

CANAAN NEWS

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Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor

Aiming to Please God John 8:29

HIGHLIGHTS

ANNUAL MEN'S DAY
/ FATHER'S DAY

PASTOR SHIRLEY
CAESAR CONCERT



JUNE 2026



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)

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

First Sunday Morning Hymn

'HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND

Verse 1

Time is filled with swift transition,
 naught of earth unmoved can stand;
 Build your hopes on things eternal,
 hold to God's unchanging hand!

Verse 2

Trust in Him who will not leave you,
 whatsoever years may bring;
 If by earthly friends forsaken,
 still more closely to Him cling.

Verse 3

Covet not this world's vain riches
 that so rapidly decay;
 Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures,
 They will never pass away!

Verse 4

When your journey is completed,
 if to God you have been true,
 fair and bright the home in glory
 Your enraptured soul will view!

Refrain:

Hold to God's unchanging hand!
 Hold to God's unchanging hand!
 Build your hopes on things eternal,
 Hold to God's unchanging hand!

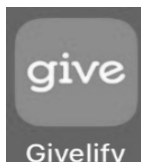
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WAYS TO GIVE

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



Download and use the Givelify mobile app.

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

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Summer Dress Attire--Casual June, July and August

Please see the Trustee Ministry for information regarding Canaan Polo Shirts

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. All photos must be submitted by June 7, 2026!

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

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? Share a birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement, educational, personal, or professional achievement, special occasion, engagement, a milestone, or recognition 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 NURSERY

Hours: Sunday Morning, 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Sis. Linda Wells, Ministry Leader.

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



CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

MEN OF CANAAN

MEN'S MINISTRY

JUNE 2026



BEHOLD,
HOW GOOD
AND HOW
PLEASANT
IT IS FOR
BROTHERS TO
DWELL TOGETHER
IN UNITY!

PSALM 133:1

CELEBRATING THE PILLARS OF A GODLY MAN



MANHOOD
1 CORINTHIANS
16:13-14

Stand firm. Be strong.
Be watchful. Let all that
you do be done in love.



FATHERHOOD
EPHESIANS
6:14

Stand therefore,
having fastened on the
belt of truth...



BROTHERHOOD
PROVERBS
17:17

A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for
adversity.

JOIN US THIS MONTH!



**BIBLE STUDIES
WITH MALE FOCUS**
EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM

Dig deeper. Grow stronger.
Build your faith and
leadership through
God's Word.



**SATURDAY
CHURCH SCHOOL**
FEATURING
MEN IN THE BIBLE

EVERY SATURDAY

9:00 AM

Learn from the lives of
men of faith who inspired
generations.
Be encouraged.
Be equipped.



**BOWLING
WITH THE
BROTHERS**

JUNE 10TH • 7:30 PM

Fellowship. Fun.
Friendly competition.
Stronger bonds.
Stronger brotherhood.



MEN OF CANAAN, COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR MINISTRY!

LET'S GROW TOGETHER IN FAITH, LEADERSHIP, AND LOVE.

MINISTRY LEADS

BRO. RODNEY DAVIS

BRO. OLIVER WOOLFOLK

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER ALAN BULLOCK, SR. PASTOR

Canaan Baptist Church – Ministries



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 Canaan Business Network
 Canaan For Life Cancer
 Canaan News
 Canaan's Kids Nursery
 Christian Education
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TITHING CALCULATOR

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

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

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

If you are not yet a committed part of our “tithing community”, we encourage you to prayerfully

trust God today, pray and begin surrendering your life to His will in this and every area of your life.

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

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
John 3:16





Arvis Strickling-Jones, Minister of Music

The singing schedule for June has changed due to the upcoming musical concert with Pastor Shirley Caesar on Thursday, June 18, and the Annual Men's Day/Father's Day on Sunday, June 21.

JUNE SINGING SCHEDULE

1st Sunday, June 7 - Men of Canaan – Attire: Black Suit, White Shirt, Black Tie

2nd Sunday, June 14 - Voices of Canaan - Attire: Black and Pastel

3rd Sunday, June 21 - Men of Canaan - Father's Day/Men's Day Attire: Gray Suit, Black Shirt/Tie

4th Sunday, June 28 - Voices of Canaan Black and Pastel

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026, 6:30 PM CALLING ALL MEN—*singers and non-singers*--to join the Men of Canaan Choir in preparation for our Annual Men's Day Worship Service on Sunday, June 21, 2026. Attire: Gray Suit, Black Shirt/Tie

Rehearsal Schedule:

- **Thursday, June 4 - Men of Canaan**
- **Thursday, June 11 - Voices of Canaan - Rehearsal for Concert and 3rd Sunday**
- **Monday, June 15 - Men of Canaan**
- **Thursday, June 25 - Voices of Canaan**

Concert Schedule:

Thursday, June 18 - Men of Canaan – Attire: Black Suit, White Shirt, Red Tie

Friday, June 19 - Voices of Canaan – Attire: All Black

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

BULLOCK FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers Needed to prepare for the Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, June 11, 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Friday, June 12, 2026

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Food Distribution Sunday, June 14, 2026

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

DEACONS MINISTRY

Deacon James Bonds, Ministry Leader

Welcome New Members

- Sis. Leslie Small
- Sis. Tamina Greene
- Bro. Everett Bruce
- Bro. James L. Garnette, Sr.
- Sis. Kiera Dortch
- Sis. Victoria Flowers
- Bro. Antonio Graves, Sr.
- Sis. Donnae Park
- Sis. Nicole Smith
- Bro. Reginald Smith

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY EVENING JUNE 24, 2026, 6:30 PM

**MINISTRY OF
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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

The Summer Quarter (June-August 2026) entitled “*The Testimony of Faithful Witnesses*” introduces women and men in the Bible who heard God’s call, responded in faith, and spread the Good News through their words and deeds.

Unit I: “Faithful Witnesses Testify to God’s Promises”

Lessons at a Glance

Lesson 1 - June 7

Deborah: A Leader in a National Emergency: Women in Leadership (Judges 4:4-10, 14, 21-22)

Lesson 2 - June 14

Hannah: A Godly Mother: Wishing and Hoping and Praying (I Samuel 1:9-20, 25)

Lesson 3 - June 21

Jonathan and David: A Noble Friendship (I Sam. 18:1-4; 20:16-17, 32-34, 42; II Sam. 1:26-27; 21:7)

Lesson 4 - June 28

Amos: A Herdsman Called of God to be a Prophet: Standing Up to the Powerful (Amos 1:1; 2:11-12; 3:7-8; 7:10-15)

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.

The Christian Education Ministry is looking for new members. If you’d like to be a part of this ministry, please email valeriehill157@gmail.com

“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

**THOMAS L. RISHER
VETERANS MINISTRY**

Bro. Albert Grant, Ministry Leader



On May 24 we remembered our Veterans 2025-2026 with a Candlelight Ceremony in the Hall of Faith; Dr. Alvin Amos, David Craighead, David Jackson, John Melchor Sr., and Mother Pinkie Melchor.

Buddy calls to Veterans will be coming soon. You may receive a phone call from Veteran Johnny Singleton. If you need any Veteran Affairs assistance or just a friendly conversation, Johnny will be your Buddy Vet.

This year is our Ministry’s 15th Anniversary. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact Ministry Leader Bro Al Grant, (410) 627-3508, or email: algrant@verizon.net. If you are interested in joining our Veterans Ministry, please contact Sis Pam Cotman, (302) 559-7650 or email: pamelacotman62@gmail.com.

Our next Veterans Ministry meeting will be held on June 30th at 6:00 PM at the Route 9 Library.

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Join us

ON SUNDAY,
JUNE 28TH

*immediately following the
10 am worship service*

for the

**CEREMONY OF
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
&
GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

hosted by the

HIGHER GROUND EDUCATION MINISTRY



*Calling
Volunteers!*

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT
Spiritual Enrichment
AND
*Music and Arts Workshop***

JULY 20-24, 2026



**INTEREST MEETING:
SUNDAY, JULY 5TH**

*immediately following 10 am worship
in the HALL OF FAITH.*



All are welcome! ♥



CHURCH LIBRARY

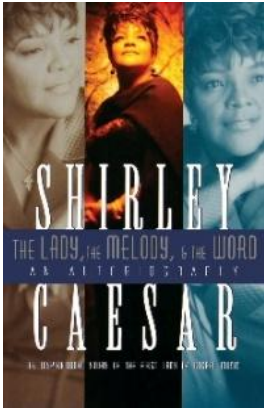
"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Deacon Alix Jefferson
Ministry Leader

The Lady, The Melody, and the Word: The Inspirational Story of the First Lady of Gospel

by Shirley Caesar



Shirley describes her family, and their early struggles, the trials, and tribulations she went through during the Civil Rights movement, her early singing career, and her calling to become a pastor and concert performer.

With a combination of music, ministry, and the message in all her performances, all who hear her know that she listens to God every step of the way.

Shirley introduces each chapter of The Lady, the Melody, and the Word with just that: the melody (lyrics to her inspiring songs) and the Word (Scriptures that have inspired her), and along the way she will introduce you to her own inspiring story.

Framing Fatherhood: A Celebration of Black Fathers

by Imani M. Cheers



In Framing Fatherhood, acclaimed curator and producer Dr. Imani M. Cheers brings together the vision of 21 prominent and well-respected Black

photographers and 9 essayists to capture and share the beauty of Black fatherhood.

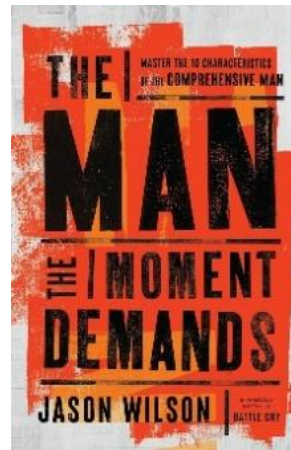
With photography from prolific visual storytellers devoted to capturing varying expressions of the

Black experience, like Reginald Cunningham, Anthony Geathers, Jamel Shabazz, and Michael A. McCoy, Dr. Cheers has gathered together an inspiring group of men to share the often overlooked beauty found within seeing Black men as individuals, fathers, role models, and community members.

A celebratory and thought-provoking collection of photography and short essays, Framing Fatherhood is a must-have for lovers of visual art and the inherent goodness of the human spirit.

The Man the Moment Demands: Master the 10 Characteristics of the Comprehensive Man

by Jason Wilson



In The Man the Moment Demands, bestselling author and founder of the Cave of Adullam, Jason Wilson, will empower you to become the right man in every moment by embodying the ten characteristics of the comprehensive man: the Fighter, the Provider, the Leader, the Lover, the Nurturer, the Gentleman, the Friend, the Husband, the Father, and the Son. With The Man the Moment Demands, you'll learn how to:

- Unpack the impact of your past and unlock the power to shape your future
- Embrace transparency and express the full spectrum of your emotions while maintaining self-control
- Evolve beyond the “alpha male” myth through example, not intimidation
- Answer the question “Who are you?” to strip away the facade and live authentically

This is not just a transformative book; it's a blueprint and a rite of passage for those ready to rise and rediscover what it truly means to be a man—authentically human. One that will empower you to be the man the moment demands.

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

Did You Know

Reuel gave Moses his daughter Zipporah to be his wife? (Exodus 2:21)

Bible Trivia:

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

Bible Trivia:

1. How old was Enoch when he "disappeared?"
Three hundred sixty and five years (Genesis 5:23-24)
2. Who came to help Philip during his ministry in Samaria?
Peter and John (Acts 8: 14-15)
3. After the resurrection, which disciple doubted Jesus was alive?
Thomas (John 20: 24-25)
4. Who did Jesus ask to draw water from the well for him?
Woman of Samaria (John 4:7)
5. What did God say the Promised Land would be flowing with?
Milk and Honey (Leviticus 20:24)

June Bible Trivia: Let's Test Your Knowledge (Answer the question and provide the correct verse)

1. What was the first thing God said was not good?
2. What were the names of the sons of Simon of Cyrene?
3. John received the vision of Revelation while exiled to _____?
4. According to Jesus, why are the poor in spirit blessed?
5. Who was turned into a pillar of salt?

RANSOMWARE



This month, June, we will discuss ransomware. Ransomware is a kind of malware that locks your computer or files so you cannot use them. The attacker then demands money, called a ransom, to unlock your data. Sometimes

they also threaten to share your private information if you do not pay. This issue is very significant because ransomware can shut down a family, a business, or even a church office in minutes. Important records, photos, and documents can become unusable. Even if money is paid, the attacker may not unlock the files, and they might attack again. Ransomware often starts with a bad link, a fake attachment, or an unprotected computer. In 2019, the Diocese of Duluth in Minnesota was hit by ransomware that shut down its entire computer system, showing that churches of all sizes can be targeted. Churches can reduce risk by making sure only a few trusted people have administrator access to computers and accounts, since ransomware is far more damaging when it reaches someone with full permissions.

Church members can protect themselves by backing up important files to a safe place that is not always connected to the computer. Keep your computer and programs updated so known weaknesses are fixed. Do not click on strange links or open unexpected attachments, even if they look like they are from someone you know. Ask for help if a message or file seems suspicious.

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

Canaan's Nurses Ministry Corner

Sis. Janice Grant, Ministry Leader

The Health Ministry of Canaan Baptist Church is proud to announce that in October 2025 and during March and April of 2026, a total of 40 participants have completed and passed the Basic Life Support CPR Class. This class was taught by Sis. Leslie McClendon who is a Certified Basic Life Support and Heartsaver CPR instructor through the American Heart Association. Most importantly, she is a member of Canaan Baptist Church. A special thanks goes out to Sis. Kelli Brown, a member of the Health Ministry, who made the ministry aware of her credentials.

Our participants were: Janice Lopez-Grant, Rochelle Hopkins-Bellmon, Connie Abram, Cheryl Hicks, Betty Mitchell, Rosalie Brown, Annette Forehand, Mamie Wynn, Carol Norman, Dinah Screven, Judy Sullivan, Kimburly Murray, Loretta Legette, Sandi Hicks, Sandra Dupree, Sylvia Bailey, Kori Stansbury, Courtney Brown, Janessa Robinson, Joylanda Williams, Max Milen Williams, Latoya Stafford, Levi Coats, Linda Wells, Nikki Adams, Patricia Reed, Rukiua Davis, Vivian Mims, Laura Darlene Perry, Ardie Stribling, Gloria Burnett, Jennifer Grace-Umoete, Joann Ford, Lashie'a Yearty. Lorraine Perry, Patricia Risher, Bertha Gourdine, Jacqueline Moultrie, Norma Williams, and Rose Cohen. Special thanks to all that participated. Our participants' ages ranged from 8 years to 89 years.

Participants from other churches included, Bethel AME Church, Wilmington, Church of Exodus, Wilmington; Mother AUFCMP Church, Wilmington, and Union Baptist Church, Wilmington. Many ministries of the church also participated including the Health Ministry, Canaan Kids Ministry, Respite Ministry, Ushers Ministry, as well as members of Canaan. Special thanks to our Sextons, Culinary, Audio, Trustee, and Health Ministries for all that they did. A special thanks to Pastor Christopher Alan Bullock for supporting this program. Most of all we thank God for blessing this program and all who played a part.

Janice Lopez-Grant
Health Ministry Leader

June 2026 – Men's Health Month

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?" — 1 Corinthians 6:19

Education - June is Men's Health Month, a time to encourage men to prioritize preventive care, routine checkups, and healthy habits.

Many men delay doctor visits or ignore symptoms, which can lead to delayed diagnosis and treatment. Preventive care can help detect health concerns early, including high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, and certain cancers.

Men should schedule regular visits with their healthcare provider and stay informed about their personal and family health history.

Cancer Awareness Note

June is also National Cancer Survivor Month, recognizing and honoring cancer survivors while encouraging prevention, screenings, and support for those currently in treatment. Men should talk with their healthcare provider about recommended screenings such as:

- Blood pressure screenings
- Cholesterol checks
- Diabetes screening
- Colorectal cancer screening (typically starting at age 45 or as recommended)
- Prostate health discussions

Self-Care and Preventive Health

Taking care of your health is an investment in your future and your family.

Scheduling annual physical exams

- Getting enough rest and hydration
- Managing stress through prayer and reflection
- Staying active throughout the week
- Talking openly about health concerns

- Schedule your annual physical or wellness visit
- Walk or exercise 20–30 minutes most days
- Review your family medical history
- Drink more water and reduce sugary beverages
- Spend time in daily prayer and devotion
- Encourage a loved one to schedule a checkup

Blessings,

Kelli McClendon-Brown, MSN, RN

In CHRISTIAN Sympathy



Our beloved member, **Sis. Joyce Bantum**, age 86, passed away on May 24, 2026. Cards and condolences may be sent to her daughter, Mrs. Brenda Salemi, 622 Whitby Drive, Wilmington, DE 19803.

Mrs. Katherine Agnes Randall Cook, age 94, passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. She is the sister of Sis. Louise Dancy and the aunt of Sis. Deborah Ingram. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Louise Dancy, 26 Fountainview Drive, Newark, DE 19713



To all of those who visited me, to all of those who called me at home, to those who sent cards and well wishes, to all of those who assisted me in any way, I would like to thank you one and all. From the very depth of my heart, with all sincerity, and gratitude. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Everything meant so much more than words can express. Your sister in Christ,
Thelma Onakoya



Emma Reynolds was formally honored by her fellow board members for her dedicated years of service on the Board of Trustees.

Pictured right to left: Elaine Jefferson, Denise Anthony, Gina Broadway, Arlene Brokenbrough, Evan Smith, Emma Reynolds, Sheena Temple and Stephanie Collins. Not pictured: Deirdre Crew, Stephen Brown, Jeffrey Reeves, and Wes Southall.



Congratulations to **Sis. Nancy Pearsall** on her retirement for 44 years of dedicated service to the State of Delaware, Delaware Health and Social Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

I can do ALL THINGS through CHRIST Who STRENGTHENS ME Phil 4:13

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**Respite Program Brings Peace of Mind to
Families Living with Dementia**
**Easterseals Recognizes Alzheimer's & Brain
Awareness Month**

New Castle, DE – When Denise Anthony’s mom, Barbara, experienced a stroke, it was life-changing for both of them. For Barbara, it was relearning to walk and communicate. Denise, on the other hand, made the tough decision to resign from her job and move back to Delaware to care for her parents. She was balancing full-time work and full-time caregiving. When she heard about a new respite program for people with dementia called “Together We Care,” at Canaan Baptist Church in New Castle, she jumped at the opportunity to take a break from caregiving.

“We decided to participate in the respite program because I knew it would be beneficial for her and me as well,” Denise says. “The program keeps her active both physically and mentally. I know they’ve done their job when she walks in and is worn out.” The program is tailored to offer relief to caregivers and a safe, nurturing environment for those affected by dementia, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's. Developed through a partnership between Canaan Baptist Church, Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore and Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities, the Together We Care respite program is offered at the church from 10 am to 2 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

“The Together We Care program, a community-based respite care, provides a valuable asset to caregivers supporting their loved one on the difficult journey through dementia, memory loss,

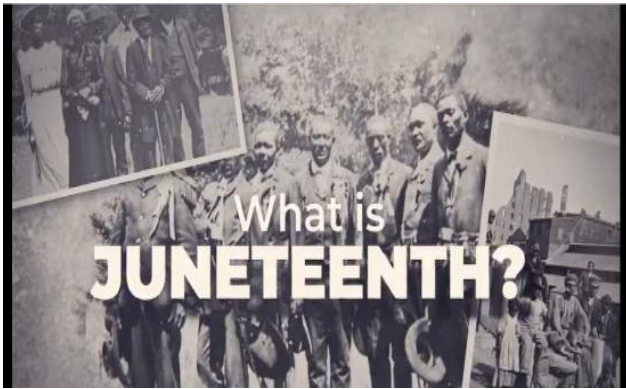
Parkinson's or signs of aging that their patient or loved one may be experiencing,” Together We Can Respite Ministry Program Director from Canaan Baptist Church, Patricia Risher, says. “Respite is a place where individuals can find

fellowship and not be isolated.” While her mom, who was later diagnosed with dementia, enjoys activities and interacting with volunteers, Denise can take a break to get a massage, walk the mall without being in a hurry, or work without distractions.

“For four hours, I can do whatever I want. I can take my time and just have the time to breathe. We all need that time,” Denise says. “Caregivers need to be cared for as well. We pour so much into our loved ones. Sometimes we forget about ourselves. Respite gives us a moment, gives us that relief. The respite program is very important.” Participants in Together We Care engage in activities such as music, games, movement exercises, art, and mission projects, with assistance from community volunteers. This respite ministry is designed for participants who are independent, ambulatory, and able to attend to their own personal care needs.

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. According to the Alzheimer’s Association, worldwide, more than 55 million people are living with Alzheimer's or another dementia, and two-thirds of Americans have at least one major potential risk factor for dementia. To learn more about the Together We Care program, volunteering, or participating, contact Patricia Risher at pirisher@verizon.net or by calling 317-518-9942.

Easterseals Delaware & Maryland’s Eastern Shore is leading the way to an inclusive community through its innovative services, which include children’s therapies, day programs for adults with physical or intellectual disabilities, supported employment, senior services, recreational camping, respite services, and services for caregivers. To learn more about Easterseals, call 1-800-677-3800 or visit www.eastersealsDeMd.org.



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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Celebrating Anniversaries this Month



Russell and Ceola Coles
Celebrate their
44th Wedding Anniversary
On June 12



Gregory and Pamela Scott
Celebrate their 41st
Wedding Anniversary
On June 15



James and Carolyn White
celebrate 49 years
of marriage
on June 25



Terry and Desiree Hudson
Celebrate 24 years of
marriage on June 29



Charles and Dianne Michael
Celebrate 58 years of marriage
on June 29



Tim and Alice Munson
Celebrate 58 years of marriage
on June 29



June Birthdays



Brenda Smith
June 1



Wayne Jefferson
June 1



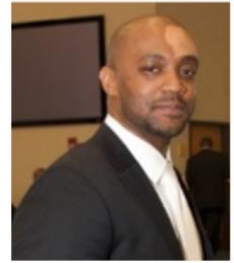
Pat Evans
June 2



Bertha Gourdine
June 3



Gina Broadway
June 3



Deacon Eugene Johnson
June 3



Floyd Reid
June 4



Ralph Woody
June 6



Angela Dunlap
June 6



Deacon Mike Jones
June 9



Kenny Screven-June 4
Maliah Screven-June 12



Lavette Curtis
June 12



Adrienne Stansbury
June 13



Sandra Jones
June 13 - 70 Years



Pamela Scott
June 17



Francine Wright
June 18



Ronica Wood
June 18



Joyce Johnson-Tate
June 22 - 80 Years



Earlean Oduaran
June 24



Norris Cooper
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Dr. Nakishia Bailey
June 25



Rosalyn Benson
June 25 - 70 Years



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June 29



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