

FATHER'S DAY

**Canaan Baptist Church
3011 New Castle Avenue
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CANAAN NEWS ONLINE JUNE 2025

**THEME:
WHAT A MIGHTY GOD
WE SERVE
Psalm 121**

Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock
"NOW THEN, MY CHILDREN" **Editor-In-Chief**
Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones
LISTEN TO ME; **Managing Editor**
BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO KEEP MY WAYS."



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

Canaanbevideo page and "Subscribe" to our YouTube Channel Canaanbevideo.

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
5. Download and use the Givelify mobile app:



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

**Graduate
Recognition
And Scholarship
Sunday
June 15, 2025
Right after the
10:00 AM
Worship Service
In the Sanctuary**

Greetings from the Editor's Desk



DADS AND GRADS!

The month of June holds several celebrations and holidays, Congratulations to all graduates from every level of learning, Happy Father's Day and we honor all of our Men of Canaan. We will also recognize the Juneteenth holiday.

This month's issue of the Canaan News is filled with 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 His Church. Thank you to our contributors, ministry leaders, ministry servants.

PLEASE READ THE CANAAN NEWS IN ITS ENTIRETY. "What's going on at Canaan? IT'S IN THE CANAAN NEWS!"

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

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

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

CELEBRATE THE SAINTS

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

FATHER'S DAY SLIDESHOW

We will celebrate Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, 2025, with a slideshow presentation. Send a photo of your father and family to the editor to CanaanNews3011@gmail.com. **All photos MUST BE SUBMITTED BY June 9, 2025. PLEASE—NO TEXT MESSAGES!**

Thanks to Bro. Alan Hicks, Staff Contributor, and Bro. Derek Edwards, Photographer



CANAAN'S KIDS NURSERY:

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

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

Summer Dress Attire

****Casual****

Sunday, June 22

Thru

Sunday, August 31

**Please see the Trustee Ministry
for information regarding
Canaan Polo Shirts**

**** The Date ****

August 9, 2025

**Annual Church Picnic
Details Forthcoming**

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

“NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD”

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Verse 2

For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Verse 3

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Verse 4

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

Oh! precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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



MINISTRY

Benevolence
Canaan Business Network
Canaan For Life
Canaan News
Canaan's Kids Nursery
Christian Education
Church Virtual Library
Community Engagement
Deacons
Earl Gardner Transportation
Ernest and Yolanda Purnell Seniors
Rev. Dr. John Bailey Evangelism
Faith-Based Substance Abuse Counseling
Greeters
Health
Higher Ground Education
Emma Bordley Hospitality
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Marriage
Membership
Men of Canaan
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Office Staff
Philippians/Pastor's Aid
Regena Manley Missionary
Rev. Dr. Paul Wilson GriefShare
Security
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Sisters of Canaan
Social Justice
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Ushers
Next G/Youth/Young Adult Ministry

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Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones
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Calendar of Events

1st Sunday, June 1	Worship Service –Voices of Canaan	10:00 AM
Wednesday, June 4	Bible Study – Word on Wednesday – Hall of Faith Bible Study – Live Streamed	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, June 5	Funeral Service – Mrs. Eleanor Hill – Sanctuary	9:00 AM – 12 PM
Thursday, June 5	Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	6:30 PM
Friday, June 6	Leadership Ministry Team Meeting – Hall of Faith	7:00 PM
Saturday, June 7	Saturday Church School	9:00 – 10:30 AM
2nd Sunday, June 8	Worship Service –Men of Canaan	10:00 AM
	Singles Ministry – Info and Water Ice – Hall of Faith	11:30 AM
Tuesday, June 10	Veterans Ministry Meeting – Conference Room	6:30 – 7:30 PM
Wednesday, June 11	Healthcare Van – Church Parking Lot Bible Study – Word On Wednesday – Hall Of Faith Bible Study – Live Streamed	10:00 AM –2:00 PM 12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, June 12	Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	6:30 PM
Friday, June 13	Black Men’s Presentation – Hall of Faith	6:30 – 7:30 PM
Saturday, June 14	Saturday Church School New Members Class – Sanctuary Canaan For Life Ministry Meeting Junior Ushers Meeting	9:00 – 10:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM
3rd Sunday, June 15	Graduate Recognition and Scholarship Sunday Worship Service – Father’s Day / Men’s Day	10:00 AM
Wednesday, June 18	Bible Study – Word on Wednesday – Hall of Faith Bible Study – Live Streamed	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, June 19	Juneteenth Food Truck Delivery Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan	9:00 AM 6:30 PM
Friday, June 20	Food Truck Sorting	6:00 PM
Saturday, June 21	Saturday Church School	9:00 – 10:30 AM
4th Sunday, June 22	Worship Service – Men of Canaan	10:00 AM
Tuesday, June 24	Substance Abuse Ministry Meeting	7:30 – 9:00 PM
Wednesday, June 25	Bible Study – Word on Wednesday Churchwide Prayer Service	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, June 26	State Ushers Annual Program – Sanctuary Voices of Canaan to Sing	7:00 PM
Friday, June 27	State Ushers Annual Program – Hall of Faith Pastor Bullock – preach at Buttonwood UM Church **Men of Canaan Sing at Buttonwood Church	7:00 – 9:00 PM 7:00 PM
Saturday, June 28	Saturday Church School Next G/ YYA Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary State Ushers Annual Program – Hall of Faith	9:00 – 10:30 AM 11:00 AM-2:00 PM 11:00 AM
5th Sunday, June 29	Worship Service – Next G/YYA Choir	10:00 AM
Monday, June 30	Black Men’s Mental Health – Session 1– Hall of Faith	6:30 – 7:30 PM



National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.'s Post

Unfinished Business: Pressing Toward Justice March

Join us June 18 at 2 PM as we march from the Montgomery Renaissance Hotel to the Alabama State Capitol—a united call for justice and equality that continues the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement.

Standing together in Montgomery:

- Dr. Boise Kimber, President, NBCUSA, Inc.
- Dr. Christopher Bullock, Chair, NBCUSA Social Justice Commission
- Dr. Melvin Owens, President, Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention
- Dr. Tyree Anderson, Chair, AL State Social Justice Commission
- Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, NAN NYC – Keynote Speaker



Montgomery, Alabama

June 18, 2025 | 2 PM

Let your voice be heard. March with us. Spread the word. Invite your church family and community.

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NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.

Unfinished Business:

PRESSING TOWARD JUSTICE

MARCH FROM
MONTGOMERY
RENAISSANCE HOTEL
TO ALABAMA STATE
CAPITOL STEPS

JUNE 18TH, 2025 2 P.M.

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

REV. AL SHARPTON
PRESIDENT/FOUNDER,
NAN, NEW YORK CITY
Keynote Speaker

DR. TYREE ANDERSON
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CHAIRMAN OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
COMMISSION NBCUSA/INC

DR. BOISE KIMBER
PRESIDENT, NBCUSA/INC



Pastor Bullock attended Annual Catholic Charities' Event at Hotel DuPont on May 15, 2025

Pictured with Bishop William Koenig Catholic Diocese of Wilmington and Chris Kenny.

Chris Kenny was honored for his Servant Leadership and Faith in Action. He is a ministry partner and friend of Canaan.



Canaan Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor

**Wednesday Evening
June 25, 2025 -- 6:30 PM**

**CHURCHWIDE
PRAYER SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY**

**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known unto God.
Philippians 4:6**

DEACONS MINISTRY
Deacon James Bonds, Ministry Leader

Baptism of Kylil Hinman, Sunday, May 18, 2025



Baptism of Christian Gray, Sunday, May 25, 2025



Welcome,
New Members

Jacquelyne Roundtree
Dawn Kennedy
Ellen Wilson
Kylil Hinman
Sue Jackson



MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Valerie Hill, Dean and Ministry Leader

Rev. Pete Owen, Assistant Dean

Join us weekly for all of our Christian Education Opportunities. Our lessons are engaging, interactive and the Word of God is transformative. Below is an overview of our upcoming lessons.

The Sunday School Summer (June 2025-August 2025) Quarter's theme is "*Sacred Altars and Holy Gifts.*" This quarter's lesson study will show that the actions of building altars and making sacrifices predate the Mosaic Law. Understanding the old covenant sacrifices and offerings is essential to understanding the New Testament's view of Christ's sacrifice.

Unit I: "The Genesis of Altars and Sacrifices"

Lessons at a Glance

Lesson 1 - June 1 - Gift Giving Matters (Genesis 4:1-25)

Lesson 2 - June 8 - The Rainbow Promise (Genesis 6:1-9; 9:17)

Lesson 3 - June 15 - The Value of a Life (Genesis 22:1-19)

Lesson 4 - June 22 - Digging Your Own Well (Genesis 26:1-33)

Lesson 5 - June 29 - Jacob Sets Up a Sacred Pillar (Genesis 28:1-22; 33:17-20; 35:1-7)

Source: 2024-2025-Townsend Press, Sunday School Commentary based on the International Lessons Series. 104th edition. King James Version/New International Version.

A graphic with a colorful background of yellow, green, and red geometric shapes. It contains white text on black rectangular backgrounds. The text reads: "BULLOCK FOOD PANTRY - JUNE DATES", "THURSDAY JUNE 19, 2025", "RECEIVE TRUCK/SORT FOOD", "FRIDAY JUNE 20, 2025 6PM - 9PM", "ASSEMBLE FOOD BAGS", "SUNDAY JUNE 22, 2025", "BAG DISTRIBUTION 11:30AM - 1:30 PM", and "Call 302.654.8818 or email DRKISHBAILEY@GMAIL.COM".

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*COMMUNITY SERVICE LETTERS AVAILABLE
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JUNE

WELCOME TO THE NEXT G

MINISTRY



Mission:

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

II Timothy 1:6

YOUTH MINISTRY PLEDGE

Engagement- I Timothy 4:12

I am engaged, because I allow no one to despise my youth, but I am an example to the believers in word in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, and in purity.

Encouragement-I Peter 2:9

I am encouraged because I am a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a part of a holy nation, God's own special people that I may proclaim the praises of Him who called me out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Empowerment-II Timothy 1:7

I am empowered, because God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.



"Your father's blessings are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains, than the bounty of the age-old hills."

Genesis 49:26 NIV



Faith • Fellowship • Fun

We're excited about what's ahead for the Next G Youth & Young Adult Ministry!
Here's a sneak peek at upcoming plans — mark your calendars and stay tuned
for details.



June

Fun team building activities and
trip to the amusement park.
(open to all youth and young adults)

Bible Study Series

Join us for a powerful 3-day series:

“From the Inside Out:

A Journey of Faith and Feelings”

(open to all youth and young adults)



HAPPY
Father's
DAY

Canaan Baptist Church

Next G Ministry



Men's Ministry

Bro. Rodney Davis, Ministry Leader



We will host an exciting Men's Networking event and a pre-Father's Day celebration on **Friday evening, June 13, 6:30 PM** in the Hall of Faith. Come out to mix and mingle. Meet you there!

Black Men, Mental Health and the Black Church

A Safe Space for Healing, Brotherhood, and Faith

Starting **Monday, June 30th**, we will launch a powerful new support group series designed by *us, for us*—**Black men navigating mental health, manhood, and spirituality within the Black Christian church.** This monthly gathering will run through the end of the year, creating a safe space for real conversations, shared struggles, and collective growth. Together, we'll advocate for mental wellness while exploring how faith and fellowship can help build stronger men—emotionally, spiritually, and mentally.

Did You Know?

- Black men are **less likely** than any other group to seek mental health treatment, even though they experience similar or higher rates of mental health challenges.
- Suicide rates among Black men have **nearly doubled** over the last two decades.
- Systemic racism, stigma, and lack of culturally responsive care contribute to a growing mental health crisis in our communities.

Whether you're struggling silently or simply seeking connection, this group is for YOU. Let's break the stigma, lift one another up, and reclaim wholeness—mind, body, and spirit.

What To Expect: guided discussions led by mental health professionals and faith leaders

- Scripture-based reflections
- Tools for emotional resilience, spiritual grounding, and community support
- Brotherhood, accountability, and encouragement

What's Next?

Kickoff Mixer and Father's Day Celebration: Friday, June 13th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Canaan's Hall of Faith.

Before we begin, come connect with us, fellowship, and learn more about what's to come.

Sessions Begin: Monday, June 30th from 6:30pm - 8:00pm (monthly meetings, last Monday of the month) in Canaan's Hall of Faith

How to Sign up?: Click -> [Registration Link](#) or Contact **Min. Joseph Blue** at: joseph.blue@blackmenembracingfeelings.com or call the church office 302-654-8818 dial "0" for more info. **Registration ends Friday, June 20th.**

Let's heal together. Let's grow together. Let's show up—for ourselves, and for each other.





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

**CALLING ALL MEN
OF CANAAN** to join the
Men's Choir, under the
direction of Bro. Wayne
Jefferson, to sing on
Sunday, June 15, 2025,

10:00 AM, in celebration of Men's
Day/Father's Day. There will have one (1)
rehearsal on Thursday, June 12 at 6:30
PM—for singers and non-singers. Bring a
family member or friend to join us! Attire:
Black Suit, White Shirt, Red Tie

JUNE SINGING SCHEDULE:

1st Sunday, June 1 - Voices of Canaan /
Rehearsal: Soundcheck – 8:15 AM

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

3rd Sunday, June 15 – Men of Canaan /
MEN'S DAY / FATHER'S DAY
Rehearsal: Thursday, June 12 – 6:30 PM

4th Sunday, June 22 – Voices of Canaan/
Rehearsal: Thursday, June 19 - 6:30 PM

5th Sunday, June 29 – Next G/YA Choir
Rehearsal: Saturday, June 28 – 11:00 AM



Tambourine Ministry

Sis. Anita Johnson
Sis. Beverly Grant
Dr. Mimi Melchor
Sis. Viola Frisby



GREETERS MINISTRY

Bro. Rodney and Sis. Eileen Davis
Ministry Leaders

Please join us in celebrating our 10th anniversary.
Since June 2015, the Canaan Greeters Ministry
has been graciously welcoming all attendees -
first-time visitors and
members alike - to Canaan's
house of worship. The
Greeters Ministry has a
unique opportunity in
setting the tone for that all
important first impression.
To God be the glory!!



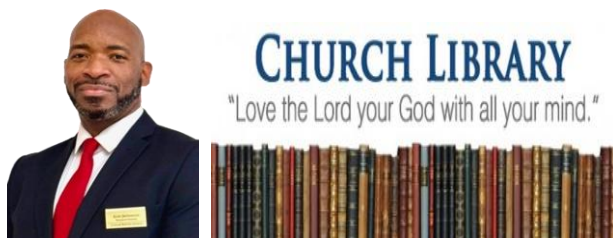
**REFRESHING
RELIEF**

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will
be refreshed". PROVERBS 11:25

**Please join the United in Faith Adult Singles
Ministry for a complimentary Rita's Water Ice
after Sunday worship.**

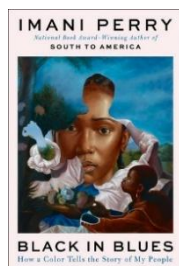
Sugar Free water ice will be available as well

JUNE 8, 2025 - 11:30 AM



Deacon Alix Jefferson, Ministry Leader

Black in Blues: How a Color Tells the Story of My People by Imani Perry

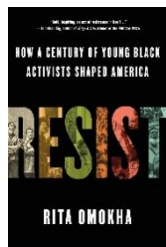


Throughout history, the concept of Blackness has been remarkably intertwined with another color: blue. In daily life, it is evoked in countless ways. Blue skies and blue water offer hope for that which lies beyond the current conditions. But blue is also the

color of deep melancholy and heartache, echoing Louis Armstrong's question, "What did I do to be so Black and blue?" In this book, celebrated author Imani Perry uses the world's favorite color as a springboard for a riveting emotional, cultural, and spiritual journey—an examination of race and Blackness that transcends politics or ideology.

Perry traces both blue and Blackness from their earliest roots to their many embodiments of contemporary culture, drawing deeply from her own life as well as art and history: The dyed indigo cloths of West Africa that were traded for human life in the 16th century. The mixture of awe and aversion in the old-fashioned characterization of dark-skinned people as "Blue Black." The fundamentally American art form of blues music, sitting at the crossroads of pain and pleasure. The blue flowers Perry plants to honor a loved one gone too soon.

Resist by Rita Omokha



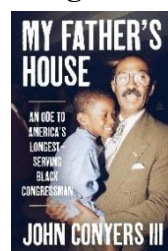
Growing up as a Nigerian immigrant in the South Bronx, award-winning journalist Rita Omokha contended with her Blackness. In 2020, when George Floyd died at the hands of a white police officer, her exploration further developed as she traveled to

thirty states attempting to mine contemporary race relations in the United States. During her trip, she encountered audacious young people like 17-year-old Darnella Frazier, who filmed Floyd's

murder, entering a seismic tragedy into the public and historical records, and set off a wave of unprecedented protests across the country. Darnella's quick thinking and courage in that moment is part of a more significant legacy: that of the young Black people—often only teenagers—who have been at the forefront of fortifying and safeguarding American democracy in the last hundred years.

In *Resist*, Rita charts the last century of civil rights activism, from the early years of renowned activist Ella Baker and others she inspired, to the first glimpse of allyship in the Bates Seven and a renewed examination of the Black Panther Party, all the way to the current generation of young Black revolutionaries who walked American cities in the wake of the murders of countless Black people. Rita also draws on her own experiences as a Black immigrant living in America, offering a unique and insightful perspective on this ongoing struggle for justice.

My Father's House: An Ode to America's Longest-Serving Black Congressman by John



Conyers III

John Conyers III introduces us to John James Conyers, Jr. the legislator, who changed lives and made history, and of his equity-focused work that remains to be done. We meet Conyers the politician and mentor who worked with and counselled a network of powerbrokers—often from the family home on Seven Mile Road in the Motor City—including President Bill Clinton, Congressmen Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Charlie Rangel, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, feminist Gloria Steinem, entertainer-activists Harry Belafonte, Berry Gordy, Stevie Wonder, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Chris Tucker and a slew of other players in Washington, DC, and across the nation.

A resonant political, historical, and family story, *My Father's House* explores how John James Conyers, Jr., was at once a man of deep and abiding spiritual faith, human talents, and human weaknesses. As he places his father among this land's greatest lawmakers, he also demystifies and grounds the Civil Rights giants of that era, reminding us of their noble yet deeply flawed

humanity. This exploration of John James Conyers, Jr., told through John Conyers III's eyes and experiences, is essential to a thorough understanding of modern U.S. politics and the cultures and human lives it continues to shape.

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

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Bible Trivia:

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

Bible Trivia:

1. My brethren, count it all _____ when ye fall into divers temptations.
 - Joy (James 1:2)
2. There cometh a woman of _____ to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
 - Samaria (John 4:7)
3. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any _____, think on these things.
 - Praise (Philippians 4:8)

4. Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, verily, I say unto you, Before _____ was, I am.
 - Abraham (John 8:58)
5. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy _____.
 - House (Acts 16:31)

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

1. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the _____ will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
2. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his _____, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
3. He had shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk _____ with thy God?
4. _____ them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
5. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other _____, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

A Special
THANK YOU

Dr. Christopher and Dr. Debbie Bullock, and those who were involved in organizing the pre-Mother's Day High Tea and Fashion Show, thank you for an outstanding event, and especially for honoring our senior mothers so lovingly. My heart is overflowing with so much joy and gratitude. Thank you all again. Love,
Mother Pinkie A. Melchor

My heartfelt thanks to the deacons that surrounded me when I became ill at Canaan's Mother's Day Tea function. You coordinated together and executed a plan to accommodate my situation. You fulfilled this by 1) staying with me until the ambulance came; 2) saw that my family got back home to Middletown; 3) drove and parked my car at Christiana Hospital; 4) stayed with me for several hours in the emergency waiting room; 5) interacted with my niece on the phone. God led me to become a member of Canaan Baptist Church. The deacons are an integral part of the church. The support I received from you solidifies that I made the right choice. Again, thank you for all that you have done. God bless you and may God continue to shine his light on you. A special thank you to Deacon Anita, Deacon Cathy, Deacon Ebony and Deacon Mattie who were at the hospital with me.

Yours in Christ, **Sis. Barbara Simmons**

Pastor Bullock and my Canaan Family, thank you for your prayers and support for the Roach, Baltimore and Gumby families during our time of grief. **Rev. Dr. Linda Green Gumby**

Dear Pastor Bullock, Rev. Brown and the church members, a note of thanks for thinking of me when my niece, Lisa Gasby, passed away in March. Thank you for the cards that I received. May God continue to bless you, Rev. Brown, and the Canaan Family. Sincerely,
Mrs. Carolyn Freeman and Family

Dear Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock and Canaan Church Family, we are deeply grateful for the comforting prayer you shared during Ross Ernest Dutch's Memorial service. Your prayers, love and thoughtfulness toward us has been helpful during this challenging time. Canaan, thanks for your expressions of love that has brought us immense comfort that human words cannot articulate. It was extremely consoling to have my church family extend emotional/spiritual support to me and my family, encouraging words, and cards. Thanks again, for your physical presence at the memorial service, and expression of love to the Dutch family. Sincerely,
Elder Juneta Dutch



Our beloved member, **Sis. Peggy Grasty** passed away. She was 89. She served in the Emma Bordley Hospitality Ministry and Canaan for Life Ministry. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Mrs. Toya Kelley, P.O. Box 173, Pottstown, PA 19464

Mrs. Juanita Bacon passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2025, in New Jersey. She is the aunt of our member, Deacon Isaac Perry. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2025. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Deacon Isaac and Sis. Lorraine Perry, 180 Southall Court, Smyrna, DE 19777.

Mr. Michael A. Blackwell, Age 48 of Harrisburg, PA, passed away unexpectedly. He is the nephew of Rev. Dr. Linda Green Gumby, member of Canaan.

Mr. Franky Bailey, age 68, passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. He is the cousin of our member, Bro. David R. Bailey. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Mr. David and Dr. Nakishia Bailey (Alexis), 309 Jaymar Blvd., Newark, DE 19702.

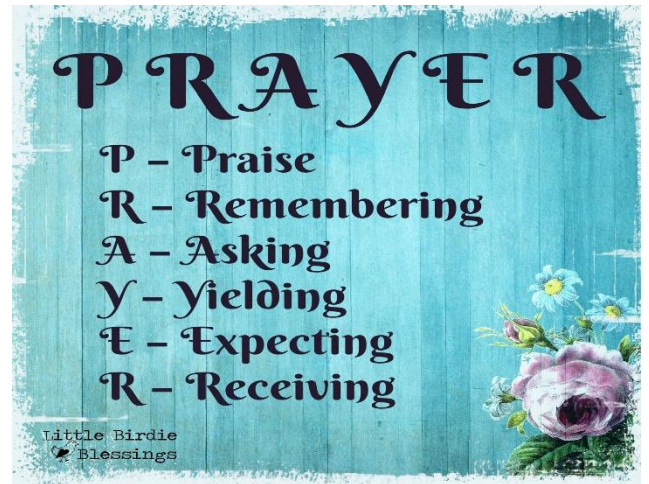
Mrs. Eleanor Jean Hill passed away. She is the grandmother of our member, Sis. Kelli McClendon-Brown (Rev. Tyrone Brown) and the great-grandmother of Bro. Kylil Hinman, in addition to other Canaan family members. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Canaan Baptist Church; viewing at 9:00 AM, and the service will begin at 11:00 AM.

Sis Sharyn Alston

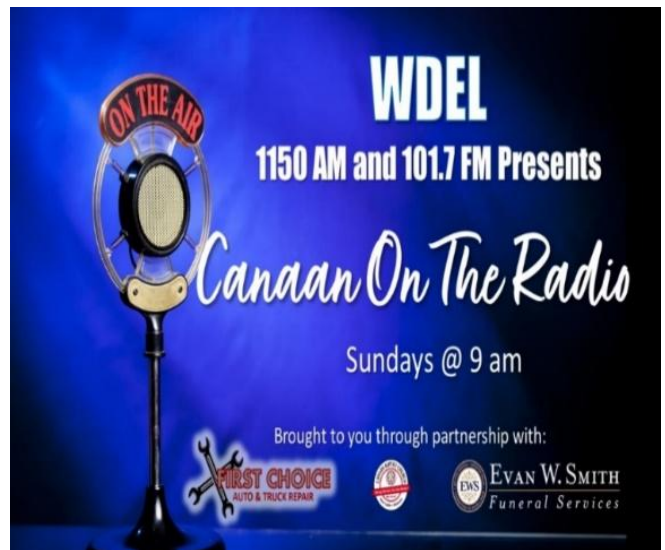
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Bro. Alvin and Sis. Carol Amos
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 Sis. Dywanna Broadnax
 Sis. Alfreda Hope Brunson
 Sis. Eve-Lynn Butts
 Mr. Carlise Clark
 Sis Terry Daniels
 Sis. Olistine Davis
 Sharon DeJarnette and Daughter
 Sis. Sherry Douglas
 Sis. Sandra Dupree
 Sis Shereen Fields
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 Sharone Foster and family
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 Sis. Nettie Gates
 Bro. James Gulley
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 Bro. Joseph Stallings
 Sis. Mary Stewart
 Mother Ann Strickling/Sacramento, California
 Sis. Elaine Wescott
 Sis. Carolyn Williams
 Sis. Earlene Leslie Williams



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 or
 e-mail to james007sbonds@gmail.com



*Celebrating
Anniversaries
this Month*



Russell and Ceola Coles
Celebrate their
43rd Wedding Anniversary
On June 12



Gregory and Pamela Scott
Celebrate their 40th
Wedding Anniversary
On June 15, 1985



James and Carolyn White
celebrate 48 years
of marriage on June 25



Charles and Dianne Michael
Celebrate 57 years of marriage
on June 29



Tim and Alice Munson
Celebrate 57 years of marriage
on June 29



June



Wayne Jefferson
June 1



Pat Evans
June 2



Deacon
Eugene Johnson
June 3



Bertha Gourdine
June 3



Gina Broadway
June 3



Floyd Reid
June 4



Deacon Howard Jones
"Uncle Mike"-
June 9



Kenny Screven-June 4
Maliah Screven-June 12



Lavette Curtis
June 12



Pamela Scott
June 17



Adrienne Stansbury
June 13



Sandra Jones
June 13



Francine Wright
June 18



Ronica Wood
June 18



Joyce Johnson-Tate
June 22 - 79



Earlean Oduaran
June 24



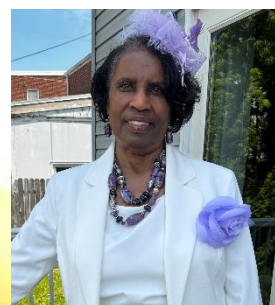
Norris Cooper
June 24



Dr. Nakishia Bailey
June 25



Roslyn Benson
June 25



Rev. Emma Corbin
June 29



Stephanie Collins
June 30

Thoughts and Heavenly Humor

IN PRAISE OF FATHERS

Fathers are wonderful people, too little understood
and we do not sing their praises as often as we should.
Somehow Father seems to be the man who pays the bills
While Mother binds up little hurts, And nurses all our ills.
Father struggles every day to live up to his image
As protector and provider, And “hero of the scrimmage.”
And perhaps that is the reason we sometimes get the notion
that fathers are not subject to the thing we call emotion.
But if you look inside Dad’s heart where no one else can see,
You’ll find he’s sentimental and as soft as he can be.
And like our Heavenly Father, He’s a guardian and a guide—
Someone whom you can count on to walk close by your side.

A GODLY FATHER

God had something special in mind when He made the first father. He assigned him a specific role in life. All of a father’s activities are measured against that standard.

A boy needs a father. He needs someone to teach him how to be a man, to take him by the hand and lead him through the maze of life, to teach him to be strong, gentle, loving, and to be a defender of the right.

A little girl needs a father, too. She needs a father to protect her on life’s problems, to teach her how to be a woman.

The home needs a father to serve as provider, protector, spiritual leader, and counselor. While the world seldom hears what a father says to his children, the effects of his counsel will be felt by the next generation, and the next, and the next.

The bible has these words of instruction for fathers: “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church” (Ephesians 5:25). “Fathers’ provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”
(Ephesians 6:4)

**YOU KNOW WHEN
YOU BUY A BAG
OF SALAD & IT
GETS ALL BROWN
& SOGGY?
COOKIES DON'T
DO THAT**

Son (*away at college*) to Father:
No Mon, no fun, Your Son

Father replies to son:
Too bad, so sad, Your Dad

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



Juneteenth (officially **Juneteenth National Independence Day** and also known as **Jubilee Day**, **Emancipation Day**, **Freedom Day**, and **Black Independence Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It is also often observed for celebrating African-American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865. The day was recognized as a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. Juneteenth's commemoration is on the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865, announcement of General Order No. 3 by Union Army general Gordon Granger, proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas, which was the last state of the Confederacy with institutional slavery.

President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, issued on January 1, 1863, had freed the enslaved people in Texas and all the other Southern secessionist states of the Confederacy except for parts of states not in rebellion. Enforcement of the Proclamation generally relied upon the advance of Union troops. Texas, as the most remote state of the former Confederacy, had seen an expansion of slavery and had a low presence of Union troops as the American Civil War ended; thus, enforcement there had been slow and inconsistent prior to Granger's announcement.

Although the Emancipation Proclamation declared an end to slavery in the Confederate States, it did not end slavery in states that remained in the Union. For a short while after

the fall of the Confederacy, slavery remained legal in two of the Union border states – Delaware and Kentucky. Those enslaved people were freed with the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which abolished chattel slavery nationwide on December 6, 1865. The last enslaved people present in the continental United States were freed when the enslaved people held in the Indian Territories that had sided with the Confederacy were released, namely the Choctaw, in 1866.

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States. For decades, activists and congress members (led by many African Americans) proposed legislation, advocated for, and built support for state and national observances. During his campaign for president in June 2020, Joe Biden publicly celebrated the holiday. Spurred on by the advocates and the



Congressional Black Caucus, on June 15, 2021, the Senate unanimously passed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday; it subsequently passed through the House of Representatives by a 415–14 vote on June 16. President Joe Biden signed the bill on June 17, 2021, making Juneteenth the eleventh American federal holiday and the first to obtain legal observance as a federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was designated in 1983. According to the bill, federal government employees will now get to take the day off every year on June 19, or should the date fall on a Saturday or Sunday, they will get the Monday or Friday closest to the Saturday or Sunday on which the date falls.

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Black Men, Mental Health & the Black Church Support Group



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**BLACK MEN, YOUR FEELINGS  
MATTER, LETS TALK ABOUT IT!**

**JOIN US FOR CONVERSATIONS ON  
MANHOOD, MENTAL HEALTH AND  
SPIRITUALITY**

- **Date:** Sessions run monthly beginning Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>
- **Time:** 6:30 PM EST – 8:00 PM EST
- **Location:** Canaan Baptist Church - Hall of Faith, 3011 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, DE 19720
- **Registration:** click [link](https://blackmenembracingfeelings.com) to register, contact Min. Joseph Blue at [joseph.blue@blackmenembracingfeelings.com](mailto:joseph.blue@blackmenembracingfeelings.com) or call the church office 302-654-8818 dial "0" for more info.
- **Registration closes June 20th**