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2024 Theme

Yes God Is Able

Jude 24-25

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Thank you for worshipping with us at Canaan Baptist Church. The corporate life of this congregation is the faithful witness of the vitality of service to be found in the Sunday worship experience. What we do from Monday to Saturday speaks volumes about Canaan's commitment and dedication to Christ and our community.

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

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

Canaan's Mission Statement

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

Canaan's Core Values

Congregational Intimacy
(I Corinthians 13:13)

Salvation for the Lost (John 3:16)

Applied Christianity (James 2:14-20)

Impact the Human Condition (Luke 4:18-19)

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WAYS TO GIVE

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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 to 12:00 Noon
3. Send via U.S. Mail to:
Canaan Baptist Church
3011 New Castle Avenue
New Castle, DE 19720
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Canaan's 21st Church Anniversary Celebration Sunday, March 17, 2024



Greetings from the Editor's Desk



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

We hope you are enjoying each edition of the Canaan News. To keep abreast of all Canaan services, events and activities, please read this publication in its entirety as there is much going on in the life of our church and in the community.

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CELEBRATE THE SAINTS

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 a recognition? Share your news with us. Photos are welcome. Please send your announcements by the 20th of each month via e-mail to:

CanaanNews3011@gmail.com.

FIRST SUNDAY MORNING HYMN "DO LORD, REMEMBER ME"

Verse 1

Do Lord, do Lord, do remember me
Do Lord, do Lord, do remember me
Do Lord, do Lord, do remember me
Do Lord, remember me.

Verse 2

When I'm in trouble, do remember me
When I'm in trouble, do remember me
When I'm in trouble, do remember me
Do Lord, remember me.

Verse 3

When I'm dying, do remember me
When I'm dying, do remember me
When I'm dying, do remember me
Do Lord, remember me.

Verse 4

When this world's on fire, do remember me
When this world's on fire, do remember me.
When this world's on fire, do remember me
Do Lord, remember me.

ORDER OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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



**Calendar
of Events**

Saturday, February 3	Saturday Church School	9:00 AM
1st Sunday, February 4	Worship Service-Communion / Voices of Canaan	10:00 AM
Wednesday, February 7	Bible Study / Prayer – Hall of Faith	12:00 PM
	Bible Study (Evening) – Hall of Faith	6:30 PM
Thursday, February 8	Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	6:30 PM
Saturday, February 10	Saturday Church School	9:00 AM
	Canaan For Life Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith	12:00 PM
2nd Sunday, February 11	Worship Service – Men of Canaan	10:00 AM
	Men's Ministry Meeting – Sanctuary	11:30 AM
Wednesday, February 14	Bible Study / Prayer – Hall of Faith	12:00 PM
	Bible Study (Evening) – Hall of Faith	6:30 PM
Thursday, February 15	Receive Food Truck	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan	6:30 PM
Friday, February 16	Ministry Meeting, Food Sorting and Pantry	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Saturday, February 17	Saturday Church School	9:00 AM
3rd Sunday, February 18	First Sunday of Lent	9:40 AM
	Worship Service – Voices of Canaan	10:00 AM
	Food Distribution – Hall of Faith1	11:00 AM
Monday, February 19	President's Day – All Offices Closed	
Wednesday, February 21	Bible Study / Prayer – Hall of Faith	12:00 PM
	Bible Study (Evening) – Hall of Faith	6:30 PM
Thursday, February 22	Black Business Expo – Hall of Faith	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	6:30 PM
Saturday, February 24	Saturday Church School	9:00 AM
	Pregnancy Pop-Up Clinic – Hall of Faith	1:00 – 4:00 PM
4th Sunday, February 25	Second Sunday of Lent	9:40 AM
	Worship Service – Men of Canaan	10:00 AM
	Next G / Youth and Young Adults Meeting -Sanctuary	12:00 Noon
Wednesday, February 28	Bible Study / Prayer – Hall of Faith	12:00 PM
Thursday, February 29	Purnell Seniors Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan	6:30 PM

What We Believe

The Articles of Faith in the Baptist Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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THE CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to give place in our affections, prayers, and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, toward its expenses for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel throughout the world. In case of a difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions, to study diligently the Word of God; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and goodwill towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmity of others; to participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy, bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

References:

Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; and Titus 3:14

Turner, W.C. (2002). Discipleship for African American Christians: A Journey through the church covenant. Judson Press.

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

CHURCH NEWS

To reserve any of the church's facilities for your meetings and events and avoid date conflicts for the use of the Sanctuary, Hall of Faith, Main Conference room, Multipurpose room, or other meeting rooms, please call the church office: (302) 654-8818.

All Ministries:

Please remember to check your boxes and retrieve your mail located in the Main Conference room.

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. Please **DO NOT** call the church office and say, *"Someone from this number just called me."* The call will leave a voicemail message.

time to
UPDATE



Please make sure the Membership Ministry and Church Office has your current and up-to-date contact information:

- Formal Name
- Email Address
- Cell Phone Number
- Residence / Mailing Address
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MEN OF CANAAN MINISTRY

Rev. Jeff Miller, Ministry Leader

MEN'S MINISTRY

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

CALLING ALL MEN OF CANAAN!

Become the man God intended you to be!

A better man, better husband, better father!

A Disciple, a Mentor – A Man of God!

(Proverbs 27:17)

ALL MEN are invited and asked to remain after service in the sanctuary on **Sunday, February 11, 2024**, for a very brief information session regarding the Men's Ministry!



Nursery Schedule:
Saturday Church School
9:30 – 10:30 AM
Ages 2 – 5

Sunday Morning Worship
Ages 5 and under
8:45 – 11:45 AM

Sis. Linda Wells, Ministry Leader
Sis. Anita Means, Assistant
Sis. Jasmine Davis

Canaan's 2024 Lent Season Celebration

February 14 – March 31

Journey to the Cross in the Spirit of Worship



As we gracefully conclude Ordinary Time on the Christian Calendar, where our focus has been on the diligent work of the church, we find ourselves on the brink of a profound transition into Lent – the season of Spring in nature and the period of fasting that commences with Ash Wednesday on February 14. This date serves as the switch that illuminates the path of spiritual renewal as we embark on a transformative journey through the Lenten desert with Jesus, earnestly inviting God to work within us during this sacred time of sacrifice. Lent, rooted in the narrative of Matthew 4:1-11, unfolds as a liturgical season of preparation and

contemplation, guiding us to reflect on the poignant pain and suffering endured by Christ. It is an invitation to graciously unlock the chambers of our hearts once more to the profound truths embedded in the Word of God. With hopeful anticipation, we aspire that, in this renewed encounter, the transformative power of hearing it afresh will enable us to embrace a metamorphosis, becoming new in its profound influence upon us. The 40 days leading up to Easter (excluding Sundays) align with the duration of Jesus's 40-day fast. Ash Wednesday, marked by reflection, self-examination, worship, praise, and preparatory anticipation for Easter, is a pivotal moment in the Christian Church's liturgical calendar. As we commence the 2024 Lenten season as a united church family, let us incline to embody Christ-like qualities and vessels through which others may witness the presence of Jesus within us. Some of us may opt for fasting from a specific food, lasting commitment to positive lifestyle changes, with rest, prayer, and meditation to fortify spiritual resilience. Others may relinquish habits like shopping, social networking, or television, redirecting that time toward choices during Lent, whether in selfless service to others. Our sacrifice or commitment, are deeply eliminate anything incongruent with God's divine plan, pursuing what is good and pleasing in His sight not merely for 40 days but for the entirety of our lives. The Lenten season offers a unique opportunity to exemplify good stewardship, tending to our time, talent, and treasure, purifying our minds and physical bodies, and demonstrating integrity in our spaces. Let us elevate our worship and praise, prioritize our spiritual growth and development, foster fellowship with our Christian brethren, and intensify our dedication to at least one ministry. Above all, may we labor to bring more souls to Christ as we model our lifestyles after Him! Join us for the second-year celebration of the Lenten season, featuring pre-worship service liturgies every Sunday from February 18 to March 31, culminating on Easter/Resurrection Sunday at 9:40 a.m. We will build on last year's theme in 2024, "Journey to the Cross in the Spirit of Worship," John 4:24. The pre-worship liturgical experience will be enhanced by the enchanting melodies of our music ministry and inspirational messages from our ministers and laypersons, all adorned in the liturgical color of Lent – purple. This color symbolizes mourning, suffering, humility, regret, repentance, and fasting while also representing the royal nature of Christ, who wore a purple cloak during His crucifixion (Mark 15:17-20; John 19:2-3). Each Sunday in Lent will unveil a unique insight, guiding us through the stages of our spiritual expedition as we worship in spirit and truth. May this journey to the cross be a transformative and spiritually enriching experience for all as we elevate our worship to a new level in the Lord. Amen and Hallelujah!



-Submitted By: Rev. Dr. Debbie Strickling-Bullock, First Lady

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Rev. Dr. Anita Coleman
Dean Valerie Hill
Ministry of Christian Education

Saturday Morning Church School and Wednesday Night Bible Study



February 2024 begins Unit III: “The Righteous Live by Faith.” These lessons will show us that living by faith will release the power of God, facilitate trust in God's protection, and introduce what it means to wait on God. Let's be intentional, motivated, and excited about attending Church School weekly at 9:00 a.m. for continental breakfast, followed by the biblical lessons for the entire family at 9:30 a.m., concluding at 10:30 a.m. There is a blessing in every lesson.

February 2024: Unit III

“The Righteous Live by Faith” Lessons at Glance

February 3rd – “Faith in the Power of God” (Isaiah 40:12-13, 25-31)

Lesson 10 – This lesson reminds us how in living by faith that the righteous can see the power of God throughout all creation.

February 10th – “Faith Amidst the Fiery Furnace” (Daniel 3:19-28a)

Lesson 11 – This lesson allows us to see how in living by faith that the three Hebrew boys trusted God to protect them in the fiery furnace.

February 17th – “Faith in Times of Trouble” (Daniel 6:10-11, 14, 16, 19-23, 26-27)

Lesson 12 – This lesson further allows us to know that living by faith, we can trust that God will protect us.

February 24th – “Faith in God's Purpose” (Habakkuk 2:1-5)

Lesson 13 – This lesson reminds us to be still and wait on God because the righteous live by faith.

Source: SSPD, *Sunday School Commentary: Based on the International Lesson Series* (Nashville, TN: Townsend Press, 2023-2024).

Canaan Baptist Church
Presents

“Imagine That!”

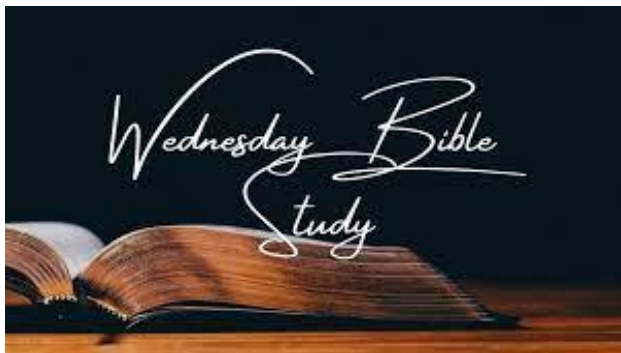
Black History Presentation for Children

Presented by Award Winning Vocalist VANEISA

Stories enhanced with sound effect to promote listening, learning, and peaking of the imagination. Join Us:

Saturday, February 17th at 9:30 AM

(Presented during Church School in Sanctuary)



New Study Series: The Seven “I AM” Statements of Jesus

In February, we will continue the study series on the seven “I AM” statements of Jesus. We have completed the lesson on the third “I AM” and were truly blessed by the teachings and the life application lessons that inspire us to understand the person of Jesus. Join us weekly at noon and 6:30 p.m. in the Hall of Faith. We have a place for the entire family!

1. I Am the Bread of Life
(John 6:35)
2. I Am the Light of the World
(John 8:12)
3. I Am the Door
(John 10:7)
4. I Am the Good Shepherd
(John 10:11, 14)
5. I Am the Resurrection and the Life
(John 11:25)
6. I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life
(John 14:6)
7. I Am the True Vine
(John 15:1)

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15



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.

Did You Know:

Abraham was not circumcised until he was ninety-nine years old. (Genesis 17:24)

Bible Trivia:

How well did you do with February's Bible Trivia? Below are the questions and answers:

1. Who was the first woman to ask The Lord for help? **Rebekah (Genesis 25: 20-22)**
2. The Holy Spirit took the form of what bird at Jesus' baptism? **Dove (Matthew 3:16)**
3. Who was directed by an angel to go see the baby Jesus? **Shepherds (Luke 2: 8-17)**
4. What elderly man laughed at God's promise that he would father a child in his old age? **Abraham (Genesis 17:15-17)**
5. Who ripped a lion apart with his bare hands? **Samson (Judges 14: 5-6)**
6. Who told the people of Israel to choose wise, understanding, and respected men to lead them? **Moses (Deuteronomy 1:13)**

March Bible Trivia:

1. Who in the Bible was swallowed up by the Earth?
2. Who did Jesus warn the Church of Thyatira about?
3. What did God tell Moses to sprinkle in the sight of Pharaoh?
4. What offering did Gideon present to the Lord under the oak tree?
5. Whose handkerchiefs were able to heal the sick?
6. How many people did Paul say would die during the voyage to Rome because of the shipwreck?

MUSIC MINISTRY
Arvis Strickling-Jones
Minister of Music/Administration



The Canaan Music Ministry choirs are continually open to welcome new and returning members. If you can sing, have a desire to sing, love singing good, gospel music, you'd like to experience worship and praise on another level, fellowship with other members who love to minister in song, join us!

Singing Opportunities:

- **Voices of Canaan**
- **Men of Canaan –**
Bro. Wayne Jefferson, Director
- **Family and Friends Choir/Mass Voices –**
Men, women, youth, young adults

February Rehearsal and Singing Schedule

1st Sunday, February 4, 8:30 AM
White/Gold

Men of Canaan

Rehearsal: Thursday, February 8, 6:30 PM

2nd Sunday, February 11, 8:30 AM

Voices of Canaan

Rehearsal: Thursday, February 15, 6:30 PM

3rd Sunday, February 18, 8:30 AM

Men of Canaan

Rehearsal: Thursday, February 22, 6:30 PM

4th Sunday, February 25, 8:30 AM

The Music Ministry will pay tribute to the different genres of gospel music this month, including hymns, spirituals, tradition gospel and contemporary music in celebration of Black History Month, honoring some of gospel music's great historical songwriters, singers, recording artists.

For more information, please contact:
Arvis Strickling-Jones at (302) 981-4908

DEACONS MINISTRY
Deacon James Bonds, Ministry Leader

Blessings to Azaa Bond who was baptized on
Sunday, January 14, 2024



Welcome
New Members

C'ayonna Ramos
Santana Ramos
Donald Tomes
Carla Tomes
Dr Krishna White

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL MINISTRY

Sis. Jennifer Grace-Umoete, Ministry Leader

Canaan's International Cultural Ministry invites



you to a performance of **DanceAfrica** at the Brooklyn Academy of Music and African Street Festival in Brooklyn, New York, on Saturday, May 25, 2024. Please reach out to the ministry for registration and details of this Afrocentric day trip.

CANAAN FOR LIFE MINISTRY

Sis. Julie White, Ministry Leader



"CANCER COLORS"

You see them on lapels and printed on T-shirts and stickers. Wearing a ribbon is a simple way of showing your support for people who have cancer. It's a way to spread awareness and send a message of solidarity without having to say a word.

Each month, the Canaan for Life Ministry will post the different "Cancer Colors" representing the most commonly known types of cancer.

February Cancer Color is Green: Gallbladder and Bile Duct Cancer

According to the American Cancer Society, 4,000 people are diagnosed with gallbladder cancer every year in the United States. As with most types of cancer, survival depends on when the cancer is identified. Gallbladder cancer isn't often found until it's in advanced states. Only one in five cases are found in early states.

By Anna Schaefer www.healthline.com,
February 15, 2018



HEALTH MINISTRY

Sis. Janice Grant, LP, Ministry Leader

NEW COVID HEALTH ADVISORY

Everyone is advised to wear a mask because the new COVID-Omicron XBB variant coronavirus is different, deadly, and not easily detected properly.

Symptoms of the XBB virus are as follows: No cough, No fever.

There will only be joint pain, headache, neck pain, upper back pain, pneumonia, and general loss of appetite.

XBB is 5 times more toxic than the Delta variant and has a higher mortality rate. It takes a shorter time for the condition to reach extreme severity, and sometimes there are no obvious symptoms. This strain of the virus is not found in the nasopharyngeal region (head and neck), and it directly affects the lungs, the "windows," for a relatively short period of time. Nasal swab tests are generally negative for COVID-Omicron XBB, and false-negative cases of nasopharyngeal tests are increasing. This means the virus can spread in the community and directly infect lungs, leading to viral pneumonia, which in turn causes acute respiratory stress. XBB has become highly contagious, highly virulent, and lethal.

Avoid crowded places, keep a distance of 1.5m (5 feet.) even in open spaces, wear a double-layer mask, wear a suitable mask, wash hands frequently even when everyone is asymptomatic (no coughing or sneezing). Don't keep this information to yourself; share as much as possible with other relatives and friends, especially yours.



HIGHER GROUND EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

Call for High School Seniors and College Students

Please send the following information for active Canaan members who are high school and college seniors graduating in Spring 2024 and students enrolled in higher education institutions to DrDebBullock@outlook.com for acknowledgment, recognition, and scholarship consideration:



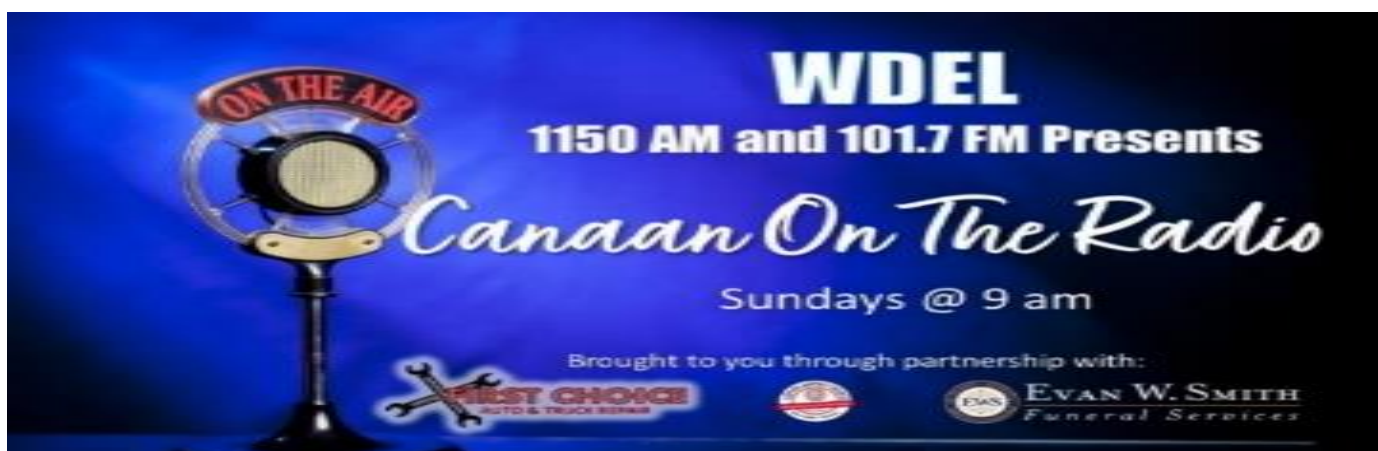
- Full Name
- e-mail address
- Cell Phone
- School/College
- Grade/Level
- Anticipated graduation date
- Future Goals, College Acceptance for Fall 2024

Scholarship opportunities are available for Canaan members who plan to attend Grambling University, Edinboro University and Wilmington University. Please contact Dr. Debbie for more information.

A scholarship opportunity is available to high school students from Delaware Interfaith Power and Light. Students write essays about how climate change is impacting their lives, and the top essayists receive cash scholarships. Visit <https://delawareipl.org/dev/renew-2024/> for more information.

The Higher Ground Education and Scholarship Ministry works to award high school and college students who are not only members of Canaan but also those who have regularly attended and are actively involved in the ministry. We have several outstanding youth and young adults doing great things to pursue their higher education goals. We depend on donations to the scholarship fund from our Canaan family members and friends and the Scholarship Fund to assist them in doing so. Your contributions are welcome at this time as this Ministry works to be a blessing to Canaan's high school and college graduates and students (up to age 26) currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education. Contributions may be made via Givelify or mail / drop off checks payable to Canaan Baptist Church, ATTN: Scholarship Fund, 3011 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, DE 19720. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Let us continue to encourage all students and pray for their ongoing success.

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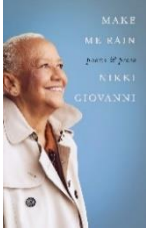
"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Deacon-In-Training
Alix Jefferson
Virtual Librarian

Make Me Rain: Poems and Prose

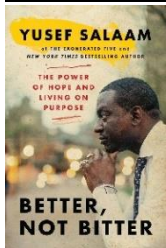
by Nikki Giovanni



In *Make Me Rain*, author Nikki Giovanni celebrates her loved ones and unapologetically declares her pride in her Black heritage, while exploring the enduring impact of the twin sins of racism and white nationalism. Giovanni reaffirms her place as a uniquely vibrant and relevant American voice with poems such as "I Come from Athletes" and "Rainy Days"—calling out segregation and Donald Trump; as well as "Unloved (for Aunt Cleota)" and "When I Could No Longer"—her personal elegy for the relatives who saved her from an abusive home life. Stirring, provocative, and resonant, the poems in *Make Me Rain* pierce the heart and nourish the soul.

Better, Not Bitter: Living on Purpose in the Pursuit of Racial Justice

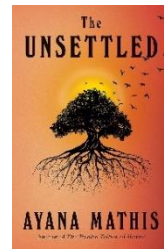
by Yusef Salaam



Better Not Bitter is the first time that one of the Central Park Five, now Exonerated Five, is telling his individual story, in his own words. Yusef Salaam writes his narrative: growing up Black in central Harlem in the '80s, being raised by a strong, fierce mother and grandmother, his years of incarceration, his reentry, and exoneration. Yusef connects these stories to lessons and principles he learned that gave him the power to survive through the worst of life's experiences. He inspires readers to accept their own path, to understand their own sense of purpose. With his intimate personal insights, Yusef unpacks the systems built and designed for profit and the oppression of Black and Brown people. He inspires readers to channel their fury into action, and through the spiritual, to turn that anger and trauma into a constructive force that lives alongside accountability and mobilizes change.

The Unsettled: A novel

by Ayanna Mathis



From the moment Ava Carson and her ten-year-old son, Toussaint, arrive at the Glenn Avenue family shelter in Philadelphia 1985, Ava is already plotting a way out. She is repulsed by the shelter's squalid conditions: their cockroach-infested room, the barely edible food, and the shifty night security guard. She is determined to rescue her son from the perils and indignities of that place, and to save herself from the complicated past that led them there.

Ava has been estranged from her own mother, Dutchess, since she left her Alabama home as a young woman barely out of her teens. Despite their estrangement and the thousand miles between them, mother and daughter are deeply entwined, but Ava can't forgive her sharp-tongued mother whose intractability and bouts of debilitating despair brought young Ava to the outer reaches of neglect and hunger.

Ava wants to love her son differently, better. But when Toussaint's father, Cass, reappears, she is swept off course by his charisma, and the intoxicating power of his radical vision to destroy systems of racial injustice and bring about a bold new way of communal living.

Meanwhile, in Alabama, Dutchess struggles to keep Bonaparte, once a beacon of Black freedom and self-determination, in the hands of its last five Black residents—and away from rapidly encroaching white developers. She fights against the erasure of Bonaparte's venerable history and the loss of the land itself, which she has so arduously preserved as Ava's inheritance.

As Ava becomes more enmeshed with Cass, Toussaint senses the danger simmering all around him—his well-intentioned but erratic mother; the intense, volatile figure of his father who drives his fledgling Philadelphia community toward ever-increasing violence and instability. He begins to dream of Dutchess and Bonaparte, his home and birthright, if only he can find his way there.

Canaan's Kids Nursery

What a wonderful time we had in the month of December! The children made snow glows and their own ornaments to hang on their trees. They learned about the true meaning of Christmas which is the birth of Christ. We have so much more planned for the children. Please join us. Happy new year from the Canaan Kids Nursery.



Bullock Food Pantry February Days of Service

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024 9am – 12pm
Receive Food Truck

Friday, Feb. 16, 2024 6pm – 9pm
Ministry Meeting, Sort Food, and Organize Pantry

Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024 11:00 am – Distribution from
the Hall of Faith



KENNY FAMILY
FOUNDATION



**SATURDAY
FEB. 24TH**

HOST SITE: CANNAAN BAPTIST CHURCH
3011 NEW CASTLE AVE
NEW CASTLE, DE 19720

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

MOTHER BABY & BEYOND

PREGNANCY POP-UP CLINIC



Let's celebrate **Black History Month** by showing love to our incredible moms who have given so much and support improving outcomes in our community!

Mark your calendars for **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th** for our monthly pregnancy pop-up clinic for expectant and new moms.

This event is **FREE**, but your presence is priceless. Register Today!

- *HEALTH ASSESSMENTS
- *BIRTH SUPPORT
- *COMMUNITY RESOURCES
- *FORMULA & DIAPERING SUPPLIES
- *GROCERY GIVEAWAYS
- *VENDORS & MORE!



****For expectant and new moms of infants under 12 months.**



For more information and registration, please visit the link below or scan the QR code.

motherbabyandbeyond.com

We are grateful to our host site Canaan Baptist Church and for the funding support of DSAMH in making this community project possible.



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

CANCER FOR LIFE MINISTRY MONTHLY FEATURE

My Cancer Journey: By Brenda Thomas-James



January 2019 did not start off a very good year. My kids' father had passed away suddenly, and I was holding them together, literally. The day before his funeral, I found a lump. I was stunned and I instinctively knew that was not good. I had to

push this to the back of my mind because my children had to be my priority.

February 2019, after a mammogram, an ultrasound, and a biopsy, it was confirmed I had Stage II HER2 positive Breast Cancer. HER2 positive is a very aggressive form of Breast Cancer. It is right behind triple positive Breast Cancer, which is an incredibly hard type of cancer to treat. With an aggressive form of Breast Cancer comes an aggressive treatment. My plan sounded simple, Lumpectomy (to remove the tumor), Chemo followed by radiation, however, it was anything but.

Every two weeks, I would receive a 4-drug cocktail called TCHP for six months. As my Oncologist explained, she had to poison me to save my life. This is what Chemo is to the body, poison.

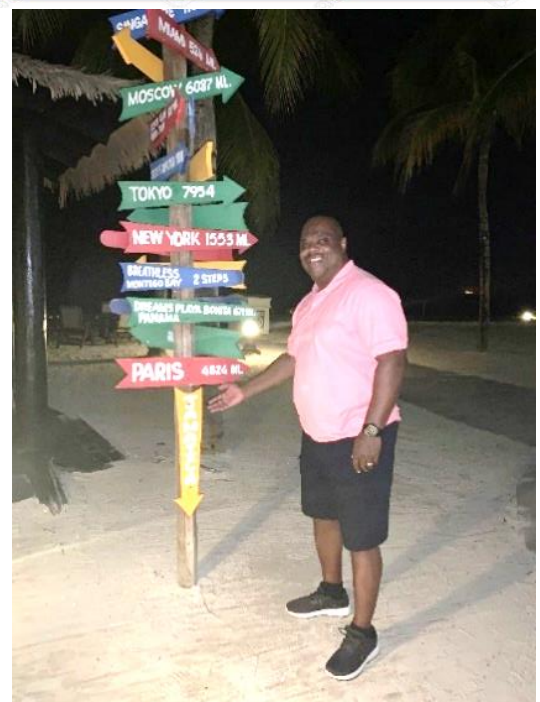
Chemo did its job on the Cancer but in turn, almost killed me. I ended up in the hospital, suffered three seizures and was in a coma for three days. I woke up in the ICU and had no memory of what happened. When I woke up, the movement I once had was gone. I had no movement in my left arm, and I lost the ability to walk. While in that coma, my family told me the doctors prepared them for my death. After waking up from my coma, my Oncologist came to me with tears in her eyes and said "the cancer may have spread to your brain, and we need to

perform a biopsy". The scar that some of you may see on my forehead extends to the middle of my head because they needed a piece of my brain to confirm if I had brain cancer.

I told my Oncologist I was going to be OK and she just stared at me. Here I was in the ICU telling her I was going to be OK, and while she didn't believe it, I did. I believed God stepped in and saved my life for a reason and I was going to be OK.

After a 6-week hospital stay, and a 6-week stay in rehab, I left rehab with the ability to walk and write again. Along the way of my journey, I had what I called my 3 F's: my Faith, my Family, and my Friends.

I tell my story in hopes to help others, to remove the stigma of cancer and to inspire others who may be sitting and suffering in silence. God is a miracle worker; this I know to be true.



Congratulations to Bro. Ron Riley

Pastor Bullock and Canaan Baptist Church with A. Philip Randolph Institute - Delaware Chapter with community partners serve at the New Castle County Hope Center for a wonderful MLK Community Service Day. So Appreciative of the generosity of those that volunteered today and provided donations. Special Thanks to Nakishia W. Bailey for her leadership and continuous support to make our 3rd MLK Day a success. The following organizations assisted with the planning, funding, and implementation of the NCC Hope Center Annual MLK Day of Service: • A. Philip Randolph Institute – Delaware Chapter – in memory of Wilson Williams – last place he served before he passed away • Dot Foods • Nemours • NCC Hope Center Staff • Sisters in Service Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority • Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Rho Sigma Alpha Sigma Sorority • Canaan Baptist Church • WSFS Cares • Wilmington Police Department • Community Volunteers. We received drive-through donations, organized pantry and storage areas, helped clients with rental applications and interviewing and resume skills. We also provided entertainment and lunch. County Executive Matt Meyer and NCC Hope Center are truly thankful for an amazing day of service!

The Hope Center currently houses 150 adults and 104 children.

Pictured: Pastor Bullock , Katrina Brown, Correy Brown, Anita Hester Crocker, Dr. Nakishia Bailey and community members



*Celebrating
an
Anniversary
this Month*



Rev. Peter and Tammy Owen
celebrate their 3rd wedding
anniversary on February 27



ORDINATION

Service

Save the Date!

Rev. Dr. Debbie Ardella Strickling-Bullock
Sunday, April 14, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.
Canaan Baptist Church
Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor
3011 New Castle Avenue . New Castle, DE 19720



BLACK BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

ACCESS TO ACTION: BUILDING YOUR FINANCES FOR FUNDING
IN-PERSON PANEL DISCUSSION + NETWORKING EVENT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH
3011 NEW CASTLE AVE, NEW CASTLE, DE 19720

NO COST / FREE
TO ATTEND

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED



REGISTER TODAY!

Hear from Resource Partners On-Site!



MOTHER, BABY & BEYOND

HEART 4 MOMS

MATERNITY & INFANT ESSENTIALS DRIVE

Mother Baby & Beyond is hosting a maternity and infant essentials drive to provide our community with resources to foster stronger and healthier families. We're collecting **NEW & GENTLY USED** essentials for mom and baby. Help us bring smiles to little faces with donations for infants up to 12 months & show love to new moms with maternity necessities.

Our Wish List Includes:

- Diapers/Wipes
- Baby Clothing (preemie to 2T)
- Maternity Clothing
- Mom/Baby Hygiene Items
- Nursing Supplies
- Developmental Toys
- Infant/Toddler Books

**Please visit our Amazon Wish List for a full list of items needed.*

**DONATIONS
ACCEPTED
FEB 1ST - 21ST**

DROP-OFF LOCATION

Cannan Baptist Church
3011 New Castle Ave
New Castle, DE 19720

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

- *Purchase items from our Amazon Wish List
- *Monetary donations also greatly appreciated

For monetary donations or further information visit:
motherbabyandbeyond.com



Scan the QR code to
purchase an item for
a family in need!



We are grateful to Cannan Baptist Church for acting
as the collection site for this community event.



Mr. Julius Hicks, age 89, passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2024. He is the father of Bro. Alan Hicks and father-in-law of Sis. Sandi Hicks, members of Canaan. Funeral arrangements are pending. Cards and condolences can be sent to: The Hicks Family, 2 Briarcliff Drive, New Castle, DE 19720.

Mrs. Mary L. Nelson passed away on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. She is the mother of Bro. Anthony Nelson, mother-in-law of Sis. Rosalind Nelson, and grandmother of Sis. Rheanna and Sis. Anessa Nelson, all members of Canaan. Funeral will be held on Friday, February 2, 2024, at the Prayer Chapel Church of God in Christ, 7099 Locust Street, Upper Darby, PA 19082. Services are entrusted to Francis Funeral Home in Philadelphia, PA. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Anthony and Rosalind Nelson, 2 Wedgefield Court, New Castle, DE 19720.

Funeral services for **Mr. Twin B Brown** will be held Sunday, February 4, 2024, at the Congo Legacy Center, 501 W 38th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802. Viewing 2:00 -3:45 PM; Service 4:00 PM.

Mrs. Delores Yvonne (Roy) Reed, age 64, of New Castle, DE, passed away on Sunday, December 17, 2023. She is the sister of our member, Sis. Lillian Roy, sister of Beverly Jones, and aunt of Marquisha Horn. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Lillian Roy, 1 Rambleton Drive, Apt. F1, New Castle, DE 19720.

Mr. Andre Augustine Davis, Sr., age 59, passed away on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. He is the brother of Rev. Anita Coleman, brother-in-law of Bro. Al Coleman, uncle of Sis. Deanna Davenport and Sis. Deserea Dorceus. Cards and condolences can now be sent to: Rev. Anita Coleman, 6105 Forrest Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

The **Honorable Theodore “Ted” Blunt**, age 80, passed away on Thursday, February 11, 2024. He is the father-in-law of our member, Bro. Richard Carter. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Dr. Richard Carter, 116 Spice Mill Lane, Wilmington, DE 19808.

Jibri Jerome Charles, age 23, of Columbus, GA, passed away suddenly on Monday, February 8, 2024. He is the son of Jessica Lord and nephew of our member, Sis. Arlene Lord. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Arlene Lord, 42 Avignon Drive, Newark, DE 19702.

Joyce V. Lawson, age 64, passed away on Sunday, February 7, 2024. She is the sister of our member, Deacon John Brunson. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Deacon John Brunson, 807 Liberty Blvd, New Castle, DE 19720.

Mr. Gary L. Gaines, Sr., age 72, passed away on February 5, 2024. He is the brother of Rev. Vickie Gaines, uncle of Bro. Eric Gaines, and great uncle of Bro. Tavon Robinson, members of Canaan. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Rev. Vickie Gaines, 505 East 5th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802.



Pastor Bullock, Deacons, and my church family, thank you so much for your prayers, calls and the monetary Christmas gift. May God continue to bless each of you and may you continue to demonstrate the spirit of God’s love in your heart. “God Bless”

Sis. Ada Harrison

Pastor, Deacons, and associates, thank you so much for the lovely gift. It will be used in God’s name to help people who are less fortunate than me. God Bless.

Charles E. Michael

Pastor Bullock, Deacons Ministry, and my church family, what a blessing it is to have a church home and a loving church family. In December, Deacons Cathy Broadway and Mattie Helm delivered your generous gift. Thank you so much for thinking of me and for their much appreciated, in-person contact. While Psalm 55:13-14 is my sentiment of the great times I still do and had when "...a man like myself, my companion, my close friend, with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship as we walked with the throng at the house of God," I am also grateful for those technology teams who have consistently used their skills and expertise to **CONNECT** us to our church and church family through social media, as well as through this most informative and well-done publication! Once again, thanks to all of you and may God continue to bless all of you.

Mother Zella Polk

Virginia and I would like to extend our thanks and utmost appreciation to Pastor Bullock, the Canaan Diaconate, and the Seniors Ministry for the generous gifts we both received during the Christmas season. It is extremely rewarding to seniors to feel appreciated, remembered and loved at any time, as we often struggle in our golden years. The Canaan Family, for some seniors, is the only family they really know. While for many, it is the extended family God provided when He reminded us in His Word that "inasmuch as you did it to one of these My brethren, you did it to Me". Canaan Baptist Church is truly an example of God's unconditional love as He intended it...congregational intimacy, applied Christianity, salvation for the lost and impacting the human condition (Canaan's Core Values). These are true measures of the message God intended us to reveal to others of the substitutional sacrifice Christ made for our salvation.

To Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones--Thanks for all your efforts in putting out the best church newsletter I've seen. Kudos to everyone involved. With Much Love, Your Friends and Co-Laborers in Christ.

Deacon Richard J. Ross, Sr., and Sister Virginia C. Ross

To Pastor Bullock, First Lady Debbie Bullock, Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones, Deb Piner, The Voices of Canaan, Deacon Sylvia Bailey and the Canaan Family, on behalf of my sister, Jessica Lord-Charles, and our entire family, I want to thank you for your calls and cards which gave my family comfort while we dealt with the sudden death of my nephew Jibri Jerome Charles. I am forever grateful. God bless you all.

Arlean Lord



On behalf of the family of Andre A. Davis, Sr., the brother of Dr. Anita Coleman, Al Coleman, Deanna, Deserae, and the Davis family extend to you our gratefulness of your support, prayers, gifts of love, and encouraging words of comfort you graciously shared with us during our time of bereavement. Words cannot express how much that lifted us during this difficult time. Thank You!

Bro. Al and Rev. Dr. Anita Coleman

Dear Pastor Bullock, there are no words to express my gratitude to you for your presence for my family in our darkest hour. To lose your child is a pain that I never wanted to experience, and I am now forced to move forward. My faith has been activated, and I am now relying on God to see me through. The words you spoke for my dearest Michael warmed my heart and was confirmation I needed, that Michael Jay was not just an exceptional individual, but someone after God's heart. The way he was unconditionally available to assist others on impulse, he was a force to be reckoned with. From the standpoint as his mother, you captured that quality of Michael Jay so perfectly, and I felt so proud. Although my "Starting Five" are now down by one in the physical, I will always cherish "5" in my heart. It's great to be like Mike, but best to be like Jesus: Such a powerful message for every listening ear. I am forever grateful.

Thankfully and humbly submitted,

Janie M. Abram, Mother

To Pastor Bullock, Trustees, Deacons and Canaan Family, blessed to know you...happy to thank you. Thanks for the love gift! Love,

Sis. Jane Baylor

My sister's funeral service (Delores Yvonne Roy-Reed) went very well on Saturday, January 27th. My family and I are so very grateful for the acts of kindness, cards, prayers, and the visit by Pastor Christopher Alan Bullock! Thanks to Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones, Deb Piner, and our Canaan Family. **The Roy and Reed Family**

Dear Pastor Bullock and my Canaan family, thank you for your monetary gift during the Christmas holiday. Your love has meant so much to me. May God bless you for all the work you do.

Sis. Ora Belcher

Pastor Bullock, Board of Deacons, and Canaan Membership, let me begin by expressing how much I enjoyed the visit with Deacon Henry Carroll and hearing about the many activities taking place at Canaan. Thank you for remembering me with your special Christmas gift. It is a pleasant thought to know that even though you are out of sight, you are not out of mind. I also enjoy my telephone visits with Deacon Nancy Coleman who also keeps me informed about the activities at Canaan and the members that I miss communicating with. I ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers. I watch the services on YouTube every Sunday, but I miss being there in person. I pray that God will continue to bless me and keep His healing hands on my body. I wish the best for Canaan and that our heavenly Father continues to bless your good work. Yours in Christian love,

Jean M. Nichols

To Pastor Bullock, Deacons and my Canaan Family, my gift was greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

Marian Cammile

Your kindness made a difference, and your thoughtfulness touched my heart. A thank you from the heart for the beautiful service for Mr. Reggie Lacefield.

Annette Stokes (His Niece)



Mother Caroline Congo

Sis. Olistine Davis

Ms. Sherry Douglas

Sis. Marchelle Folks

Sis. Nettie Gates

Bro. Michael Harris

Deacon Mary Hegazy

Sis. Dorothy Jackson

Bro. Jan Jackson, Sr.

Sis. Louise Jamison

Sis. Ekkie McClain

Mother Blanche Moore

Sis. Jean Nichols

Sis. Marche Norris

Deacon Gene Royal

Sis. Ida Sadler

Bro. Charles Stewart

Mother Elaine Wescott

Sis. Carolyn Williams

Mother Catherine Wilson

In the event of the death of a Canaan member or family member, please call:

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Pastor Bullock - (302) 654-8240

Deacon James Bonds

(484) 678-2276

E-mail james007sbonds@gmail.com



Please read this month's section of local, state and national news articles from various sources for information, empowerment and your reading pleasure.



One day in the Bronx, a first-grade teacher sat down in a barbershop for a trim and one of his students walked in, sat

down, and started looking antsy. He thought to himself that it was a perfect opportunity to practice reading, a thought that changed Alvin Irby's life, and in five years' time, he's filling dozens of barbershops around the country with free books to trim back childhood illiteracy.

His non-profit, Barbershop Books, has delivered 50,000 free books to more than 200 barbershops in predominantly black neighborhoods in 24 states, leveraging the fact that in Black American communities, barbershops are like community centers where people congregate naturally.

"Barbershop Books inspires Black boys and other vulnerable children to read for fun," Irby told CNN, which recently honored the man as a CNN Hero. "We install a child-friendly reading space in the barbershop."

Key to the reading spaces are bookshelves that display the covers of the books rather than the spines, helping kids who may be interested in reading seize the opportunity for themselves, whether they're in the barber's chair or they're

waiting on their dad or friend. Irby teaches the barbers in all the shops how to help encourage kids to read, such as by asking if they like to read, or what they think about one of the books in the shop. The barbers are key for another reason as well.

"We are putting books in a male-centered space," Irby told CNN. "Less than 2% of teachers are Black males and many Black boys are raised by single moms. Black boys don't see Black men reading."

OTHER INNER-CITY HEROES: He's Earned a CNN HERO Award for Transforming Lives on City Streets Where he Once Sold Drugs

At heart, the idea is not just about enriching a child's mind but improving their proficiency in school, where Irby who teaches kindergarten and first grade says is pretty much the only place kids see reading happening. He says that if the only time a kid practices piano is at the piano lesson, his progress is going to be really, really slow.

At the moment, he's developing a school curriculum addition to help students identify their own reading preferences. Keeping the theme within Black culture, the program is called "Reading So Lit."

MORE NEWS LIKE THIS: Inner City Cops Help Underserved Kids by Playing Chess

Helping pre-K to 5 students explore, understand, and articulate their reading preferences increases self-awareness and social awareness, and Reading So Lit uses self-assessments and AI to generate actionable, strengths-based data about the reading content and conditions that students find personally meaningful and engaging. It's already been successfully trialed in schools.

As sophisticated as the program is, Irby's passion is still derived from interactions like the one which started it all—the kind that take place in the barbershop.

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/cnn-hero-man-helps-barbers-fill-their-shops-with-books-to-help-kids-find-excitement-in-reading/>

Interesting Black History Month Facts You May Not Know

by Kelly Bryant



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

We may understand what Black History Month is about, but how much do we really know about this annual event and those it honors? From the historian who established it to the different themes each year, here are some Black History Month facts, along with little-known Black history facts your schools might have left out.

A historian helped establish Black History Month



Here's a [Black American](#) you may not have learned about in school: Historian Carter G. Woodson, the creator of what we presently know as Black History Month, worked passionately to establish the event in an effort to provide an education on the origins, struggles and achievements of African Americans in United States history. Originally, it existed as seven days of commemoration, first established in 1926 and called "Negro History Week." Woodson penned more than a dozen books, including 1933's, *The Mis-Education of the Negro*.

Black History Month has been nationally recognized since 1976



Despite its forerunner, Negro History Week, originating all the way back in 1926, Black History Month as we know it today didn't become nationally recognized until the 1970s. Black students and educators at Kent State first [celebrated Black History Month](#) in January and February of 1970. Other educational institutions started following suit, and for the United States Bicentennial, President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month, as has every president since.

Black History Month is observed during different months around the world

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

The founding of the NAACP coincides with Black History Month



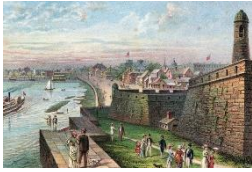
On Feb. 12, 2024, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will celebrate its 115th birthday. The date of Feb. 12, 1909, was chosen for the NAACP's inception because it also marked the 100th birthday of Abraham Lincoln and coincided with abolitionist Fredrick Douglass's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

The practice of vaccination in America has interesting roots



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

Fort Mose is an important town in Black history



Of all the cities you learned about in school that no longer exist, Fort Mose (pronounced “Mo-say”) is one of the most important. Here’s one of the little-known Black history facts: More than 250 years ago, when people who had escaped their enslavement made their way to St. Augustine, Florida, they were welcomed by the Spanish, who valued their skills and contributions. In 1738, the governor rewarded them by establishing the town that went on to become known as Fort Mose.

It was the first officially sanctioned town for freed Black men in what is now the United States, with a population of about 100. In 1763, the Fort was ceded to the British under the Treaty of Paris, and the free Black residents were evacuated to Cuba with the Spanish. The British then destroyed the site during the War of 1812. Today, it is a Historic State Park, making it one of the wonderful [American landmarks that celebrates Black culture](#).

The first state to abolish slavery was in New England



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

James McCune Smith was the first African American doctor



James McCune Smith was the first African American to hold a medical degree and the first African American to run a pharmacy. Because no American university was willing to admit him, he was forced to travel to Scotland to earn his degree from the University of Glasgow.

After graduating in 1837, he practiced medicine for nearly two decades at the Colored Orphan Asylum in Manhattan, contributed papers to scholarly journals and was widely respected as an intellectual. He was an abolitionist who helped enslaved people escape and find their way to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Despite his accomplishments, Smith was never admitted into the American Medical Association.

The first public high school for African Americans opened in 1870



The first public high school for African Americans, Paul Laurence Dunbar High, opened in Washington, DC, in 1870, just five years after the end of the Civil War. Named after Dunbar, the acclaimed Black writer, the school graduated many luminaries, including the first Black Army General, the first Black presidential cabinet member and the first Black graduate of the Naval Academy. Many high schools, including Dunbar Vocational High School in Chicago (pictured above), have also adopted Dunbar’s name.

Black men had a strong presence in the Wild West



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

George Edwin Taylor ran for president in 1904



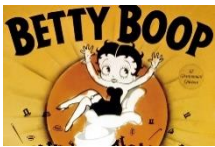
Long before Barack Obama became the first Black president of the United States, George Edwin Taylor ran for president in 1904 as a member of the National Negro Liberty Party. Though the journalist and newspaper editor received only 2,000 votes, Taylor deserves to be remembered for his groundbreaking political run.

Jackie Robinson broke baseball barriers



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

Betty Boop was inspired by a Black jazz singer



She may have been drawn as an old Hollywood pinup girl, but cartoon Betty Boop was actually based on Esther Jones, a Harlem-based jazz singer. Jones was known for her use of “boops” in her singing as well as what was called a child-like scat, similar to that of her illustrated counterpart.

Charlotta Bass paved the way for Kamala Harris



A major glass ceiling and racial milestone was broken in November 2020 when [Kamala Harris](#), the daughter of Jamaican and Indian immigrants, was elected as America’s first Black vice president (as well as the first woman and South Asian American to hold the office!). She was not the first Black woman to run for that office, however. In 1948, a journalist named Charlotta Bass became the vice-presidential nominee of the Progressive Party, with Vincent Hallinan as her running mate. She was also from Harris’s home state of California!

Sister Rosetta Tharpe knew how to rock



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

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



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

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



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

Wilma Rudolph was a pioneering Olympian and activist



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

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



Way back in 1664, marriage between races was banned in the United States. This law was first enacted in the Colony of Maryland, with others quickly following suit. It might seem surprising today that this took more than 300 years to overturn—but it's less unbelievable when you understand the full depth of [institutional racism](#) and what it means.

Civil rights solidarity in sports has deep roots



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

The National Civil Rights Museum is in a somber location



Everyone should visit the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee, an immersive experience, steeped in history and emotion. And it's not only the artifacts the museum houses that are notable. The museum itself is located on the former site of the Lorraine Motel, where [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) was tragically assassinated. The facade is still there to remind visitors of what happened that day.

Noelle Trent, PhD, Director of Interpretations, Collections and Education at the museum, tells *Reader's Digest*, "The preservation of historic sites, especially the Lorraine Motel, is important because the physical structures, space and geography interpret history in a manner that cannot be expressed by words or photographs. There is power in a place."

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



It was on [Maya Angelou's](#) 40th birthday, April 4, 1968, that her friend, civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr., was assassinated. After this heinous act, Angelou stopped celebrating her birthday. However, she sent flowers to King's wife, Coretta Scott King, on that date until Mrs. King passed in 2006.

Students had a big impact on the Civil Rights Movement



When we think of the heroes of the Civil Rights Movement, we usually think of towering figures like Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr., but the movement also comprised [ordinary young people who wanted to change the world](#) by fighting injustice. "Young people have been critical actors in the fight for civil rights in the United States," shares Trent. "From the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

and the Congress for Racial Equality's Freedom Riders to 1964 Freedom Summer's Council of Federated Organizations, youths were participants and leaders in key protest movements. They leveraged their innovative techniques to work within the community to challenge the status quo."

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



Paving the way for women of color in Congress (and the White House) was Shirley Chisholm, who represented New York in the House of Representatives. Just four years after she entered the House, in 1972, she became the first Black candidate for a major party's nomination in the race for president of the United States.

About the expert

Noelle Trent, PhD, is the Director of Interpretations, Collections and Education at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis. Updated: Jan. 29, 2024

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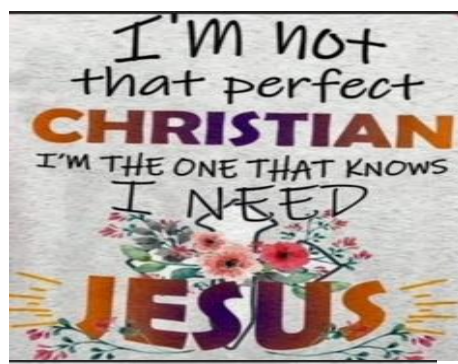
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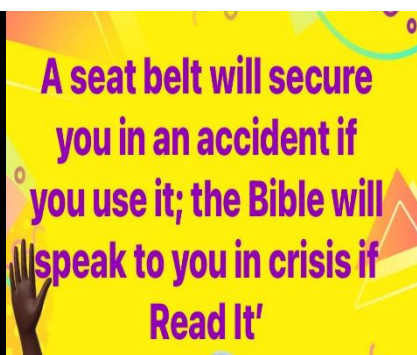


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4. BE THERE
5. LOVE THERE

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Sis. Vivian Mims
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Sis. Doris Badson
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Mother
Caroline Congo
February 12



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February 14



Carmen Henderson
February 16



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February 16



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February 17



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