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CANAAN NEWS ONLINE

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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

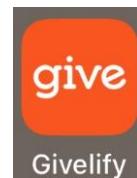
Congregational Intimacy (I Corinthians 13:13)
Salvation for the Lost (John 3:16)
Applied Christianity (James 2:14-20)
Impact the Human Condition (Luke 4:18-19)

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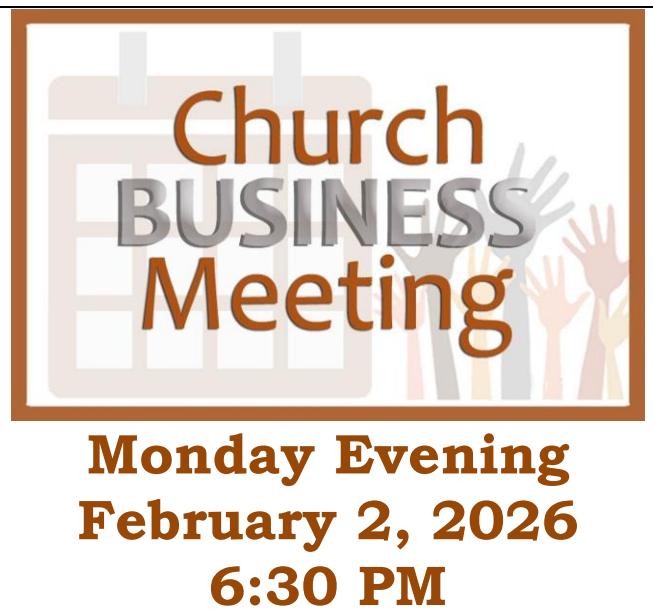
Several options to give of His Tithes and our offerings:

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:
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New Castle, DE 19720
4. Transfer e-funds online via PayPal:
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Thank you for your continued and unwavering financial support of the Canaan Ministry!



Greetings from the Editor's Desk



During the month of February, we celebrate and reflect on our history, heritage, culture, and most of all, the blessings our God has bestowed on us. We give thanks and honor to our ancestors, in remembrance of those who paved the way for us. For this and so much more, we will always give God praise.

This month's issue of the Canaan News is full of church announcements, activities, events, ministry news and community activities. Our ministries are actively doing ministry for the Master, and we are excited to see what God is doing through us. Thank you to our contributors, ministry leaders, ministry servants.

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RESERVED

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.

CELEBRATE THE SAINTS

Got good 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 20th to: 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.

Canaan's Kids



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

MEDIA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Media Ministry is seeking volunteers to train and operate the PA Sound System.

If you are interested in training, 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

Morning Hymn: LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

Verse 1

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 2

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path, grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 3

What have I to dread, what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace, with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

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.



Canaan is a member church of the National Baptist Convention USA Inc.
and the
American Baptist Churches USA.



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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Canaan Business Network
Canaan For Life
Canaan News
Canaan's Kids Nursery
Christian Education
Church Virtual Library
Community Engagement
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Rev. Dr. John Bailey Evangelism
Greeters
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Higher Ground Education
Emma Bordley Hospitality
International Cultural
Marriage
Membership
Men
Ministers
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Office Staff
Overcomers Outreach
Philippians/Pastor's Aid
Regena Manley Missionary
Rev. Dr. Paul Wilson GriefShare

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February



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 1	Morning Worship Service – Voices of Canaan	10:00 AM
Monday, February 2	Church Business Meeting	6:30 PM
Tuesday, February 3	GriefShare – Conference Room Respite Ministry Meeting GriefShare – Conference Room	10:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM
Wednesday, February 4	Bible Study – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, February 5	Next G/YYA Meeting – Hall of Faith Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan – Sanctuary	6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Saturday, February 7	Church School Junior Ushers Meeting	9:00 AM 11:00 AM
Sunday, February 8	Morning Worship Service – Men of Canaan Sisters of Canaan Fellowship – Hall of Faith	10:00 AM 11:30 AM
Tuesday, February 10	GriefShare – Conference Room GriefShare – Conference Room Overcomers Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith/Sanctuary	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Wednesday, February 11	Bible Study – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, February 12	Food Truck Delivery Choir Rehearsal – Mass Voices of Canaan – Sanctuary	9:00 AM 6:30 PM
Friday, February 13	Food Truck Sorting/Assembly – Hall of Faith	6:00 PM
Saturday, February 14	Church School New Members Class – Sanctuary Canaan for Life Ministry Meeting – Library CPR Training – Hall of Faith	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM
Sunday, February 15	Morning Worship Service – Mass Voices of Canaan Food Distribution	10:00 AM 11:30 AM
Tuesday, February 17	GriefShare – Conference Room Respite Ministry Meeting GriefShare – Conference Room	10:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM
Wednesday, February 18	Bible Study – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, February 19	Respite Open House Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	10:00 AM 6:30 PM
Friday, February 20	Men's Day of Worship	5:30 PM
Saturday, February 21	Church School CPR Training – Hall of Faith	9:00 AM 11:00 AM
Sunday, February 22	Morning Worship Service – Men of Canaan Veterans Ministry Fellowship – Hall of Faith	10:00 AM 11:30 AM
Tuesday, February 24	GriefShare – Conference Room Respite Kickoff – Hall of Faith GriefShare – Conference Room Overcomers Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith/Sanctuary	10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Wednesday, February 25	Churchwide Prayer Service – Sanctuary	6:30 PM
Thursday, February 26	Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan	6:30 PM
Friday, February 27	Marriage Ministry Dinner and Gala – Hall of Faith	6:00 PM
Saturday, February 28	Church School Faith Fitness Class – Hall of Faith	9:00 AM 11:00 AM

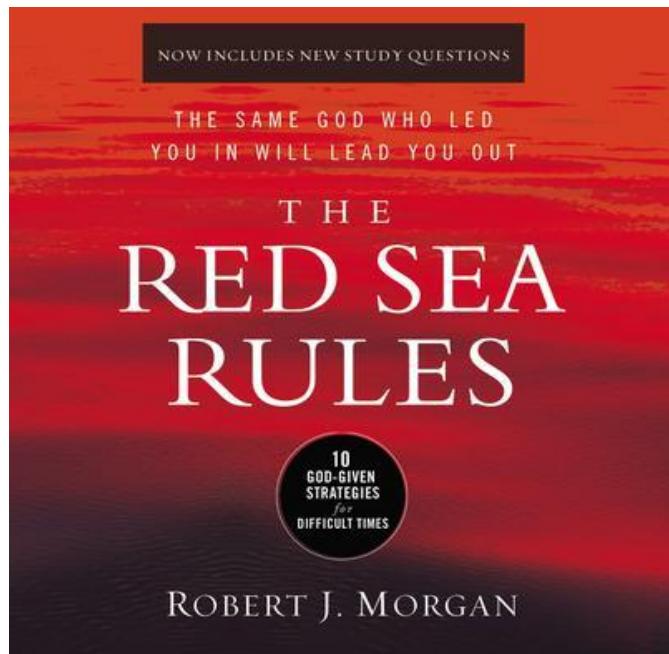
The Red Sea Rules: 10 God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times

By [Robert J. Morgan](#)

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
CHURCHWIDE PRAYER SERVICE



**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 25, 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 III: “The Church and Its Teachings”

Lessons at a Glance

Lesson 9 - February 1 - The Christian Church: Working Together Makes Us Better (Mark 4:26-32; Ephesians 4:4-6, 11-16)

Lesson 10 - February 8 - Baptism and The Lord’s Supper: *Outer Expressions of Inner Truths*

(Matt. 3:13-17; 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-29)

Lesson 11 - February 15 - The Lord’s Day:
Rhythms of Rest and Work
(Exodus 20:8-11); Romans 14:4-6; Revelation 1-10

Lesson 12 - February 22 - Stewardship and Mission: *Values, Money and Experiences*
(Acts 1:6-8; 2 Cor. 8:3-9)

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

Continental breakfast served from 9:00-9:30 AM

Lesson study - 9:30-10:30 AM

New Members Class

Every 2nd Saturday of the month - Sanctuary

Wednesday Midday Bible Study

12 Noon-1:00 PM - Hall of Faith

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:30 PM - Hall of Faith

(If you pre-ordered and prepaid for a copy of the Bible study book “*The Red Sea Rules*” 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.

The Christian Education Ministry is looking for new members. Please email valeriehill157@gmail.com if you would 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

Social Justice Ministry

Deacon Dwight Holden, Ministry Leader

World Day of Social Justice Day--February 20

Every year, the World Day of Social Justice is observed to emphasize the significance of promoting social justice by tackling problems including poverty, unemployment, exclusion, gender inequality, and human rights. It also examines potential remedies and advancements while bringing attention to global social injustice. It is a day to bring attention to social injustices, elevate the voices of the oppressed, and demand significant change. On this day, individuals, organizations, and governments can evaluate our progress toward social justice and identify areas that need work. World Day of Social Justice 2025 theme was “**Empowering Inclusion: Bridging Gaps of Social Justice**,” focusing on the importance of inclusive policies and social protection in managing systematic inequality. And, every year on February 20th, we commemorate the World Day of Social Justice.

The significance of World Day of Social Justice:

It is the concept behind the World Day of Social Justice celebration for all national and international policies should prioritize improving social justice. And, according to the United Nations (UN) website, supporters should promote decent work and a fair globalization agenda focused on fundamental human rights, employment opportunities, social protections, and constructive social dialogue between governments, employers, and workers to be the focus at putting social justice at the core of society.

Honoring Christ with Technology: Using Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Wisely



A conservative Christian view of cybersecurity and AI begins with the truth that God is Creator and that human beings alone are made in His image. Technology is part of the world that God has given us to steward. Therefore, technology must remain a tool under the authority of Scripture, never a master. Cybersecurity supports clear biblical commands such as "Thou shalt not steal," Exodus 20:15 (KJV), "... Provide things honest in the sight of all men," Romans 12:17 (KJV), because it resists digital theft, fraud, and abuse in the same way that locks and ushers help protect the church building and its people.

AI must not be confused with a soul or a person, because it does not pray, repent, love, or trust Christ. It only imitates words, pictures, and patterns that people have placed into data and software. For that reason, Christians must ask how any use of AI affects holiness, family life, personal life, and the testimony of the church. Wise believers will ask very practical questions: Does this technology pull my heart away from devotion to Christ, or does it help me redeem the time? Does it protect children, young adults, and seniors, or expose them to temptation and deception?

A faithful response is not fear of every new device, but careful, prayerful use of technology that honors God and protects His people. In Wilmington, DE, and around the world, the Lord is continuing to speak to His church, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves," Matthew 10:16 (KJV), in the digital age. Cybersecurity and AI can be used to strengthen the ministry, guard the flock, and carry the gospel, as long as they remain servants at the feet of Jesus and never rise to the level of an idol in the heart.

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



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/YYA Choir

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

FEBRUARY SINGING SCHEDULE

1st Sunday, February 1
Voices of Canaan

Rehearsal: Thursday, February 5, 6:30 PM
2nd Sunday, February 8 – Men of Canaan

Rehearsal: Thursday, February 12, 6:30 PM
3rd Sunday, February 15 – Mass Voices of Canaan
(Includes Voices of Canaan and Next G YYA)

Rehearsal: Thursday, February 19, 6:30 PM
4th Sunday, February 22 – Men of Canaan

Rehearsal: Voices of Canaan
Thursday, February 26, 6:30 PM

For more information, please contact Arvis Strickling-Jones, (302) 981-4908
Email - MomArvis420@gmail.com

Canaan Baptist Church

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Veterans Ministry WORKSHOP

Assist Veterans with Eligibility Benefits Awareness, and answer questions from our veterans

We will assist veterans with:

- ID.me
- C&P claims
- Eligibility registration
- Add Apps to their phone or computer devices
- Schedule Military ID appoints

Sunday, February 22, 2026

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

in the Hall of Faith

**Bro. Albert Grant, Ministry Leader
Sis. Pamela Cotman, Assistant**



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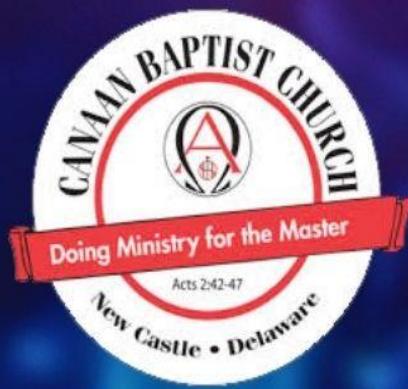
FOOD DISTRIBUTION BULLOCK FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers Needed:

Thursday, February 12, 2026 - 9am - Receive Food Bank of DE Truck

Friday, February 13, 2026 - 6pm - Sort and Assemble Food Baskets

Sunday, February 15, 2026 - 11:30am - 1:30 pm



Rev. Dr. Christopher A. Bullock, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Debbie Strickling-Bullock, Executive Pastor

**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 15,
2026
TIME: 12:00 PM**

**CALL 302.354.9570 OR EMAIL
DRKISHBAILEY@GMAIL.COM WITH
QUESTIONS**



“Impacting the Human Condition.”
www.canaanbcde.org





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 Tuesdays, beginning March 10, 2026

Time: 10 am - 2 pm

Where: Canaan Baptist Church

3011 New Castle Ave, New Castle, DE

Rev. Dr. Christopher A. Bullock, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Debbie Bullock, Executive Pastor



Funded through the State Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities through the National Family Caregiver Support Program, Title I-B of the Older Americans Act

To learn more about
volunteering or participating,
contact: Patricia Risher
pjrisher@verizon.net
317-518-9942



JOIN CANAAN'S UNITED IN FAITH

Singles Ministry
AT

FIREBIRDS WOOD FIRED GRILL

1225 CHURCHMANS RD, NEWARK, DE 19713

Valentine's Day

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

2:00PM

IN LOVE WE CARE!

LET US DINE AND FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST TOGETHER!

1 JOHN 4:7 BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER:
FOR LOVE IS OF GOD; AND EVERY ONE THAT LOVETH
IS BORN OF GOD, AND KNOWETH GOD.

REV. VICKIE GAINES, MINISTRY LEAD
REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER A. BULLOCK, PASTOR
REV. DR. DEBBIE BULLOCK, EXECUTIVE PASTOR

MEN'S MINISTRY

Bro. Rodney Davis, Ministry Leader

Black Men Embracing Their Feelings

"The man you're becoming; releasing the past, while moving toward God's purpose."



As we've entered into the year of 2026, all men are invited to gather for an intentional evening of **reflection, prayer, fellowship, and renewal**. This experience is designed to create space to pause, reflect on the past year, and consider who God is calling us to be. As men, we often carry heavy burdens compiled of our past regrets which makes it difficult to move forward. But thanks be to God that he sees past our faults and still loves us in spite of our past.

This evening is a chance to acknowledge those burdens and, most importantly, to release them. During this gathering, we will explore the

importance of mental health, emotional stewardship, and spiritual renewal. The evening will also draw from themes from the book, "*The Man You're Becoming: A Workbook for Self-Discovery, Healing and Transformation*", by Joseph Blue. This workbook was created to help men process the past, strengthen identity, and move forward with purpose and faith.

This gathering is not about perfection—it is about release, healing, and direction. **Whether the past year was heavy, fulfilling, or somewhere in between, this is an opportunity to lay down what no longer serves you and step forward renewed.**

Join us on Friday, February 20, 2026, 5:30 –

8:00 PM

In the Hall of Faith. Food will be served.

All men are welcome. Come as you are. Leave lighter. Walk forward with purpose. Thanks, Minister Joseph Blue

The Marriage Ministry

Valentine's Day **Night of Elegance



Deacon Isaac and Sis. Lorraine Perry
Ministry Leaders

**Friday, February 27, 2026
6:00 PM**

**Canaan Baptist Church
Hall of Faith**

*Join us for a beautiful evening of
Dinner ~ Entertainment
Photographs - Dancing ~ DJ*

\$50.00 per couple

*Tickets are available after each Sunday
service--February 8th, 15th, and 22nd*

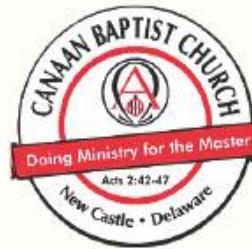
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February

MINISTRY

WELCOME TO THE **NEXT G**



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

"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow".

Isaiah 1:17 KJV



Black History Month Rehearsal
Thursday, February 5, 2026
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Hall of Faith
(Light dinner will be served)



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.

Meeting

- 1 - Is This Normal?
- 2 - Your Grief Journey
- 3 - Loneliness & Sadness
- 4 - Self-Care
- 5 - Fearful and Overwhelmed
- 6 - Anger
- 7 - Regrets
- 8 - Grief and Your Household
- 9 - Grief and Your Friendships
- 10 - Questions for God
- 11 - Stuck in Grief
- 12 - Hope and Resilience
- 13 - What Do I Live for Now?

Date

- Tue, Feb 03, 2026
- Tue, Feb 10, 2026
- Tue, Feb 17, 2026
- Tue, Feb 24, 2026
- Tue, Mar 03, 2026
- Tue, Mar 10, 2026
- Tue, Mar 17, 2026
- Tue, Mar 24, 2026
- Tue, Mar 31, 2026
- Tue, Apr 07, 2026
- Tue, Apr 14, 2026
- Tue, Apr 21, 2026
- Tue, Apr 28, 2026

Time (ET)

- 10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm

Band Together

A Faith-Fueled Fitness Session

February 28, 2026 10:30 AM

March 21, 2026 10:30 AM



Join us for a 60-minute faith-based group workout designed to promote physical health, community connection, and spiritual stewardship of our bodies.

Register by emailing Dwayne Adams- adamsd7117@gmail.com or
Pamela Moore- DrPamm2020@gmail.com



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“Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.”

3 John 1:2 (NIV):

DEACONS MINISTRY

Deacon James Bonds, Ministry Leader



Baptism of Naomi Graves on Sunday, January 18, 2026



HEALTH MINISTRY

Janice L Grant, Ministry Leader

The **Health Ministry** is grateful to those who are taking the opportunity to join the CPR Certification Class.

Limited spots remain for the classes on:

Saturday, February 14

Saturday, February 21

More sessions scheduled for:

Saturday, March 7

Saturday, March 28

Saturday, April 4

Saturday, April 25.

Don't miss out on this excellent chance. You may sign up before and after service in the vestibule. The cost is \$45.00.

Canaan Nurses Corner

February – American Heart Month

Scripture: "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." – Proverbs 4:23

Education: Heart disease often develops silently. High blood pressure may show no symptoms but increases the risk of heart attack, stroke, kidney disease, and vision loss.

Try This This Month:

- Walk 10–30 minutes daily
- Check your blood pressure
- Practice deep breathing/prayer 5 minutes/day
- Reduce salt and processed foods
- Schedule a primary care visit

Recipe – Heart-Healthy Idea: Baked Salmon with Lemon and Herbs

- Bake at 400°F for 12–15 minutes
- Serve with steamed vegetables
- Omega-3 rich for heart health

Reflect and Respond:

1. When did you last check your blood pressure?
2. What heart-healthy habit will you try this month?
3. Who can support you in staying consistent?

Delaware Resources:

- ChristianaCare Heart & Vascular Institute
- Delaware Division of Public Health
- Local pharmacies offering blood pressure checks

Nurse's Note: Caring for your heart is an act of stewardship. Small changes make a big difference!

Blessings,
Kelli McClendon



February is Heart Month

Make time and take charge of your heart health.

Pop Quiz!

Do you have high blood pressure? Yes No

Do you have diabetes? Yes No

Do you have high cholesterol? Yes No

Do you have family history of heart disease?

Yes No

Are you a male and black? Yes No

Do you smoke cigarettes? Yes No

Ever been diagnosed with Atrial fibrillation or flutter? Yes No

Are you overweight? Yes No

If you answered yes to just **ONE** of the previous questions you are at risk of heart disease. If you answered yes to **more than ONE** of the previous questions that greatly increases your chances of being diagnosed with heart disease.

If you answered yes to any of the questions, and not on any medication currently we encourage you to make an appointment with your primary care provider.

Lifestyle changes, such as diet and exercise will play a significant role in preventing heart disease and/or heart attacks.

We unfortunately can't change our age, gender, race, or family history but there are many other positive changes we can make to better our health.

If you have loved ones and you don't want them to lose you, start making changes today!

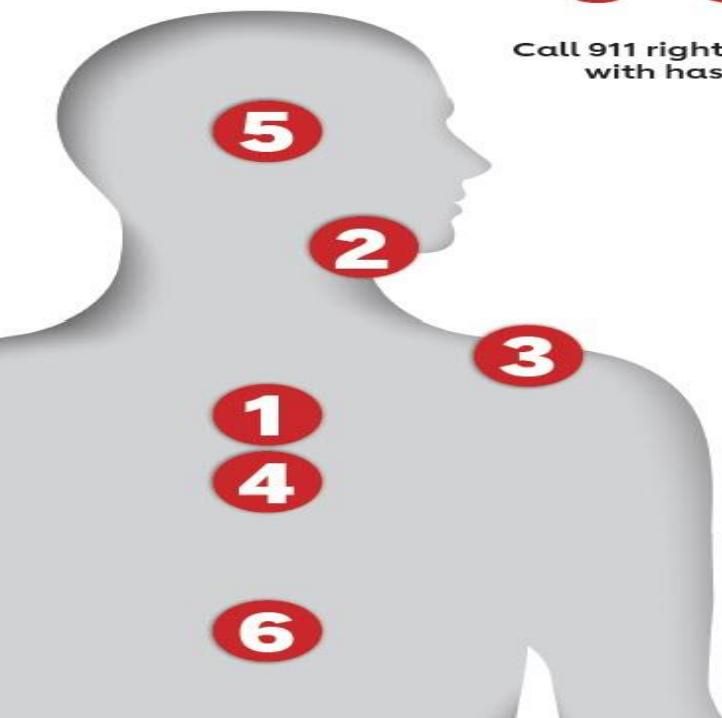
Key points:

- Exercise at least 150 minutes each week
- Drink water
- Take your medications
- Stop smoking, or decrease the amount you smoke (we know it's a hard habit to kick)
- Decrease the number of fried foods you eat
- Consume a low salt diet and use alternative spices such as, Mrs. Dash
- If you have any questions or want to get more detailed information, speak to one of the nurses with the Healthcare Ministry or **Tamara Lewis, NP.**



Common Heart Attack Warning Symptoms

Call 911 right away if you or someone you are with has one or more of these symptoms!



- 1
- 2
- 3
- 1
- 4
- 6

- 1 Chest pain or discomfort
- 2 Pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck or back
- 3 Pain or discomfort in the arms or shoulders
- 4 Shortness of breath
- 5 Feeling very tired, lightheaded or faint
- 6 Nausea or vomiting

Learn more at heart.org/HeartAttack.



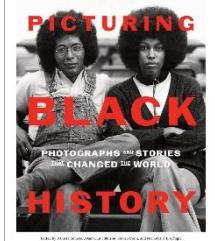
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"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Deacon Alix Jefferson
Ministry Leader

Picturing Black History: Photographs and Stories that Changed the World

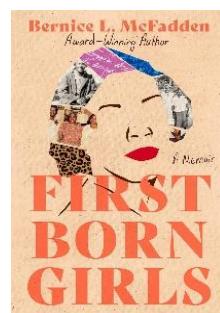


Picturing Black History uncovers untold stories and rarely seen images of the Black experience, providing new context around culturally significant moments. This beautiful collectible volume makes a thoughtful gift and is full of rousing, vibrant essays paired with rarely seen photographs that expand our understanding of Black history.

The book is a collaborative effort between Getty Images, Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective, and the History departments at The Ohio State and Miami Universities. It informs, educates, and inspires our current moment by exploring the past, blending the breadth and depth of Getty Images' archives with the renowned expertise of Origins contributors and The Ohio State's and Miami's History departments, including Daniela Edmeier, Damarius Johnson, Nicholas Breyfogle, and Steve Conn.

Created by a growing collective of professional historians, art historians, Black Studies scholars, and photographers and showcasing Getty Images' unmatched collection of photographs, Picturing Black History embraces the power of visual storytelling to relay little-known stories of oppression and resistance, perseverance and resilience, freedom, dreams, imagination, and joy within the United States and around the world.

First Born Girls: A Memoir by Bernice L. McFadden



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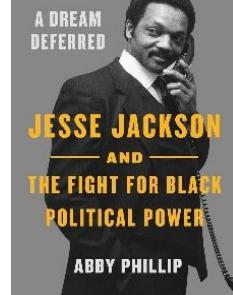
On her second birthday in 1967, Bernice McFadden died in a car crash near Detroit, only to be resuscitated after her mother pulled her from the flaming wreckage. Firstborn Girls traces her remarkable life from that moment up to the publication of her first

Growing up in 1980s Brooklyn, Bernice finds solace in books, summer trips to Barbados, and boarding school to escape her alcoholic father. Discovering the works of Alice Walker and Toni Morrison, she finally sees herself and her loved ones reflected in their stories of "messy, beautiful, joyful Black people."

Interwoven with Bernice's personal journey is her family's history, beginning with her four-times enslaved great-grandmother Louisa Vicey Wilson in 1822 Hancock County, Georgia. Her descendants survived Reconstruction and Jim Crow, joined the Great Migration, and mourned Dr. King's assassination during the Civil Rights Movement. These women's wisdom, secrets, and fierce love are passed down like Louisa's handmade quilt.

A memoir of many threads, Firstborn Girls is an extraordinarily moving portrait of a life shaped by family, history, and the drive to be something more.

A Dream Deferred: Jesse Jackson and the Fight for Black Political Power by Abby Phillip



Jesse Jackson, the civil rights leader, activist, raconteur, and political candidate, finally gets a book worthy of his stature courtesy of CNN anchor Abby Phillip.

Focusing on his presidential runs in 1984 and, especially 1988, Phillip highlights how Jackson built an unlikely coalition that showed how Black political power

could be consolidated. His experience working under Martin Luther King; his organizing the SLCC's Operation Breadbasket in Chicago and beyond; and his roots in the deep South combined into two astonishingly impactful presidential campaigns. Appealing to the working people of urban enclaves like that of Chicago, young people on college campuses, and Black people across the South, he created the modern Democratic coalition—one that has been used by all major Democrats seeking national success from Obama to Biden to Harris.

With her expert reporting, natural storytelling skills, and a story so full of humanity, politics, and hope, Abby Phillip has written a rousing popular history that sheds new light on an American icon.

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:

God gave Noah the rainbow as a signal of his promise to never send an earth-destroying flood again. (Genesis 9: 9-17)

Bible Trivia:

How well did you do with January's Trivia?
Below are the verses and answers.

1. And the _____ shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

• **Light (John 1:5)**

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.

• **Jesus (John 8:9)**

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.

• **Deceived (1 Corinthians 6:9)**

4. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the block, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own _____.

• **Blood (Acts 20:28)**

5. And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and _____.

• **Sins (Ephesians 2:1)**

February Bible Trivia: Key Verses

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

1. Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the _____ to be tempted of the devil.

2. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more _____

3. No man can come to me, except the _____ which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

4. And saying, Where is the promise of his _____? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is _____ Lord.



Our beloved member, **Deacon Evola Bonds**, age 77, passed away on January 15, 2026. She is the beloved wife of Deacon James Bonds. Cards and condolences may be sent to: Deacon James Bonds, 6 Black Rock Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317

Mr. Ronald Eugene Gumby, Sr. age 86, passed away on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, Mr. Gumby is the father of our member, Rev. Dr. Linda Green Gumby and the uncle of our member Dr. Anna Gumby Krishnappa. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Dr. Linda Green Gumby, 411 Emerald Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

CANAAN BUSINESS NETWORK

Sis. Lynette Scott, Ministry Leader

Featured Business Owner of the Month



Hello, my name is Derek Edwards. I have been in business for more than 35 years. I studied at New York Institute of photography, previous member of Professional Photography of Pennsylvania and Delaware. My services include photo and video of all events, portable studio set-up with backdrop, instant prints,

5x7, 8x10 and 11x14. I have a photo and video sharing site at dwephoto.com in the gallery. You can view old photo files dated back to 2012 under the file heading "Religion" in the gallery. I also provide picture folios, frames and book albums. My business numbers are (302) 762-3607 or (302) 494-3393.



LOST & FOUND

If you have misplaced your bible, cell phone, scarf, jewelry, gloves, keys- or whatever, check with the Ushers Ministry Lost and Found to see if your item was left here at the church.

WE HAVE MANY ITEMS- One of which could be yours!



Rev. Peter and Sis. Tammy Owen will celebrate 5 years of marriage on February 27, 2026



What an honor it was to be a board member among dignitaries, community leaders and residents who attended the "Beam Signing" for the \$12 million renovations for Peoples Settlement.—**Edwina Bell**



Ms. Donna Acey
Sexton Dwayne Adams
Bro. Arthur and Sis. Felicia Allen
Sis. Sharon Alston
Sis. Barbara Anthony and Family
Bro. Malcolm Brittingham
Sis. Dywanna Broadnax
Mr. Tommy Brown Jr.
Sis. Alfreda Hope Brunson
Sis. Viola Brunson
Sis. Eve-Lynn Butts
Mr. Carlise Clark
Mr. Shawn Coleman
Sis. Iris Craighead
Sis. Terry Daniels
Darlene Devore
Sis. Sherry Douglas
Bro. Keith Drafts
Elder Juneta Dutch
Sis Shereen Fields
Mrs. Erika Fitzgerald
Sharone Foster and family
Ms. Renee Geddes
Sis. Nettie Gates
Bro. James and Sis. Bertha Gourdine
Bro. James Gulley
Sis. Connie Harris
Sis. Doris Hudson
Rev. Johnny and Sis. Retha Hunter
Sis. Dorothy Jackson
Bro. Mike James and Family
Sis. Louise Jamison
Deacon Alix Jefferson and Family
Sis. Jocelyn Johnson
Deacon Mike and Sis. Arvis Jones

Mr. Howard and Sandra Jones
Mr. Munir Jones
Dr. Anna Krishnappa
Bro. Moses and Sis. Inez Malloy
Bro. Kenneth Mathis
Sis. Patricia Mathis
Mrs. Doris Miller
Mother Blanche Moore
Deacon Brenda Moreland
Sis. Phaedra Oates
Sis Juanita Owen
Sis. Nancy Pearsall
Ellen Prock
Deacon Richard and Sis. Virginia Ross
Mr. Lamar Russell
Bro. Donald Ryle
Ms. Jean Sanders
Mr. Tom Schumpert
Sis. Pamela Scott
Bro. Todd Small
Sis. Donna Smalls
Sis. Pat Hurley
Mrs. Francis Smith
Bro. Irvin Smith
Mr. Zion Smith
Bro. Joseph Stallings
Sis. Mary Stewart
Mother Ann Strickling
Sis. Vivienne Taylor
Sis. Sandra Turner
Mrs. Margaret Upshur
Marcos Villanueva
Sis. Elaine Wescott
Sis. Carolyn Williams
Sis. Earlene Williams
Sis Bettye and Bro Arthur Williams
Sis. Idel Wilson
Mrs. Lillie Winkler



I extend my deepest gratitude to Pastor Bullock and the Deacon Board for your unwavering generosity. This annual blessing holds immense value, and I truly appreciate the love and care you extend to Canaan's seniors. Your compassion and dedication are truly remarkable.

Theresa Knox

Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie and Deacons, please accept our belated gratitude for your thoughtful and generous Christmas gift.

George and Thelma Patrick

Rev. Dr. Christopher A. Bullock, First Lady Rev. Debbie Bullock, and Deacon Board, my heart is overflowing and grateful. Thanks so much!

Sis. Rose Cohen

Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie, Board of Deacons and Church Family, just a note to thank you for the Christmas gift. It is a very thoughtful gesture and a wonderful thing to be remembered. I ask that you keep me in your prayers that one day I'll be well enough to return to church in person. Yours in Christ,

Jean M. Nichols

To Rev. Bullock, Dr. Debbie Bullock, and the Deacon Board, thank you from the bottom of my heart for the thoughtful Christmas blessing from my church family. I am grateful for your generosity and continued support. Your kindness and care are a wonderful reflection of Christ's love.

Louise R. Dancy

Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie, Deacons and my Canaan Church Family. Thank you very much for the generous Christmas gift. It is greatly appreciated during this time of the year. Happy new Year and may God continue to bless Canaan.

Sis. Alice Munson

To our Canaan Family, thank you for all the cards and well wishes during the time of our

bereavement. It was such a blessing to be surrounded by a wonderful church family. Thank you for all your cards, well-wishes, and gifts.

Jennifer N. Davis

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

Dear Pastor and Officers, thank you so much for blessing me. God bless you all. Sincerely,

Eugenia Williams

Sis. Arvis and Music Ministry, thank you for all of the cards and letters. We deeply appreciate the kindness, support and love you've shown us during this difficult time.

Dave and Monica R. Holden

Dearest Deaconess Ministry of Canaan, words can't express how surprised Charles and I were with our generous gift. Thank you so much for your kindness. Yours in Christ,

Charles and Dianne Michael

Pastor Bullock and the Canaan Church Family, thank you so very much for the monetary contribution that was given during the holiday season. Your kindness and generosity were greatly appreciated. May the Lord continue to bless each of you. Peace and blessings,

Levi Coats

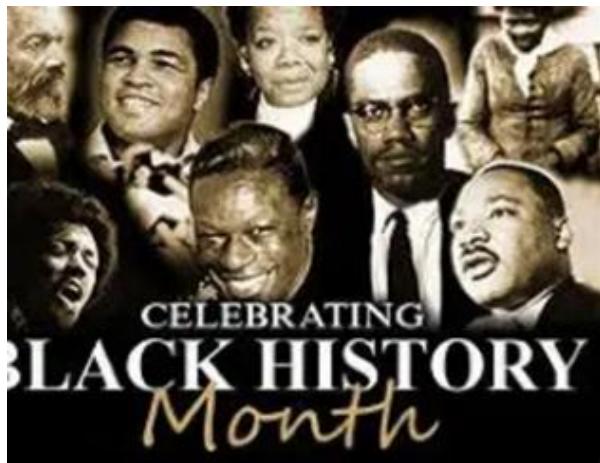
I hope your holiday and new year are filled with as much joy as you give. And so, you know your generosity touched more than my household, about $\frac{1}{2}$ items went to a group home as well (only items that could not fit). Thank you for everything.

Lauven Family

Dear Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie and Deacons, Carl and I are grateful and thank you so much for the monetary Christmas gift. May the Good Lord bless you for your kindness and generosity. We appreciate you all. Love,

Carl and Betty Wilkins

Happy 100th Birthday!



This year marks the 100th anniversary of federal recognition for Black Americans. This began as a singular week of learning and recognition called Negro History Week in 1926, and has grown into a cultural observance of Black History throughout the month of February.

The architect of this movement was Dr. Carter G. Woodson. A historian and educator, he also holds the distinction of being the second African American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University, following W.E.B. Du Bois. As the son of formerly enslaved parents, Dr. Woodson understood that denying people of their history denies them of their humanity. Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.

To combat that, he launched Negro History Week (NHW) to coincide with the February birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, the two figures whom he felt were symbolically tied to African American freedom.

The idea for a Black History Month was first conceived by this historian Carter G. Woodson and members of his Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History). Together they organized a



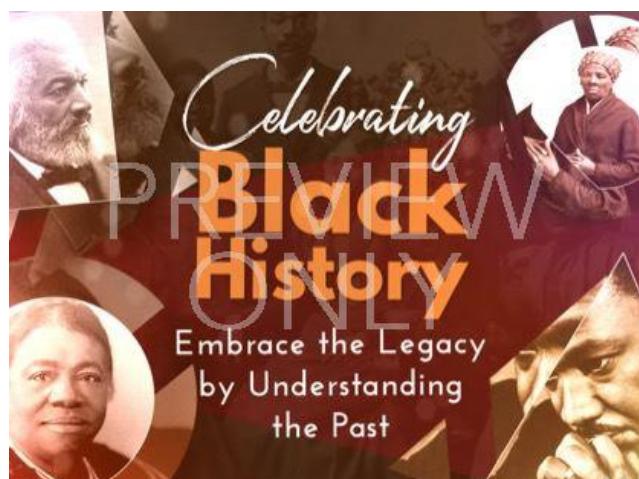
Negro History Week, beginning in February 1926. During the next 50 years Negro History Week grew in popularity, with American cities initiating their own celebrations of Black achievements, and with teachers particularly in schools with a large percentage of African American students using class time to discuss contributions to history made by notable African Americans. The civil rights movement also contributed to its popularity. Negro History Week was expanded to become Black History Month in 1976, with United States President Gerald Ford urging Americans to participate in its observance.

At the beginning of the 21st century, Black History Month was celebrated with a range of events at public schools, universities, and museums as well as within individual communities across the country.

For 40 years, educators embraced it, churches amplified it, and civic groups-built programs around it. In the 1960s, as the Civil Rights Movement emerged, NHW became more reflective of the urgency of a nation struggling with its conscience.

By 1976, the United States formally expanded the week-long recognition into Black History Month with the essence of Woodson's vision remaining unchanged: Black history is not a sidebar to American history - it is part of history.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the
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Celebrating
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Phadrea Oates
February 4



Sis. Vivian Mims
February 2



Mother Doris Badson
February 6



Quentin James
February 7



Katrina Brown
February 14



Carmen Henderson
February 16



Sabrina Allen
February 16



Adriana Jefferson
February 17



Ariel Jefferson
February 18



Bro. Joe Hodges
February 18



Deb Piner
February 19



David Bailey
February 19



Sharon Bailey
February 21



Patricia Stallings
February 22



Kelli McClendon
February 25 - 54 Years



Sis. Viola Frisby
February 26



Terry Daniels
February 26



Deacon
Shebra Stafford
February 27



Diane Taylor
February 27

Interesting Black History Month Facts



In honor of Black History Month, here are some facts about Black history in America that even history buffs may not know. Each February, the United States observes Black History Month, a monthlong celebration that honors the contributions made by Black Americans. During this time, people support Black-owned businesses, share powerful Black History Month quotes and research **Black History Month facts** to educate themselves on groundbreaking people, places and events.

A historian helped establish Black History Month



Historian Carter G. Woodson, the creator of what we presently know as Black History Month, worked passionately to establish the event in an effort to provide an education on the origins, struggles and achievements of African Americans in United States history. Originally, it existed as seven days of commemoration, first established in 1926 and called "Negro History Week." Woodson penned more than a dozen books, including 1933's, *The Mis-Education of the Negro*.

Black History Month is observed during different months around the world

This may be one of those Black History Month facts that's new to you. The United States, Canada and Germany observe Black History Month in February. However, in the United Kingdom, Ireland and the Netherlands, they honor it during the month of October.



Black History Month has been nationally recognized since 1976 - Despite its forerunner, Negro History Week, originating all the way back in 1926, Black History Month as we know it today didn't become nationally recognized until the 1970s. Black students and educators at Kent State first celebrated Black

History Month in January and February of 1970. Other educational institutions started following suit, and for the United States Bicentennial, President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month, as has every president since.



The founding of the NAACP coincides with Black History Month - On Feb. 12, 2024, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will celebrate its 115th birthday. The date of Feb. 12, 1909, was chosen for the NAACP's inception because it also marked the 100th birthday of Abraham Lincoln and coincided with abolitionist Fredrick Douglass's birthday, on Feb. 14. As one of the most interesting Black history facts, the NAACP is America's oldest civil rights organization, as well as its largest.



The practice of vaccination in America has interesting roots - An enslaved person by the name of Onesimus, brought to the Massachusetts colony, told church minister Cotton Mather about the way inoculations were practiced in Africa for centuries to prevent people from getting sick. Mather took this information to Dr. Zabdiel Boylston when smallpox became a severe issue in Boston in 1721, reports History.com. Boylston inoculated more than 240 people, despite a large opposition to the practice.



Fort Mose is an important town in Black history - Of all the cities you learned about in school that no longer exist, Fort Mose (pronounced "Mo-say") is one of the most important. Here's one of the little-known Black history facts: More than 250 years ago, when people who had escaped their enslavement made their way to St. Augustine, Florida, they were welcomed by the Spanish, who valued their skills and contributions. In 1738, the governor rewarded them by establishing the town that went on to become known as Fort Mose. It was the first officially sanctioned town for freed Black men in what is now the United States, with a population of about 100. In 1763, the Fort was

ceded to the British under the Treaty of Paris, and the free Black residents were evacuated to Cuba with the Spanish. The British then destroyed the site during the War of 1812. Today, it is a Historic State Park, making it one of the wonderful [American landmarks that celebrates Black culture](#).

The first state to abolish slavery was in New England - Considering [President Abraham Lincoln](#)



hailed from Illinois and was the president who would eventually abolish slavery, you might expect that the first state to do away with the practice was his Midwestern state of origin. However, it was Vermont that led the way, in 1777.

James McCune Smith was the first African American doctor - James McCune Smith was the first African American to hold a medical degree and the first



African American to run a pharmacy. Because no American university was willing to admit him, he was forced to travel to Scotland to earn his degree from the University of Glasgow. After graduating in 1837, he practiced medicine for nearly two decades at the Colored Orphan Asylum in Manhattan, contributed papers to scholarly journals and was widely respected as an intellectual. He was an abolitionist who helped enslaved people escape and find their way to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Despite his accomplishments, Smith was never admitted into the American Medical Association.

The first public high school for African Americans opened in 1870 - The first public high school for African Americans,



Dunbar High, opened in Washington, DC, in 1870, just five years after the end of the Civil War. Named after Dunbar, the acclaimed Black writer, the school graduated many luminaries, including the first Black Army General, the first Black presidential cabinet member and the first Black graduate of the Naval Academy. Many high schools, including Dunbar

Vocational High School in Chicago (pictured), have also adopted Dunbar's name.



Black men had a strong presence in the Wild West - You'd be hard-pressed to find much diversity in old-time Western films; however, according to *Smithsonian Magazine*, one in four cowboys was Black. In fact, it's believed that the fictional character of the Lone Ranger was based on Bass Reeves. Reeves was born into slavery, but he fled westward during the Civil War. In time, he became a Deputy U.S. Marshal.

George Edwin Taylor ran for president in 1904



Long before Barack Obama became the first Black president of the United States, George Edwin Taylor ran for president in 1904 as a member of the National Negro Liberty Party.

Though the journalist and newspaper editor received only 2,000 votes, Taylor deserves to be remembered for his groundbreaking political run.



Jackie Robinson broke baseball barriers - On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson played in his first game as one of the Brooklyn Dodgers. During his first season in the major leagues, he led the National League with the most stolen bases and then was honored as Rookie of the Year. Despite his talent and skill, Robinson faced adversity from fans and colleagues; he later became an outspoken member of the Civil Rights Movement for Black equality.

Charlotta Bass paved the way for Kamala



Harris - A major glass ceiling and racial milestone was broken in November 2020 when [Kamala Harris](#), the daughter of Jamaican and Indian immigrants, was elected as America's first Black vice president (as well as the first woman and South Asian American to hold the

office!). She was not the first Black woman to run for that office, however. In 1948, a journalist named Charlotta Bass became the vice-presidential nominee of the Progressive Party, with Vincent Hallinan as her running mate. She was also from Harris's home state of California!



Sister Rosetta Tharpe knew how to rock

When it comes to rock 'n' roll, the boys seem to get all the credit—but Sister Rosetta

Tharpe was known as the “Godmother of Rock ‘n’ Roll” for a reason. Born in 1915, Tharpe blazed a musical trail with her distinctive voice and rollicking guitar, combining both secular and spiritual music in her own unique brand of rock. Greats like Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash have credited her influence on their music.



Quincy Jones, the Grammy-nominated music man, made history

Quincy Jones hits the history books as the most nominated artist in Grammy history. He has scored a total of 80 nominations and 28 awards. Not surprisingly, he was presented with the Grammy Legend Award back in 1992. Jones is also one of the founders of the Institute for Black American Music.

Claudette Colvin pre-dated Rosa Parks in refusing to give up her seat on public transportation

Many people learn about Rosa Parks fighting for desegregation on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus, but they may not know this Black history fact: Claudette Colvin, a young girl, did it before Parks. In 1955, at just 15 years old, she stayed seated and refused to move to the back of the bus for a white passenger. She was subsequently arrested. According to NPR, Colvin had learned about the plight of Harriet Tubman and other early activists in school before her arrest.



Wilma Rudolph was a pioneering Olympian and activist

Wilma Rudolph was an African American

athlete who became the [first woman to win](#) three medals at the Summer Olympics in 1960. Having achieved her dream, she returned home and refused to participate in a celebratory parade if it was segregated. As a result, the parade and banquet thrown in her honor were the first events to be integrated in her hometown of Clarksville, Tennessee.



Interracial marriage was banned in the U.S. until 1967

Way back in 1664, marriage between races was banned in the United States.

This law was first enacted in the Colony of Maryland, with others quickly following suit. It might seem surprising today that this took more than 300 years to overturn—but it's less unbelievable when you understand the full depth of [institutional racism](#) and what it means.

Civil rights solidarity in sports has deep roots



Many years before Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the national anthem, two other athletes sent a powerful message about their unity with Black America. During the 1968 Olympic games in Mexico City, competitors Tommie Smith and John Carlos wore black gloves and gave a [Black power salute during the anthem](#).



The National Civil Rights Museum is in a somber location

Everyone should visit the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee, an immersive experience, steeped in history and emotion. The museum itself is located on the former site of the Lorraine Motel, where [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) was tragically assassinated. The facade is still there to remind visitors of what happened that day.



Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination coincided with an icon's birthday

It was on [Maya Angelou's](#) 40th birthday, April 4, 1968, that her friend, civil rights activist Martin

Luther King Jr., was assassinated. After this heinous act, Angelou stopped celebrating her birthday. However, she sent flowers to King's wife, Coretta Scott King, on that date until Mrs. King passed in 2006.



Students had a big impact on the Civil Rights Movement

When we think of the heroes of the Civil Rights Movement, we usually think of towering figures like Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr., but the movement also comprised ordinary young people who wanted to change the world by fighting injustice.



The first African American woman was elected to the House of Representatives in 1968

Paving the way for women of color in Congress (and the White House) was Shirley Chisholm, who represented New York in the House of Representatives. Just four years after she entered

the House, in 1972, she became the first Black candidate for a major party's nomination in the race for president of the United States.

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I posted a photo of myself at the gym, and it was flagged and removed as "Fake News." 😞

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do, it's because I missed my exit.

I'm having a garage sale today! Please don't come if I've ever borrowed anything from you.

Them: Why is your entire Bible neon yellow? Every single word? Me: I was highlighting the important parts.

You'll never truly feel connected to a church until you begin to serve in it. Attending helps you grow spiritually, but serving allows you to fulfill your God-given purpose.

EVERYTHING HAS GONE UP IN PRICE EXCEPT SALVATION. IT IS STILL A FREE GIFT. PAID IN FULL BY JESUS.

I think all these scam calls we get are God's punishment for all those prank calls we made as a kid.

People wait all day for 5pm.

All week for Friday.

All summer for winter.

All winter for summer.

& all of life for happiness.

Don't let the pursuit of tomorrow diminish the joy of today.

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