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Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor

**MAY 2026**

**Theme:**

**AIMING TO  
PLEASE GOD**

**John 8:29**

Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock  
Editor-In-Chief

Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones  
Managing Editor



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.

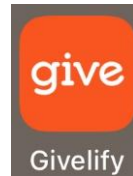
### WAYS TO GIVE

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!

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 [james007sbonds@gmail.com](mailto:james007sbonds@gmail.com)

**Sunday Morning**  
**May 3, 2026**  
**Special Guest Soloist**  
**Soprano Hope Briggs**  
**San Francisco Bay Area**

## Greetings from the Editor's Desk



*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*

**M** is for the **m**illion things she gave me  
**O** means **o**nly that she's growing old  
**T** is for the **t**ears she shed to save me  
**H** is for her **h**eat of pure and gold  
**E** is for her **e**yes with lovelights shining  
**R** means **r**ight and right she'll always be  
Put them all together, they spell **MOTHER**  
The word that means the world to me.

This month's issue of the Canaan News contains 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.

### **CANAAN NEWS STAFF**

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

**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 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.

## **Canaan's Kids**



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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:**

Monday – Closed  
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

## **FATHER'S DAY SLIDESHOW**

In honor of Father's Day, we will celebrate our Fathers on Sunday, June 21, 2026, with a slideshow presentation. Send a photo of your father, your family and you to the editor to:

[CanaanNews3011@gmail.com](mailto:CanaanNews3011@gmail.com). **All photos MUST BE SUBMITTED BY June 7, 2026!**

**ORDER OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**10:00 AM – Worship Service**

**Call to Worship and Prayer**

Ministry in Music  
Welcome of Visitors and 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 – “No, Not One!”**

**Verse 1**

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus—No, not one! No, not one!  
None else could heal all our soul's diseases—No, not one! No, not one!

**Verse 2**

No friend like Him is so high and holy—No, not one! No, not one!  
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly—No, not one! No, not one!

**Verse 3**

There's not an hour that He is not near us—No, not one! No, not one!  
No night so dark but His love can cheer us—No, not one! No, not one!

**Verse 4**

Did ever saint find this Friend forsake Him? —No, not one! No, not one!  
Or sinner find that He would not take him? —No, not one! No, not one!

**Verse 5**

Was e'er a gift like the Savior given? —No, not one! No, not one!  
Will He refuse us a home in heaven? —No, not one! No, not one!

**Refrain**

Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;  
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus—No, not one! No, not one!

## 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.”  
John 3:16

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## MAY---MONTH-AT-A-GLANCE

Saturday, May 2	Pre-Mother's Day Tea – Hall of Faith – EVENT SOLD OUT	12:00 Noon
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday, May 3	Morning Worship Service – Voices of Canaan Special Guest Soloist – Soprano Hope Briggs, San Francisco	10:00 AM
Tuesday, May 5	GriefShare – Conference Room	10 AM/6 PM
Wednesday, May 6	Bible Study - Noonday– Hall of Faith Bible Study - Evening – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, May 7	Choir Rehearsal –Women of Worship—ALL WOMEN	6:30 PM
Friday, May 8	Funeral Service – Sanctuary	9:00 – 1:00 PM
Saturday, May 9	Church School w/ Breakfast New Members Class - Sanctuary Canaan For Life Cancer Ministry – Library Junior Ushers Meeting – Sanctuary Missionary Ministry – Conference Room	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday, May 10	Morning Worship Service – Women of Worship Mother's Day / Women's Day Celebration	10:00 AM
Tuesday, May 12	GriefShare – Conference Room Respite Care Ministry -Hall of Faith Overcomers Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith	10 AM / 6 PM 10:00 AM 6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 13	Bible Study - Noonday– Hall of Faith Bible Study - Evening – Hall of Faith Voices of Canaan – Sing at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM 6:30 PM
Thursday, May 14	Food Truck Delivery – Hall of Faith Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan– Sanctuary	9:00 AM 6:30 PM
Friday, May 15	Sort and Packing – Food Truck – Hall of Faith	6:00 PM
Saturday, May 16	Church School CPR Class Social Justice Ministry – Conference Room	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday, May 17	Morning Worship Service – Voices of Canaan Food Distribution – Hall of Faith Private Event – Hall of Faith (Dr. Chelsia Douglas)	10:00 AM 11:30 AM 4:00 PM
Monday, May 18	Estate Planning (NWB) – Hall of Faith	6:30 PM
Tuesday, May 19	GriefShare – Conference Room Men's Ministry – Hall of Faith	10 AM / 6 PM 6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 20	Noon Day Bible Study – Hall of Faith Evening Bible Study – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 23	Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	6:30 PM
Saturday, May 23	Singles Ministry Prayer Hour Church School	8:00 AM 9:00 AM
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, May 24	Morning Worship Service – Men of Canaan Veterans Ministry Event	10:00 AM 12:00 Noon
Tuesday, May 26	GriefShare – Conference Room Respite Care - Sanctuary Overcomers Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith	10 AM / 6 PM 10:00 AM 6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 27	Noon Day Bible Study – Hall of Faith Churchwide Prayer Service	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, May 28	Choir Rehearsal – Next G/YA Choir	6:30 PM
Friday, May 29	Marriage Ministry Event – Hall of Faith	6:30 PM
Saturday, May 30	Church School Sis. Nancy Pearsall Retirement (Invitation Only)	9:00 AM 2:00 PM
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, May 31	Worship Service – Next G/YA Choir	10:00 AM

## MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Valerie Hill, Dean and Ministry Leader

Rev. Pete Owen, Assistant Dean

The Spring Quarter (March-May 2026) is entitled “*Social Teachings of the Church*” which presents an engaging exploration of the social challenges historically faced by faithful Christians. It invites reflection on how the church today can embody Christ’s presence in addressing similar issues in our contemporary context.

Unit III: “Fulfilling Our Obligations to God and Society”

### Lessons at a Glance

**Lesson 10 - May 3 - The Higher Loyalty:** Grace Beyond Borders - (Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-5; 4:6-11)

**Lesson 11 - May 10 - Useful Work As Christian Duty:** A Good Day’s Work (Gen. 2:18; Ex. 20:9; John 5:17; 9:4; Acts 20:33-35; 2 Thess. 3:6-12)

**Lesson 12 - May 17 - The Christian Spirit In Industry:** Cultivating Generosity (Deut. 24:14-22; Eph. 6:5-9; I Tim. 6:17-19)

**Lesson 13 - May 24 - The Christian View of Recreation:** A Well Earned Rest (Mark 2:18-28)

**Lesson 14 - May 31 - Fellowship Through Worship:** Provoke One Another! (Matt. 28:18-20; Hebrews 10:22-25)

*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 - Hall of Faith

Lesson study - 9:30-10:30 AM

#### **New Members Class**

Every 2nd Saturday of the month - Sanctuary

#### **Wednesday Midday Bible Study**

Noon-1:00 PM - Hall of Faith

#### **Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30 PM - Hall of Faith**

**4th Wednesday Evening - Prayer Service - 6:30 PM-** Sanctuary

**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

# CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER ALAN BULLOCK, PASTOR  
CHURCHWIDE PRAYER SERVICE



**WEDNESDAY  
EVENING  
MAY 27, 2026  
6:30 PM**



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



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**Deacon James Bonds, Ministry Leader**

**Baptism of Bro. Donald Tomes and Sis. Sonia Congo on Sunday, April 12, 2026**



**Baptism of Sis. Tamara Lewis on Sunday, April 19, 2026**



**MARRIED COUPLES MINISTRY**  
**Deacon Isaac and Sis. Lorraine Perry, Ministry Leaders**



The **Married Couples Ministry** warmly invites all married couples, engaged couples, and couples contemplating marriage to attend our next Married Couples Session on **Friday, May 29, 2026, in the Hall of Faith, 6:00 - 8:00 PM.** A meal will be served prior to the session. We are requesting a \$20 donation per couple to assist with the cost of the meal. Sister Perry will be collecting donations before and after Sunday services through Sunday, May 17.

Please consider joining this growing ministry and contact either of us. Come expecting a blessing—and to be a blessing! Our theme: “Making Good Marriages Better.” Matthew 19:6: “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” We are excited about what the Lord has in store for the Married Couples Ministry!

# Canaan Business Network Directory

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Books	Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock	A Charge to Keep	drdebblock@outlook.com	302-654-8818
Books	Dr. Debbie Strickling-Bullock	It's All Good: Every Round Goes Higher	drdebblock@outlook.com	302-750-4761
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**Canaan Baptist Church**  
**Dr. Christopher A. Bullock, Pastor**

**2026 HIGHER GROUND EDUCATION MINISTRY  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Canaan Baptist Church Higher Ground Education Ministry is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited institution of higher education, as well as for current college students. These scholarships will be awarded based on fund availability, overall GPA, active involvement in Ministry, and the quality of the essay (evaluated for content, format, flow, spelling, punctuation, grammar, etc.). If awarded, scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the educational institution.

**SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (☑)**

- An active member of Canaan Baptist Church with Right Hand of Fellowship, regular attendance, and ministry involvement.
- Graduating high school senior or currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education.
- Participation in a virtual group interview with the Higher Ground Scholarship Ministry.
- \*Full completion and electronic submission of the following documents – consolidated into one PDF:**
  - Scholarship application
  - Official high school/college transcript
  - Proof of enrollment in the upcoming Fall semester
  - Student account statement with Student Identification Number (SID)
  - Professional letter of recommendation from school/college personnel on letterhead
  - College Acceptance Letter on official letterhead (for high school seniors)
  - Professional Resume; AND
  - Essay describing Canaan Baptist Church attendance, ministry involvement, spiritual growth in the last three years, career aspirations, and plans for continued ministry involvement and spiritual growth while attending college. The essay must be **ONE PAGE ONLY**, double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-pitch font with one-inch margins.
  - Professional photograph only – no selfies.

**NOTE: All scholarship application documents must be neatly scanned in ONE PDF document (please do not send multiple file attachments) and e-mailed to [DrDeBullock@outlook.com](mailto:DrDeBullock@outlook.com) by 12 PM on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Canaan Baptist Church Higher Education Ministry  
Scholarship Application**

*Type/Print legibly using blue/black ink; attach "official" professional graduate photo for publication.*

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School and Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of college/university and primary course of study:

\_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Major Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors / Awards / Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Date joined the Canaan Baptist Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Church attendance and ministry involvement

\_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Leader(s) for Verification of Ministry Involvement \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print full first and name), hereby certify that the information contained in this scholarship application is true to the best of my knowledge. I realize that if any information I provide is incomplete, false, or incorrect, or if the required documentation is not submitted on or before the established deadline, I will not be eligible for a scholarship award. I further understand that by signing below, I give the Canaan Baptist Church Higher Ground Education Scholarship Ministry permission to review my application, transcript, and other application documents for scholarship award consideration purposes and permission to publish and/or use verbal/written language and/or photographs and videos of me for display and public relations media. Finally, if awarded the scholarship, I will acknowledge receipt and provide the Ministry with written periodic updates regarding my higher education progress.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION

The Higher Ground Education and Scholarship Ministry will recognize the academic achievements of K-12 students and 2025-2026 high school and college graduates who are members of Canaan Baptist Church. If you are a member of Canaan and you would like to be recognized for your significant achievements or as a high school or college graduate age 26 or younger, **please complete and submit this form along with an OFFICIAL SCHOOL/GRADUATE PHOTOGRAPH ONLY (NO SELFIE) for publication, neatly scanned via e-mail to [DrDebBullock@outlook.com](mailto:DrDebBullock@outlook.com) by Sunday, May 24, 2026.**

*(Please print)*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School/College Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Class Level: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA and Significant "Academic" Achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s) and Degree(s) Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors, Special Recognitions, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Educational / Career Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Canaan Worship Attendance and Ministry Involvement / Statement of Spiritual Growth:

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Is the official School/Graduate photograph attached for publication?  Yes(no selfie)  No

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*Student Signature*

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*Parent Signature*

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*Date Submitted*



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 experience repetitive stages.

During your grieving process you need someone to talk to, someone to lend a listening ear, 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 sorrow with increased awareness, erratic behavior with emotional healing, and frustration with faith.

**GriefShare Leaders**

Dr. Mimi Melchor (Day)

Tamara Lewis, MSN FNE-A FNP-C CEN (Evening)

Minister Ann Wilson, (Chaplain)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Spring/Summer Session</b> <b>May 5 through July 28, 2026</b></p>
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1 - Is This Normal?	Tuesday, May 05, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
2 - Your Grief Journey	Tuesday, May 12, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
3 - Loneliness & Sadness	Tuesday, May 19, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
4 - Self-Care	Tuesday, May 26, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
5 - Fearful & Overwhelmed	Tuesday, June 02, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
6 - Anger	Tuesday, June 09, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
7 - Regrets	Tuesday, June 16, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
8 - Grief & Your Household	Tuesday, June 23, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
9 - Grief & Your Friendships	Tuesday, June 30, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
10 - Questions for God	Tuesday, July 07, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
11 - Stuck in Grief	Tuesday, July 14, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
12 - Hope & Resilience	Tuesday, July 21, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
13 - What Do I Live for Now?	Tuesday, July 28, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p

Looking to enroll in a session, there will be sign-up sheets after church every Sunday for the month of April.

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



Arvis Strickling-Jones, Minister of Music



**Music Ministry Choirs:**  
\*Voices of Canaan  
\*Men of Canaan –  
Bro. Wayne Jefferson,  
Director  
\*Next G/YVA Choir  
Dr. Chelsia Ivey Douglas,  
Director

### MAY SINGING SCHEDULE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, May 3 - Voices of Canaan (VOC)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, May 10 – Sisters of Canaan Choir
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, May 17 – Voices of Canaan
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, May 24 – Men of Canaan
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, May 31 – Nex G/YVA Mass Choir

### Rehearsal Schedule

**• Thursday, May 7, 6:30 PM**  
**CALLING ALL WOMEN—singers and non-singers--to join the Sisters of Canaan and Friends Mass Choir in preparation for our Annual Women’s Day Celebration and Worship Service on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Attire: Solid Pastel**

**Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 PM** – The Voices of Canaan will sing at the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church on New Castle Avenue, for the opening night musical of the Delaware State Baptist Convention. Attire is Pastel and Black.

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- Thursday, May 7, 6:30 PM – Sisters of Canaan
- Thursday, May 14, 6:30 PM – Voices of Canaan
- Thursday, May 21, 6:30 PM – Men of Canaan
- Thursday, May 28, 6:30 PM – Next G/YVA

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

## Thomas L. Risher Veterans Ministry Making a Difference

Bro. Albert Grant, Ministry Leader



### Memorial Day (May)

- Purpose: Mourn and honor military personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice.
- Origin: Rooted in "Decoration Day" post-Civil War, when citizens decorated graves with flowers.
- How to Observe: Attending services, volunteering, or visiting cemeteries to lay flags/flowers on graves.

### Veterans Day (November 11)

- Purpose: Thank and honor all veterans who served honorably, whether in wartime or peacetime.
- Origin: Originally "Armistice Day," honoring the end of WWI on Nov. 11, 1918.
- How to Observe: Parades, thank-you notes to veterans, recognizing the service of living military members.
- Tone: Celebratory and appreciative.

Meaningful Ways to Celebrate and Honor Memorial Day is a time to honor and remember those who have served in the armed forces.

Here are some thoughtful and enjoyable ideas to help you make the most of the holiday: Attend a local Memorial Day parade or ceremony to pay tribute to veterans and fallen soldiers. Visit a

veterans' cemetery and place flowers or flags on graves as a gesture of respect. Host a backyard barbecue or picnic with family and friends, incorporating patriotic decorations and foods. Volunteer with organizations that support veterans or military families in your community. Take a moment of silence at 3:00 PM local time, participating in the National Moment of Remembrance. Share stories or memories about loved ones who served, fostering connection and gratitude. Explore historical documentaries, books, or museums to learn more about military history and sacrifice.

Whether you choose to participate in community events or spend time reflecting on the family, Memorial Day is an opportunity to show appreciation and remember those who gave their lives in service to the country.

A candlelight service will be held on Sunday, May 24, 12:00 Noon-1:00 PM in the Hall of Faith. Remembering our deceased Veterans 2025-2026:

**Dr. Alvin Amos**  
**David Craighead**  
**David Jackson**  
**John Melchor Sr.**  
**Pinkie Melchor**

**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:**

When David killed Goliath using his sling and one smooth stone, he had 4 more stones left in his shepherd's bag. (1 Samuel 17:40)

**Bible Trivia:**

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

1. No man has seen \_\_\_\_\_ at any time, the only begotten Son, which is the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.
  - God (John 1:18)
2. I therefore, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.
  - Lord (Ephesians 4:1)
3. Moreover if thy \_\_\_\_\_ shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, though hast gained thy brother.
  - Brother (Matthew 18:15)
4. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that \_\_\_\_\_ may abound?
  - Grace (Romans 6:1)
5. He that believeth and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
  - Baptized (Mark 16:16)

**May Bible Trivia: Key Verses (Fill in the missing word and provide the correct verse)**

1. How old was Enoch when he "disappeared?"
2. Who came to help Philip during his ministry in Samaria?
3. After the resurrection, which disciple doubted Jesus was alive?
4. Who did Jesus ask to draw water from the well for him?
5. What did God say the Promised Land would be flowing with?

May



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

“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.”

~ Proverbs 31:28 NIV



# GET CONNECTED: YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Are you a young adult looking to grow in your relationship with the Lord and get connected with a community of believers? We would love for you to be a part of what God is doing here at Canaan!

*There are two easy ways to stay connected:*

## Complete Our Google Form

Take a quick moment to fill out our Google Form so we can stay in touch and keep you informed about upcoming events, gatherings, and opportunities.

## Join Our GroupMe

Stay in the know throughout the week with updates, reminders, meeting details, and more through our GroupMe.

You can access both the Google Form and GroupMe by scanning the QR code located in your Canaan Newsletter.

*Don't stay on the sidelines—jump in, get connected, and grow with us in faith and fellowship. We're excited to walk this journey with you!*



GROUPME



Instagram



Google Form  
Let's get to know you!



# END-OF-YEAR INSPIRATION FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

As the 2025–2026 school year comes to a close, take a moment to pause and reflect on just how far you’ve come. This year may have brought moments of success, unexpected challenges, new opportunities, and lessons you never imagined—but through it all, you made it. And that matters.

Growth doesn’t always look like trophies, awards, or perfect grades. Sometimes growth looks like showing up when things felt hard, trying again after setbacks, finding your voice, or simply making it through. Every lesson learned, every obstacle faced, and every victory—big or small—is helping shape the incredible person you are becoming.

As you step into summer and prepare for what’s next, remember this:

Rest is necessary, not earned.

Take time to breathe, reset, and recharge your mind, body, and spirit.

God has already equipped you for your next season.

Even when the future feels uncertain, trust that He is ordering your steps and preparing the way.

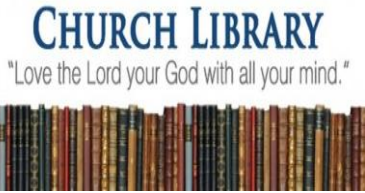
You are never alone.

Lean on your faith, your family, your mentors, and your community. You are supported, seen, and deeply loved.

Your story is still being written.

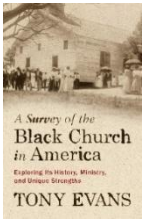
This chapter may be ending, but a new one is about to begin—and it holds purpose, promise, and possibility.

# SUMMER



**Deacon Alix Jefferson**  
Ministry Leader

**A Survey of the Black Church in America: Exploring Its History, Ministry, and Unique Strengths** by Tony Evans

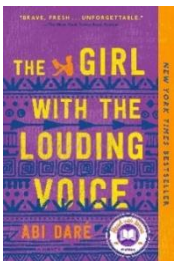


If the Bible is allowed to be the standard by which blacks and whites determine truth, then freedom from this moral and racial malaise will be the outcome; for as Jesus taught, the truth has a unique capacity of making people free. Dr. Tony Evans.

Respected and beloved pastor Tony Evans provides an accessible overview of black church history. Evans opens the eyes of the reader to the black presence in the Scriptures and takes a focused look at the uniqueness and place of the black church. Drawing from stories and historical events, best-selling author Evans addresses the myth of black inferiority and looks at the rise of black evangelicalism. In addition, Evans faithfully interacts with movements such as Black Lives Matter, Critical Race Theory, and the 1619 Project.

This timely resource is for anyone seeking unity and understanding. In an age where division and confusion abound, A Survey of the Black Church in America provides a divine, clear, kingdom-focused perspective.

**The Girl With The Louding Voice** by Abi Dare



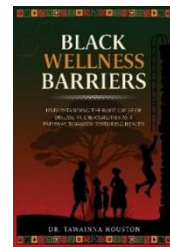
The unforgettable, inspiring story of a teenage Nigerian village who longs to get an education so that she can find her “louding voice” and speak up for herself, The Girl with the Louding Voice is a simultaneously heartbreaking and triumphant tale about the power

of fighting for your dreams. Despite the seemingly insurmountable obstacles in her path, Adunni never loses sight of her goal of escaping the life of poverty she was born into so that she can build the future she chooses for herself – and

help other girls like her do the same. Her spirited determination to find joy and hope in even the most difficult circumstances imaginable will “break your heart and then put it back together again” (Jenna Bush Hager on The Today Show) even as Adunni shows us how one courageous young girl can inspire us all to reach for our dreams...and maybe even change the world.

**Black Wellness Barriers: Understanding the Root Cause of Disease Vulnerabilities as a Pathway Towards Restoring Health**

by Dr. Tawainna Houston



In Black Wellness Barriers, Dr. Tawainna Houston—a licensed Naturopathic Doctor and cultural wellness educator—uncovers the deep roots of Black health disparities in America. Blending historical research, public health insight, and holistic healing wisdom, she reveals how centuries of systemic racism have left biological imprints that still shape our physical and mental well-being today.

From the myth of Black biological inferiority to the rise of chronic conditions like hypertension, reproductive cancers, and autoimmune disorders, Dr. Houston connects the dots between past injustices and present-day disease vulnerabilities. With clarity and compassion, she introduces readers to the science of epigenetics, the burden of racial stress, and the silent wear-and-tear of allostatic load that accumulates in Black bodies across generations.

Dr. Houston offers a culturally informed roadmap for healing: one rooted in ancestral resilience, community care, and holistic wellness. Whether you're a health-conscious reader, a caregiver, a Black professional, or simply someone seeking truth and transformation, this book invites you to view Black wellness as more than mere survival—it is a form of resistance, reclamation, and liberation.

Black Wellness Barriers is a compelling blend of health equity, cultural identity, and actionable self-care. It's a powerful resource for anyone ready to challenge what they've been taught about illness—and embrace a future of collective and individual healing.

## High Blood Pressure Awareness

**Scripture** “A peaceful heart leads to a healthy body.”— Proverbs 14:30

### Education

May is **High Blood Pressure Awareness Month**. High blood pressure (hypertension) is often called the “silent killer” because it may not show symptoms but can damage the heart, kidneys, brain, and eyes over time.

Healthy habits—along with prayer, stress management, and regular checkups—can help prevent and manage blood pressure. Knowing your numbers is an important first step.

### Self-Care and Heart Health

Caring for your heart includes both **physical and spiritual habits**.

- Eat a **balanced, low-sodium diet**
- Stay **physically active**
- Manage stress through **prayer and rest**
- Maintain a **healthy weight**
- Keep up with **regular checkups**

### Watch the Salt: Better Food Choices

Many processed foods are high in sodium. Try these swaps:

- Canned soups → **Low-sodium or homemade soups**
- Deli meats → **Fresh grilled chicken or turkey**
- Frozen meals → **Home-cooked meals**
- Chips/pretzels → **Unsalted nuts, fruit, yogurt**
- Fast food → **Home-prepared meals**

### Try This This Month

- Check your **blood pressure weekly**
- Exercise or walk **20–30 minutes most days**
- Reduce **salt and processed foods**
- Drink more **water**
- Spend time in **daily prayer and reflection**
- Track your progress in a **health or prayer journal**

### Heart-Healthy Recipe

#### Garlic Lemon Baked Chicken & Vegetables

##### Ingredients:

- 2 chicken breasts

- 1 cup broccoli
- 1 cup carrots
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp garlic
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Pepper and herbs (no added salt)

### Directions:

Bake at 375°F for 25–30 minutes until fully cooked.

### Simple Tip

#### Move with Purpose

Take a daily walk while praying or reflecting on scripture. This supports heart health, reduces stress, and builds consistency.

### Reflect and Respond

1. Do I know my blood pressure numbers?
2. What is one food choice I can improve this week?
3. Have I noticed any changes in my skin recently?
4. Who can support me in my health and prayer journey?

### Cancer Awareness Note

May is also **Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month**.

While skin cancer is less common in darker skin tones, it is often found **later and at more advanced stages** in African American individuals.

Check for changes in areas such as:

- Palms of the hands
- Soles of the feet
- Under the nails

Speak with a healthcare provider about any unusual spots or changes.

### Delaware Resources

- ChristianaCare Primary Care
- Westside Family Healthcare
- YMCA of Delaware

### Nurse's Note

Caring for your heart, body, and mind honors God. Through faith, awareness, and healthy habits, we can protect our health and continue to serve others.

Blessings,

Kelli McClendon, MSN, RN

# STROKE AWARENESS

Black Americans experience strokes at higher rates and are more likely to die from them than any other racial group. A stroke, often called a “brain attack,” occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted, depriving brain cells of oxygen and causing them to die. After a stroke, Black survivors are less likely than white survivors to receive treatment for complications such as fatigue, muscle stiffness (spasticity), and depression.

## How does stroke affect Black Americans?



Black Americans are more likely to experience strokes at younger ages, especially those under 65 with diabetes. The most common type, ischemic stroke—caused by

a blocked artery—accounts for about 87% of all cases.

Compared to white survivors, Black stroke survivors are more likely to:

- Having difficulty with daily activities
- Experience a second stroke within a year
- Die from a subsequent stroke

## Why is stroke risk higher?

The reasons are complex and not fully understood, but higher exposure to risk factors and social challenges play a major role. Chronic stress related to systemic racism and discrimination can negatively affect both physical and mental health over time.

Key stroke risk factors in Black Americans include:

- **High blood pressure:** Affects over half of Black adults and often develops earlier and is harder to control
- **Overweight and obesity:** Nearly 70% of Black men and over 80% of Black women are affected
- **Diabetes:** More common compared to non-Hispanic white populations
- **Sickle cell anemia:** A genetic condition that increases stroke risk

- **High cholesterol:** About 25% have elevated LDL (“bad”) cholesterol
- **Smoking:** Over 14% of Black adults smoke, significantly increasing stroke risk
- **Physical inactivity:** Fewer than half meet recommended activity levels
- **Chronic stress:** Ongoing life stressors can increase risk

## What risk factors can be controlled?

While some factors—such as age, family history, and prior stroke—cannot be changed, up to 80% of strokes are preventable through lifestyle changes and proper medical care.

Steps to lower your risk include:

- Eating more fruits and vegetables
- Reducing salt intake
- Increasing physical activity
- Quitting smoking
- Maintaining a healthy weight
- Managing stress

It’s important to work with your healthcare provider to understand and manage your personal risk factors.

## Stroke warning signs

Stroke symptoms can vary, but the acronym **B.E.F.A.S.T.** helps identify common signs:

- **B – Balance:** Sudden loss of balance
- **E – Eyes:** Vision changes
- **F – Face:** Drooping on one side
- **A – Arms:** Weakness or numbness
- **S – Speech:** Difficulty speaking
- **T – Time:** Call 911 immediately

Stroke is a medical emergency. Quick action can save lives and improve recovery outcomes!

Psalm 30:2 - "O Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me."

Peace and Blessings!

The Health Ministry

Tamara Lewis, MSN RN FNE-A FNP-C CEN

# Happy Anniversary



Gregory and Carolyn Freeman  
Celebrate their 29th  
Anniversary on May 3



Dwayne and Shaana (Nikki)  
Adams celebrate 6 years of  
marriage on May 4th



Deacon Isaac and Lorraine Perry  
celebrate their 45th  
Anniversary On May 16



Deacon Correy and Katrina Brown  
celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary on May 24



Daryl and Caprice Bradley  
Celebrate their 11<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary on May 30



Chuks and Jennifer Umoete  
Celebrate their 31st  
Anniversary on May 28

HAPPY  
**BirthDay**  
TO YOU!



**Rene' Howell**  
70 Years  
April 26



**Rosalind Nelson**  
May 2



**Bryanna Johnson**  
May 6



**Cynthia Canty**  
May 9



**Dr. Anna Krishnappa**  
May 12



**Deacon John Brunson**  
May 13



**Madison Perry**  
May 20



**Sis. Jocelyn E. Johnson**  
May 23



**Joel Coppadge, Sr.**  
May 24



**Sis. Brenda Clarke**  
May 27



**Sis. Arlene Monk**  
May 30



**Chu'En N. Whittington**  
May 31

# In **CHRISTIAN** Sympathy



Our Canaan member, **Bro. David Jackson**, age 75, passed away. He a member of Voices of Canaan, Veterans Ministry, and the Bullock Food Pantry. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Sis. Donna Jackson, 21 Luray Road, New Castle,

DE 19720.

On behalf of the Jones Family, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to Pastor Bullock, our Canaan Family, members and staff for the love and support shown during the loss of my husband, Howard Jones. The compassionate service, the beautiful music, the delicious food, your prayers, flowers and comforting presence meant more to us than words can express. Thank you for being a source of strength for our family. With heartfelt thanks,

**Sis. Sandra Hicks Jones and Family**



Our Canaan member, **Sis. Lois R. Walley**, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2026. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Brian Walley (son), 193 Coldwater Drive, Clayton, DE 19938.

Thank you, Bishop Bullock and all the saints for your generous support and compassion in helping us through the hurricane disaster relief efforts. Your kindness and willingness to give during such a difficult time truly reflect God's love in action. We are deeply grateful for your giving, and your heart to serve. May God continue to bless each of you abundantly.

**From Medina United Church of Jamaica**

**Mr. Benny Anthony, Sr.** passed away. He is the brother of our member, Bro. Fred Anthony, brother-in-law of Sis. Barbara Anthony, uncle of Trustee Denise Anthony, Bro. Demetrius Anthony, and Bro. Tyrone Brown. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Fred and Barbara Anthony, 33 Roxeter Road, New Castle, Delaware 19720.

Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie and Canaan Family! Thank you for your prayers, cards, telephone calls and the love you've shown the family as we grieved the loss of our loved one. Your words have comforted us. Your support has strengthened us and your love has sustained us. We extend our deepest thanks to all of you during our greatest sadness. We appreciate it more than words can express.

**Bettye and Arthur Williams and Family**

Ms. **Noma L. Todd**, age 90, passed away on Monday, March 30, 2026. She is the mother of Sis. Mary Wilson-Dawson. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Congo Funeral Home - Gray Avenue Chapel, Re: Family of Noma Todd, 201 N. Gray Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19805.

Canaan Family, Words could never convey how mt church family stood in the gap for my family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Much love,

**Gwen, TJ and Alana  
Family of Arnise Renee Malcom**



# Remember *in* Prayer

Ms. Donna Acey  
Bro. Arthur Allen  
Sis. Felicia Allen  
Sis. Sharon Alston  
Sis. Barbara Anthony  
Mr. Ronnie Brinkley –War Zone of Kuwait  
Mr. Tommy Brown  
Sis. Viola Brunson  
Sis. Eve-Lynn Butts  
Mr. Carlise Clark  
Sis. Paulette Cooper  
Sis. Iris Craighead  
Sis. Sherry Douglas  
Bro. Keith Drafts  
Sis. Shereen Fields  
Mrs. Erika Fitzgerald  
Ms. Renee Geddes  
Sis. Nettie Gates  
Bro. James Gourdine  
Sis. Bertha Gourdine  
Bro. James Gulley  
Sis. Connie Harris  
Mr. Jan Jackson Sr.  
Sis. Dorothy Jackson  
Sis. Louise Jamison  
Mr. Edwin Johnson  
Sis. Jocelyn Johnson  
Deacon Mike Jones  
Sis. Arvis Strickling-Jones  
Mr. Munir Jones

Dr. Anna Krishnappa  
Bro. Moses Malloy  
Sis. Inez Malloy  
Bro. Kenneth Mathis  
Sis. Patricia Mathis  
Mother Blanche Moore  
Sis. Phaedra Oates  
Sis. Thelma Onakoya  
Sis. Juanita Owen  
Deacon Richard Ross  
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  
Sis. Francis Smith  
Bro. Irvin Smith  
Mr. Zion Smith  
Mr. John Stokes Jr.  
Bro. Joseph Stallings  
Sis. Mary Stewart  
Mother Ann Strickling  
Sis. Vivienne Taylor  
Sis. Lillie Vance  
Marcos Villanueva  
Sis. Elaine Wescott  
Sis. Carolyn Williams  
Sis. Earlene Williams  
Sis. Bettye Williams  
Bro. Arthur Williams  
Sis. Idel Wilson  
Sis. Toni Winchester  
Sis. Lillie Winkler

**BULLOCK FOOD PANTRY**  
*at*  
**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**MOBILE  
 FOOD PANTRY**



*Neighbors Helping  
 Neighbors*



**SUNDAY,  
 MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**11:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.**



**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 3011 New Castle Avenue  
 New Castle, Delaware 19720



**VOLUNTEERS  
 NEEDED**

TO PREPARE FOR THE  
 MOBILE FOOD PANTRY



**THURSDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
 9:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON



**FRIDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.



**SENIOR PASTOR**  
**REV. DR.**  
**CHRISTOPHER ALAN BULLOCK**



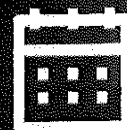
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# PRESENT THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY JOB FAIR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026  
11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.



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## Malware Infections



This month, May, we will learn about malware infections. Malware is harmful software that is secretly placed on a computer, phone, or tablet. It can come from fake email attachments, unsafe downloads, or websites that are not trustworthy. Some

types of malware are viruses, worms, Trojans, and programs that steal information.

This topic is very significant because malware can quietly spy on you, steal your passwords, or damage your files. Some malware lets strangers control your computer without you knowing. This can lead to stolen money, lost work, and even attacks on other people from your device.

When one person in a church is infected, it can spread through emails and shared files.

Church members can protect themselves by only opening attachments and links from people they trust and expect. Install security updates and antivirus software and let them run regularly. Do not download pirated movies, music, or software, and be careful with “free” offers online. If something seems too good to be true, it usually is. If your device suddenly becomes slow, shows strange pop-ups, or behaves in ways you did not expect, stop using it and ask a trusted tech helper to check it before the problem gets worse.

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**Advocating for Those Living with Alzheimer’s Disease**

## Advocating for Those Living with Alzheimer’s Disease



Sis. Patricia Risher, Seniors. Ministry Leader and Sis. Carol Amos, author of *H.O.P.E. for the Alzheimer’s Journey* are Advocates for the Alzheimer’s Association. In this role, they interact with our political leaders on the state and national level, to influence and pass legislation that will benefit those living with Alzheimer’s disease and their caregivers.

In April, they met with representatives of Senator Lisa Blount Rochester and Senator Chris Coons (see photo) to encourage them to sign the Alzheimer’s Screening and Prevention (ASAP) Act (S. 3267). Senator Rochester and Senator Coons have consistently been strong supporters of Alzheimer’s legislation. There are 22,300 Delawareans living with Alzheimer’s but almost half have not received a formal diagnosis.

The ASAP act would extend Medicare coverage for FDA-approved blood-based biomarker tests to help improve dementia detection and diagnosis. We pray that the efforts of Sis. Pat and Sis. Carol will help make biomarker coverage a reality for those in our church, community, and country.

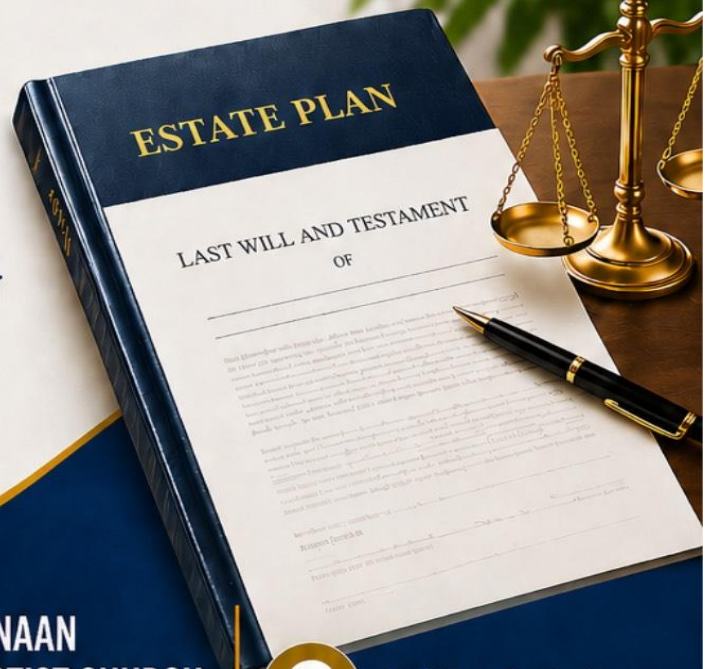


The GriefShare day and evening groups concluded their winter session with a time of fellowship and certificate presentation at Red Lobster

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