session is tentatively scheduled for **Friday evening, January 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM**, in the Hall of Faith. We warmly invite all married couples, engaged couples, and couples contemplating marriage to join this ministry. A fellowship meal will be served prior to the session (\$20.00 donation per couple).

We look forward to seeing you as we fellowship together.

**“Making Good Marriages Better.”**

# CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH


## BULLOCK FOOD PANTRY

*Honoring the service of  
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# FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**THURSDAY, JAN. 15, 2026: 9AM - NOON**  
**FRIDAY, JAN. 16, 2026: 6PM - 9PM**  
**CONTACT 302-354-9570 FOR INFO**





## CANAAN OVERCOMERS OUTREACH MINISTRY

Rev. Robert Daniels, Ministry Leader

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Our main subject is based on how effective our facilitators are when it comes to reacting to an individual who may have an overdose on some type of Opioids. These opioids affect the brain by binding to and activating the opioid receptors on cells that are located throughout the brain.

Because they bind to the receptors that are involved in the feelings of pain and pleasure, opioids can block pain sign. Naloxone (Narcan) is a medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids including fentanyl. Keeping this medication on hand could mean the difference between life and death. Here's an example:

On October 16, 2025, a female client came to Canaan Baptist Church in need of assistance, hoping to get a hotel voucher. During our conversation, I noticed her going in and out, nodding. It appeared that she had been using some type of narcotic--opioid, heroin, Percocet, or fentanyl. These illegal substances are categorized as semi-synthetic, or synthetic based on their origin. I asked her if she had ever used opioids. She stated that she was just tired, needing a place to stay for the night. As I continued to gently shake her, I noticed her pupils were constricted, getting smaller, her body was limp, it was hard to wake her up. She was unable to speak. I didn't detect any smell of alcohol or marijuana, nevertheless, I decided to take her to the hospital. All the signs pointed to emergency care.

On our way to Christiana Care Wilmington Hospital on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, I pulled over on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Walnut Street, parked my vehicle, pulled out two Naloxone (Narcan) sprays that contain 4mg of naloxone hydrochloride, got the attention of an adult male who was talking on his phone, I called out to him, "Call 911! Call 911! I have a young

lady that's on the brink of losing her life!" Her body had gone limp in the back seat of my vehicle.

Here we can see that the drugs are having a negative impact, spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and financially. They may be adversely affecting marriage, family life, or career. If the desire to obtain and use opioids is consuming your thoughts or you are planning your life and activities around them, these are signs that you need to seek help. Addicts have a disease, an addictive personality, and a genetic predisposition to chemical dependence. The truth is that anyone can become addicted to a substance. Ed Welch states in his book, "Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave", "The Biblical View of Drunkenness – the prototype of all addictions – is that it is always called sin, never sickness. Drunkenness is against God and his law."

As with any addiction, at its root is a heart issue. Consider what you are willing to do or say to obtain the drug. Are you willing to sin by lying, cheating, stealing or by threatening and manipulating others? Because addiction is a moral problem, a worship disorder, it relies on the Word of God to address the sinful desires of the heart. Ephesians 5:18 says, "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit..."

As I gently reached for her, trying to wake her up, still unable to speak, I used one 4mg. N.N.S], in the left nostril, I waited between 3-5 minutes; while waiting for her to respond from the spray, I asked the adult male if the paramedics were on their way. He said yes. She had a pulse, still no response. I immediately gave her a second dose of naloxone (Narcan). Five minutes later, the paramedics arrived, and at that same time, she came to herself. After the paramedics finished questioning her to find out if she was aware of her surroundings, they suggested that she come with them for a thorough evaluation. She agreed to their suggestion--Mission Accomplished!

Therapy: Uncovering what you may or may not know about how alcohol and drugs have a profound effect on a family member's mental, physical spiritual, emotional, and financial state of mind.



What are opioids? Opioids are a class of drugs that includes prescription pain relievers such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, and fentanyl.

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is the use of medication in combination with behavioral counseling to treat opioid addiction. There are three drugs approved by the FDA for the treatment of opioid dependence: buprenorphine, methadone, and naltrexone. These drugs, considered to be “essential medicines” by the World Health Organization (WHO) or the treatment of Opioid Use Disorder, must be prescribed by and under the supervision of a physician.

### Addiction from the World's Perspective

“Many people don’t understand why or how other people become addicted to drugs. They may mistakenly think that those who use drugs lack moral principles or willpower and that they could stop their drug use simply by choosing to. Drug addiction is a complex disease, and quitting takes more than good intentions or a strong will.” Our society claims that addiction is a physical disease. According to Wikipedia, addiction is “a brain disorder characterized by compulsive engagement in rewarding stimuli despite adverse consequences.”

**Twelve-Step Facilitation** Therapy includes support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. Twelve-step programs teach that alcoholism and addiction are chronic, progressive diseases. The substance abuser acknowledges that life has become out of control due to their drug use, accepts that willpower alone is not enough to overcome their need for the substance, and is willing to surrender to a higher power in order to remain abstinent from it. Active involvement in the 12-step meetings and accountability to their sponsor

The Canaan Overcomers Outreach Ministry will continue to seek out the rich, the poor, the sick, the lame, the good, the bad, the addict, the alcoholic, regardless of their ethnicity. We will help them to become mentally sound, physically well, emotionally adjusted, and spiritually alive. It is our mission to go ye therefore, doing Ministry for the Master. Be encouraged!

## CANAAN –ATLANTA CONNECTION

Sis. Lynnette Hudson



Let’s have some fun learning more about the Bible. Every month, we will provide a “Did You Know” and a few bible trivia questions. The answers will be provided the following month. These questions will allow you to learn more about the Bible and help us all grow in our faith and walk with Jesus.

### Did You Know

Hebrews 13:2 instructs us to always show hospitality to strangers because we may unknowingly be helping an angel.

### Bible Trivia:

How well did you do with December’s Trivia? Below are the verses and answers:

1. There is one God, and one \_\_\_\_\_ between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.  
• **Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)**
2. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have \_\_\_\_\_ the world.  
• **Overcome (John 16:33)**
3. If ye then be risen with \_\_\_\_\_, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.  
• **Christ (Colossians 3:1)**
4. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, \_\_\_\_\_ preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.  
• **Paul (Acts 20:7)**
5. Lay not up for yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.  
• **Treasures (Matthew 6:19)**

## January Bible Trivia: Key Verses

(Fill in the missing word and provide the correct verse)

1. And the \_\_\_\_\_ shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
2. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and \_\_\_\_\_ was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.
3. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not \_\_\_\_\_; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind.
4. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own \_\_\_\_\_.
5. And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and \_\_\_\_\_.



Our Canaan member, **Sis. Ivorette Stallings-Brock**, age 67, passed away. She is the sister of Sis. Phaedra Oates, and the niece of Bro. Joseph Stallings. Funeral services will be held at Canaan Baptist Church on Monday, January 5, 2026. Viewing at 9:00 AM, Service at 11:00 AM. Burial is private. A repast will be held in the Hall of Faith immediately following the funeral service. Condolences may be sent to: Sis. Phaedra Oates, c/o Canaan Baptist Church, 3011 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, DE 19977.

Our Canaan member, **Sis. Bernadette Weekes** passed away. She is the wife of Bro. Herbert Weekes. Funeral services will be held at Canaan Baptist Church on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. Viewing at 10:00 AM; Service at 11:00 AM. A repast will immediately follow the funeral service in the Hall of Faith. Condolences may be sent to: Bro. Herbert Weekes, c/o Canaan Baptist Church, 3011 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, DE 19720.

**Mr. Kevin McDaniels** passed away. He is the father of our member, Sis. Kiera Dortch. A memorial service will be held at Canaan Baptist Church on Friday, January 9, 2026, at 11:00 AM. A repast will immediately follow the service in the Hall of Faith. Condolences may be sent to: Sis. Kiera Dortch, 151 Malcolm Forest Road, New Castle Avenue, New Castle, DE 19729.

**Sis. Janice Stallings** of Wilmington, Delaware passed away on Monday, December 8, 2025. She is the aunt of Sis. Patricia Stallings and Trustee Chair Sis. Stephanie Collins; great-aunt of Sis. Adrienne and Corey Stansbury. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Sis. Stephanie Collins, 417 Jacobsen Drive, Newark, DE 19702 and Sis. Patricia Stallings, 1009 N. Church Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

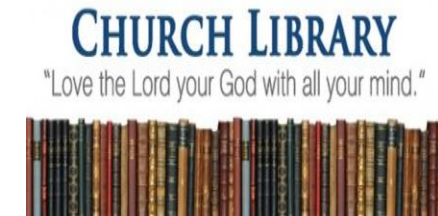
**Robert Edward Davis, Sr.** passed away on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. He is the father of Sis. Jennifer Davis. Canaan family members: Sis. Jasmine Davis, Bro. Tyres Davis, Bro. Trevor Duncan and Sis. Patricia Risher. Cards and condolences may be sent to: Jennifer Davis, 206 N. Antlers Place, Bear, DE 19701.

**Sis. Dorothy Brown**, age 101, of Chestertown, Maryland passed away on Sunday, December 28, 2025. She is the aunt of Deacon Catherine Broadway, great aunt to Sis. Michelle and Sis. Gina Broadway. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Catherine Broadway, 155 Sirius Drive, Bear, DE 19701.

**Mr. James Richardson**, age 83, of Savannah, Georgia passed away on Thursday, January 1, 2026. He is the uncle of Sis. Deirdre Crew. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Deirdre Crew, 335 S. Booth Drive, New Castle, DE 19720

<p>In the event of the death of a Canaan member or family member, please call: The Church Office – (302) 654-8818 Pastor Bullock - (302) 654-8240 Deacon James Bonds - (484) 678-2276 E-mail <a href="mailto:james007sbonds@gmail.com">james007sbonds@gmail.com</a></p>
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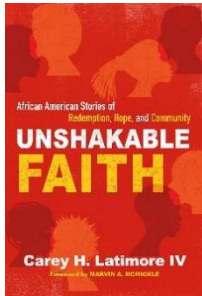




**Deacon Alix Jefferson**  
Ministry Leader

### **Unshakable Faith: African American Stories of Redemption, Hope, and Community**

by Corey H. Latimore IV

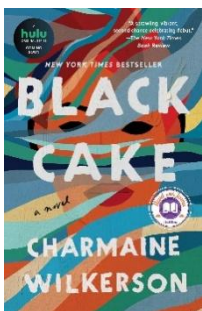


Each person comes with their own unique and difficult story of God's work in their life. Many of these stories get lost to the ages. A precious few are captured and shared like these examples of faith that have stood the tests of time and trial.

Sharing stories that you may not have heard before, Dr. Carey Latimore leads you deep into the lives of key women and men from colonial America to the present people such as Cyrus Bustill, Harriet Tubman, and Kanye West. Their stories are set in periods of grief, injustice, and intense social and economic division, which makes the hope-filled lessons they teach us today even more miraculous. Through their legacy, we will learn the power of faith to sustain us through tremendous challenges, to lead us to forgive others and learn from our own mistakes, and to inspire us in building the kingdom of God.

### **Black Cake: A Novel**

by Charmaine Wilkerson



We can't choose what we inherit. But can we choose who we become?

In present-day California, Eleanor Bennett's death leaves behind a puzzling inheritance for her two children, Byron and Benny: a black cake, made from a family recipe with a long history, and a voice recording. In her message, Eleanor shares a tumultuous story about a headstrong young swimmer who escapes her island home under suspicion of murder. The heartbreaking tale Eleanor unfolds, the secrets she

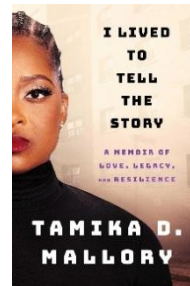
still holds back, and the mystery of a long-lost child challenge everything the siblings thought they knew about their lineage and themselves.

Can Byron and Benny reclaim their once-close relationship, piece together Eleanor's true history, and fulfill her final request to "share the black cake when the time is right"? Will their mother's revelations bring them back together or leave them feeling more lost than ever?

Charmaine Wilkerson's debut novel is a story of how the inheritance of betrayals, secrets, memories, and even names can shape relationships and history. Deeply evocative and beautifully written, *Black Cake* is an extraordinary journey through the life of a family changed forever by the choices of its matriarch.

### **I Lived to Tell the Story: A Memoir of Love, Legacy, and Resilience**

by Tamika D. Mallory



In *I Lived to Tell the Story*, Tamika Mallory takes us beyond the headlines and podiums, offering an unfiltered look at the moments that shaped her—not just as an activist but as a woman navigating love, loss, and self-discovery.

From her early days as the daughter of civil rights organizers in Harlem to her battles with the personal pain that many never imagined—the trauma of sexual assault, the pressures of motherhood, the fallout of public scrutiny, and the fight to reclaim her peace—this is Tamika as the world has never seen her before.

A follow-up to her "masterful" (Marc Lamont Hill) debut, *State of Emergency*, which confronted the murders of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, this memoir ventures deeper into her journey. Tamika shares untold stories of resilience, courage, and internal struggles while waging war against injustice in America.

At its core, *I Lived to Tell the Story* is not just about activism; it's about what happens after the smoke clears. It's about healing, survival, and the power of truth to bring us closer to ourselves and one another.



## Canaan Business Network Directory

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Beauty	Judy Sullivan	Nonny's Shea Butters	Naturalskincare24@gmail.com	973-885-3889
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Books	Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock	A Charge to Keep	DrDebBullock@outlook.com	302-654-8818
Books	Dr. Debbie Strickling-Bullock	It's All Good: Every Round Goes Higher	DrDebBullock@outlook.com	302-750-4761
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Event Planning	Jilmita Brown	ShayCee Enterprises	Jilmita313@gmail.com	252-219-5463
Event Planning	Leslie A. McClendon		lcp64tan@gmail.com	302-304-6348
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Funeral Services	Evan Smith	Evan W Smith Funeral Services	esmith@evanwsmithfuneralservices.com	302-377-6906
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Retail – Clothing	Beverly Grant	Free Me Fashion	Freemefashions@gmail.com	302-622-5308
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Dear Church Family,  
I deeply appreciate my church family's prayers, love and comforting presence during the loss of my beloved sister, Susie Mae Green-McLean.  
Much love, **Rose L. Green**

Thank you, Pastor Bullock, First lady Bullock and my Canaan Family. Saying goodbye to my loved one has been and will be difficult, however, my Canaan family has been a source of comfort, support, love and most of all prayers during this most difficult time. Sadness lingers and life moves on, but my faith holds strong. My family and I are so grateful for your care and heartfelt words of wisdom.

Sincerely, **Rochelle Bellmon and Family**

We have again been blessed through the Divine intervention of the Holy Spirit and the benevolence of Canaan Baptist Church. As seniors 80 and above, we know many churches single out a few and acknowledge them with kind words and/or flowers. But Canaan, under the leadership of Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie Bullock, the Deaconate, Trustee Ministry and various others who committed countless hours making sure the many who are the forgotten feel very special during the Christmas holidays. Please know that none who are recipients takes these financial blessings lightly. Virginia and I were blessed to receive Deacon Sylvia Bailey into our home to benefit from your generous and much appreciated financial gifts. Deacon Bailey thought it not robbery to take time out of her schedule to spend quality time with us both.

Regards,

**Deacon Richard and Sister Virginia Ross**  
Your Co-Laborers In Christ

Pastor Bullock and Church Family, Thank you for all you do. May God bless you in return for the thoughtfulness you've shown.

Love, **Sis. Jane Baylor**

Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie, Deacons and my Canaan Church Family, I am so deeply appreciative of your generous Christmas gift. May God's grace and mercy continue to shine on you all. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**Joy Hansford**

Dear Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, brothers and sisters in Christ, I'm writing this letter to express my gratitude for the incredible kindness and immediate care that I received from the church and Nurses Unit. They monitored my vitals and asked my essential health concerns. November 9, 2025, while attending service, I became ill unexpectedly. My a fibrillation showed along with me uninvited (LOL). This was a very frightening situation for me, but you guys handled it with such calmness and generosity, such professionalism. I received a phone call from Nurse Janice the day after, which warmed my heart and lifted my spirit. I still get chills when I think of how your guys stayed close to me, talking to me, telling me to stay woke, kept talking, looking in my eyes telling me to breathe, the paramedics are on the way while you guys were loving on me as your Pastor had just preached; what the church should be doing. The comfort and compassion truly demonstrated the love of our Christ Jesus. The grace and willingness to serve blessed my soul. Thank you again for extraordinary and professional treatment. I look forward to visiting again under much healthier circumstances. My husband and I are members of Gospel Temple Baptist Church, 1327 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, where Dr. Daniel T. Black is our pastor. But you will be our church in Delaware!

Sincerely, **Tanya Payton**





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**Option 1 - The Faith Package (25% Savings)**  
**Traditional Funeral: \$8,995**

**Professional Services**

- Compassionate guidance and coordination by licensed funeral directors and staff
- Administrative and planning assistance for all funeral arrangements

**Preparation of the Deceased**

- Professional embalming and restoration
- Dressing, casketing, and cosmetology services

**Funeral Service**

- Use of church sanctuary for funeral services
- Coordination with Canaan clergy and staff
- Floral arrangement: Basic Casket Spray
- Register book for family and guests

**Transportation**

- Removal and transportation from place of death within a 25-mile radius
- Use of Hearse for transfer to church/cemetery
- One family limousine

**Memorial Materials**

- 100 Custom printed funeral programs
- Custom memorial portrait

**Documentation**

- Official filing of death certificate
- One (1) certified copy of the death certificate

**Casket Selection**

- Steel Sealer Casket (within package line)

**Option 2 - The Grace Package (25% Savings)**  
**Traditional Funeral with Cremation: \$7,595**

**Professional Services**

- Compassionate guidance and coordination by licensed funeral directors and staff
- Administrative and planning assistance for all funeral arrangements

**Preparation of the Deceased**

- Professional embalming and restoration
- Dressing, casketing, and cosmetology services

**Funeral Service**

- Use of church sanctuary for funeral services
- Coordination with Canaan clergy and staff
- Floral arrangement: Basic Casket Spray
- Register book for family and guests

**Transportation**

- Removal and transportation from place of death within a 25-mile radius
- Use of Hearse for transfer to church/cemetery
- One family limousine

**Memorial Materials**

- 100 Custom Printed Funeral Programs
- Custom memorial portrait

**Documentation**

- Official filing of death certificate
- One (1) certified copy of the death certificate

**Casket Selection**

- Rental Casket provided for the service

**Cremation**

- Direct cremation and basic metal urn

**Option 3 - The Hope Package (10% savings)**  
**Cremation: \$2,695**

**Professional Services**

- Compassionate guidance and coordination by licensed funeral directors and staff

**Documentation**

- Official filing of death certificate
- One (1) certified copy of the death certificate

**Cremation**

- Direct cremation and basic metal urn (no viewing, visitation, or funeral services included)

**Eligibility for Options 1, 2, and 3 is limited to Legacy and Active Members of Canaan Baptist Church.**

**NOTE:** Cash advance items such as cemetery fees, clergy honorariums, additional death certificates, obituary notices, repast, and other third-party expenses are not included in discounted package pricing. To learn more about funeral service options designed exclusively for members of Canaan Baptist Church, or to make pre-need arrangements, please contact Evan W. Smith Funeral Services today. A compassionate representative is available to provide guidance, answer questions, and assist in planning with care and dignity.

*"Let all things be done decently and in order."*  
- 1 Corinthians 14:40





**Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock**  
January 7



**Julie White**  
January 1



**Deacon James Bonds**  
January 2



**Sis. Frances Roane Smith**  
January 3



**Elaine Jefferson**  
January 3



**Sabrina Boyd-Ross – January 2**  
**Sis. Gladys Boyd – January 4**



**Sis. Emma Reynolds**  
January 4  
80 Years



**Rev. Valerie Scott**  
January 3



**Carol Amos**  
January 5



**Deacon Anita Hawkes**  
January 6



**Alan Hicks**  
January 8



**Elder Juneta Dutch**  
January 10  
85 Years



**Darlene Perry**  
January 14



**Beve Frisby**  
January 14



**Leslie Purifoy**  
January 15



**Derek Edwards**  
January 18



**Dr. Kim Allen**  
January 21



**Sis. Ceola Coles**  
January 27



**Desiree Hudson**  
January 28  
70 years



**Jay Jackson**  
January 30



**Sis. Lois R. Walley**  
January 31



**Mother Doris Hudson**  
90 Years – January 31

**Sis. Carrie Hunt**  
January 26



# Thoughts to Ponder Heavenly Humor

## ACTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

**If you will practice the following actions during the next 365 days,  
you are certain to have a happy New Year.**

**Help others.**

**Admit it when you are wrong.**

**Promote Christ at every opportunity.**

**Present yourself in the best way possible to serve as an example for others.**

**Yield not to temptation.**

**Never think an unkind thought of others.**

**Endeavor to work harder for the Lord.**

**Weed out your bad habits with God's help.**

**Yearn and pray for peace.**

**Earnestly desire a stronger relationship with Christ.**

**Attend church regularly.**

**Resolve to give your all for Christ and His church.**

### I'M A CHRISTIAN, BUT...

I sometimes judge others.  
I say things I shouldn't.  
I eat and drink things I shouldn't.  
I struggle to trust God's plan for my life.  
I struggle with anger and forgiveness.  
I worry about what the future holds.

Being a Christian doesn't  
mean you're perfect, it  
means God gives you grace.

There is  
**NO STORM** that God  
won't carry you  
through.  
**NO BRIDGE** that God  
won't help you cross.  
**NO BATTLE** that God  
won't help you win.

*trust* **GOD**  
and Never give up.  
Amen

### If you want 2026 to be your year...

**Don't sit on the couch and wait for it.  
Go out. Make a change. Smile more.  
Be excited. Do new things. Throw  
away what you've been cluttering.  
Stay away from negative people.  
Go to bed early. Wake up early.  
Be fierce. Don't gossip. Show  
more gratitude. Do things that  
challenge you. Be brave.  
Trust God.**



**Accidentally went  
grocery shopping  
on an empty  
stomach and  
now I'm the  
proud owner of  
aisle 4.**

**A teacher is marking off the  
attendance roll when she  
comes across the name  
'Hijkm'. She says "I'm sorry  
I'm not sure how to pronounce  
this name" Then spells it  
out. A girl raises her hand  
and says...  
That's me and it's pronounced  
Noelle**

**Someday the King will return.  
He won't need to be elected,  
there will be no debates. Every  
knee will bow, every tongue  
will confess that **Jesus Christ** is  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!**





REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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