



Canaan News Online
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2024 Theme

Yes God Is Able

Jude 24-25

Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Editor-In-Chief
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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 Cor. 13:13)
Salvation for the Lost (John 3:16)
Applied Christianity (James 2:14-20)
Impact the Human Condition (Luke 4:18-19)

In-Person and Online --Tune in--Canaan's Facebook Page or YouTube. To receive notifications when Canaan Baptist Church is going "**LIVE**", "**Like**" and "**Follow**" us on the "Canaan Baptist Church of Delaware" Facebook page and "Subscribe" to our YouTube Channel Canaanbcvideo

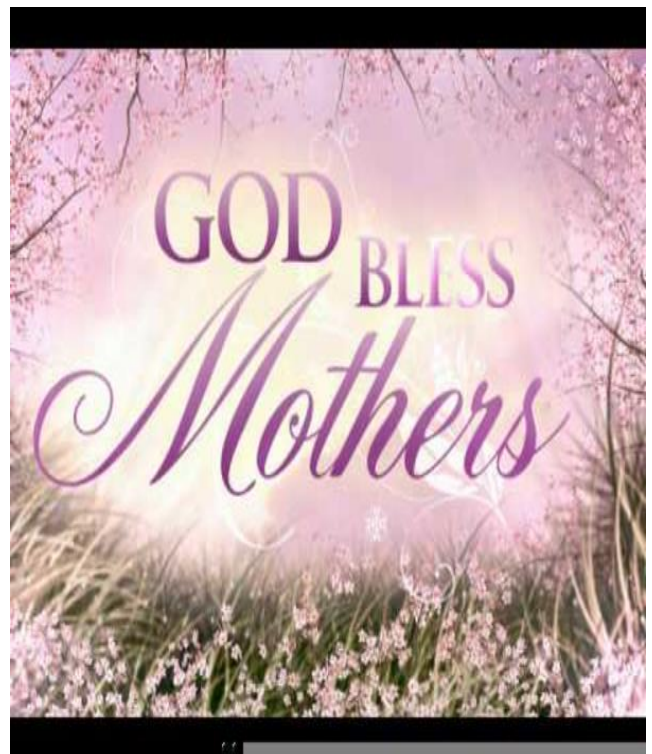
WAYS TO GIVE

Several options to give of His Tithes and our Offerings:

1. Deposit your offering envelope in the baskets located inside the sanctuary doors
2. Drop off a sealed offering envelope on Sundays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
3. Send via U.S. Mail to:
Canaan Baptist Church
3011 New Castle Avenue
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4. Transfer e-funds online via PayPal www.Paypalme.com/canaanbaptistde
5. Download and use the **Givelify mobile app:**



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



Greetings from the Editor's Desk



The month of May is a special time of the year to thank and praise God for our mothers. This month's issue will pay tribute to our mothers, celebrate them, remember, and cherish them. How did "Mother's Day" originate? Find out in this month's issue.

We hope you are enjoying each edition of the Canaan News. There are so many special services, activities and community events going on. Our ministries are thriving and growing. We are excited to see what God is doing in the life of our church. Our Youth and Young Adult Ministry-NEXT G, NEXT G YYA Choir restart, Men's Ministry, Junior Ushers Ministry, are all up, running and serving. To God Be the Glory!

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.

The **May 2024** issue is available online on the Church website, canaanbcde.org – Click on the "Welcome" link and the "Newsletter" tab, or it can be sent via e-mail. Printed issues are available to share with family and friends. If you know of anyone who does not have e-mail or online access and would like to receive the Canaan News, send an e-mail to CanaanNews3011@gmail.com or call the Church Office at (302) 654-8818.

Have you missed any issues? Stop by or call the office at (302) 654-8818.

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:

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To reserve any of the church's 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.

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**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

**THE CANAAN NEWS
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Editor Name Correction:
April birthdays
Sis. **Patricia** Vinson

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

🎨📣 **Join the Canaan Baptist Church
Marketing and PR Ministry!** 📣🎨

Are you passionate about graphic design, marketing strategies, or public relations? Do you possess a gift for creativity and communication? If so, we invite you to be part of the vibrant and dynamic Marketing and Public Relations Ministry at Canaan Baptist Church! As we continue to spread the message of God's love and grace to our community and beyond, we are

seeking skilled and talented individuals to join our team. Whether you're an experienced graphic artist, a marketing and social media guru, website designer, or a savvy communicator, your talents can play a vital role in enhancing our outreach efforts. If you're interested in using your gifts to serve the Lord and make a positive impact, we want to hear from you! Please send your name and contact information to Dr. Debbie at DrDebBullock@outlook.com. Let's work together to share the Good News and shine the light of Christ in our community! Blessings!



**Women's Day
And
Mother's Day
Sunday Morning
May 12, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM**



First Lady Rev. Dr. Debbie Bullock will deliver her annual Mother's Day Message.



Music Ministry by Canaan's **Women of Worship** under the direction of Arvis Strickling-Jones.

Rehearsal
Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 PM.
Attire: Pastel



We will celebrate Father's Day on **Sunday, June 16, 2024**, with a slideshow presentation. Send a photo of your father and your family to the editor to CanaanNews3011@gmail.com. All photos **MUST BE SUBMITTED BY May 30, 2024**, via email. **PLEASE—NO TEXT MESSAGES!**

Canaan's Kids Nursery

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



For more information, registration, and handbooks, please contact Sis. Linda Wells at (267) 349-0483

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

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

ORDER OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM –

Call to Worship and Prayer

Ministry in Music

Welcome of Visitors / Church Announcements

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offering

Ministry in Music

A Word from the Word

Invitation to New Life

(First Sunday—Holy Communion)

Closing Selection – "**Heal the Land**" ~ Benediction

Morning Hymn

NO, NOT ONE

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

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

Verse 5

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

Refrain

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



Wednesday, May 1	Bible Study / Prayer – Hall of Faith Bible Study (Evening) – Hall of Faith	12:00 PM 6:30 PM
Thursday, May 2	Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan	6:30 PM
Friday, May 3	All facilities reserved - Warner Elementary School	8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Saturday, May 4	Saturday Church School	9:00 – 10:30 AM
1st Sunday, May 5	Worship Service – Voices of Canaan	10:00 AM
Wednesday, May 8	Bible Study / Prayer – Hall of Faith First Lady Rev. Dr. Debbie Bullock – guest preacher at Bethel AME Church forIMAC Bible Study (Evening) – Hall of Faith	12:00 PM 12:00 PM 6:30 PM
Thursday, May 9	Choir Rehearsal – Singing Sisters	6:30 PM
Saturday, May 11	Saturday Church School Canaan For Life Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith Men’s Ministry Meeting – Conference Room Junior Ushers Ministry Meeting	9:00 – 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM
2nd Sunday, May 12	Worship Service – Singing Sisters Mother’s Day / Women’s Day At Canaan	10:00 AM
Monday-Friday, May 13-17	United Baptist State Convention of Delaware Macedonia Baptist Church, Wilmington	Time: TBA
Wednesday, May 15	Bible Study / Prayer – Hall of Faith Bible Study (Evening) – Hall of Faith	12:00 PM 6:30 PM
Thursday, May 16	Food Truck Delivery Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	9:00 AM 6:30 PM
Friday, May 17	Food Sorting	6:00 PM
Saturday, May 18	Saturday Church School Unsung Hero Inaugural Banquet – Hall of Faith	9:00 – 10:30 AM 12:00 – 4:00 PM
3rd Sunday, May 19	Worship Service – Men of Canaan Food Distribution	10:00 AM 11:30 AM
Monday, May 20	2024 Delaware Governor Debate – Hall of Faith	6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 22	Bible Study / Prayer – Hall of Faith Bible Study (Evening) – Hall of Faith	12:00 PM 6:30 PM
Thursday, May 23	Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan	6:30 PM
Saturday, May 25	Saturday Church School	9:00 – 10:30 AM
4th Sunday, May 26	Worship Service – Voices of Canaan	10:00 AM
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day – ALL OFFICES CLOSED	
Wednesday, May 29	Bible Study / Prayer – Hall of Faith Bible Study (Evening) – Hall of Faith	12:00 PM 6:30 PM
Thursday, May 30	Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan	6:30 PM
Friday, May 31	Next G Ministry Meeting (YYA) – Hall of Faith	6:00 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 tithes (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

Canaan Baptist Church - Ministries – MAY 2024



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Saturday Morning Church School and Wednesday Night Bible Study

May flowers bring us loving memories and best wishes for all mothers. Blessings to all who are part of the village in rearing children: “Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” (Prov. 31:31 NIV).



In Unit III, we will draw from the Book of Romans to encourage believers to continue to stand in the faith. To stand in the faith means to be steady and sure of God’s faithfulness in helping us to be strong. This means we are not wavering, stumbling, or easily moved. Our feet are planted on a foundation that can hold us. Where do we find this foundation? It is found in the word of God, so be sure to join us weekly for Saturday Church School beginning 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. Bring mom or come with mom!

May 2024: Unit III

“Standing in the Faith” Lessons at Glance

May 4th –

“Justified by Faith in Jesus” (Romans 3:21-30)

Lesson 10– In this lesson, we will learn that the righteousness of God comes through believers having faith in Jesus Christ.

May 11th –

“Reckoned as Righteous” (Romans 4:13-25)

Lesson 11—In this lesson, we will examine an example of Paul telling the story of Abraham’s life as proof that justification is by faith.

May 18th –

“Reconciled to God” (Romans 5:1-11)

Lesson 12 – In this lesson, we will explore the meaning of being justified by faith.

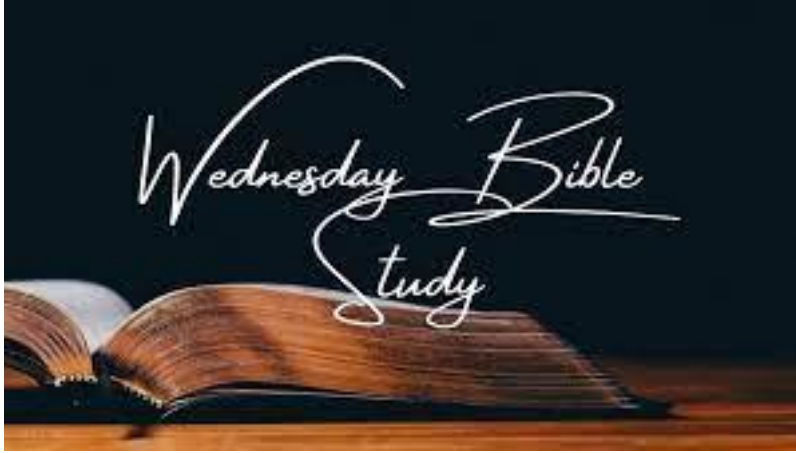
May 25th –

“Who Has Believed” (Romans 10:1-17)

Lesson 13 – In this final lesson, we will trace faith that comes from what is heard through the word of Christ. Thus, those who are called by Christ’s name are encouraged to confess with their lips, believe in their hearts, and stand in faith daily.

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

Wednesday Bible Study



New Study Series The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:3-12

We will continue the study series on the Beatitudes. We now understand what it means to be poor in spirit, to experience spiritual mourning, and to become meek. These attributes in Christ provide wisdom and strength to examine ourselves and address areas in our lives where we need the Holy Spirit to allow us to grow spiritually. In May, we will begin the Beatitude of being hungry for righteousness. Join us weekly at noon and 6:30 p.m. in the Hall of Faith. We have a place for the entire family!

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
9. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



“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



Arvis Strickling-Jones, Minister of Music



We are excited to revive the Youth and Young Adult Choir, rebranding it as **“NEXT G”**, for **ALL youth and young adults of Canaan, ages 6 – 35**, and under the direction of Sis. Chelsia Ivey Douglas. The first rehearsal will be held **Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 11:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, following Saturday Church School. NEXT G will sing every 5th Sunday beginning June 30, 2024. Attire: Canaan Polo Shirts and denim. For more information, please see Sis. Chelsia or me.



CALLING ALL NEW AND FORMER CHOIR MEMBERS

to join the Music Ministry. If you 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, **WE WELCOME YOU!**

Singing Opportunities:

- **Voices of Canaan** – all genres—psalms, hymns, spirituals, traditional and contemporary gospel music.
- **Men of Canaan** - Bro. Wayne Jefferson, Director
- **NEXT G** – Youth and young adults, ages 6-35 – Sis. Chelsia Ivey Douglas, Director
- **Singing Sisters / Canaan Ensemble** – *(by selection only)* – Contemporary genre

May Rehearsal and Singing Schedule

Voices of Canaan - Rehearsal: Thursday, May 2, 6:30 PM

1st Sunday, May 5, 8:30 AM – Attire: White/Black

Women of Worship / Singing Sisters - Rehearsal: Thursday, May 9, 6:30 PM

2nd Sunday, May 12, 8:30 AM – Attire: Pastel and White

Men of Canaan - Rehearsal: Thursday, May 16, 6:30 PM

3rd Sunday, May 19, 8:30 AM – Attire: TBA

Voices of Canaan - Rehearsal: Thursday, May 23, 6:30 PM

4th Sunday, May 26, 8:30 AM

Voices of Canaan - Rehearsal: Thursday, May 30, 6:30 PM

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

DEACONS MINISTRY
Deacon James Bonds, Ministry Leader

Baptism of Sis. Shaniya Hart- Sunday, April 28, 2024



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

Sis. Shaniyah Hart, Sis. Joy Gibson-Bailey, Sis. Tammy Isom, Sis. Pamela Moore,
Rev. Pamela J. Williams, Sis. Chu'En Whittington, Sis. Amare Whittington,
Sis. LaKeyva Parnell, Bro. Daryl Yelverton



Dedication of Baby Zuri Wright



MEN'S MINISTRY

Bro. Rodney Davis, Ministry Leader



First, let me thank all the Canaan men that joined us in fellowship with the men of Ezion Fair Baptist Church on April 6th. "A friendly discussion is as stimulating as the sparks that fly when iron strikes iron" (Proverbs 27:17

(Living Bible)

The Canaan Men's Ministry is on the move!

We will celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 16, 2024. The Men's Choir will sing during the Sunday Morning Worship Service. All men of Canaan are asked to participate in the choir for that day. Rehearsal will be held Thursday, June 13, at 6:30 PM.

- Plan a "Men That Cook" tasting event for July.
- Plan a Canaan Men's Only fellowship in August.
- Plan a bus trip to the National Black Museum in Washington DC in September.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

DEACONS ERNEST AND YOLANDA PURNELL SENIORS MINISTRY

Sis. Patricia Risher, Ministry Leader



The opportunity to pay the outstanding balances for the play "MJ" will resume on **Sunday, May 5, 2024**, in the atrium after church services and every Sunday until **Sunday, June 16, 2024**. If for any reason you are unable to attend, every effort

will be made to find someone who would want to go in your place and pay for the ticket, however, if no one can be found, there are no refunds. **ALL CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE OUT TO CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH.**

THOMAS L. RISHER VETERANS MINISTRY

Bro. Albert Grant, Ministry Leader



Memorial Day

When Is Memorial Day 2024? Here's What You Need to Know About the May Holiday



- This year, Memorial Day is Monday, May 27, 2024, and is always the last Monday of May.
- Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day.
- The day of remembrance for fallen U.S. Soldiers has been commemorated since the end of the Civil War but has only been a federal holiday since 1971.
- It's the unofficial start of summer—filled with the promise of sunny skies, warm weather, and a three-day weekend stretching before us. Often, we gather with family and friends on Memorial Day for a backyard barbecue along with red, white, and blue desserts, a patriotic playlist, and maybe some fireworks. Or we might set out on a weekend road trip or plan a few nights under the stars at a favorite campsite.
- **Memorial Day Quotes**
"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes."
—Maya Angelou

"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me."
—Lee Greenwood

"This is the day we pay homage to all those who didn't come home. This is not Veterans Day, it's not a celebration, it is a day of solemn contemplation over the cost of freedom."

-Tamra Bolton

TAPS across America

On Memorial Day, Americans remember those who have died in military service to the United States. THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE is an annual event that asks all citizens, wherever they are at 3:00 p.m. local time, to pause for a duration of one minute in silent tribute to the men and women who have honorably served in uniform and to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

The time 3 p.m. was chosen because it is the time when most Americans are enjoying time off from work for the national holiday. The Moment was first proclaimed in May 2000 for Memorial Day that year and was put in law by the United States Congress in December 2000.

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.

Cancer Colors and Facts for May:

Melanoma & Skin Cancer



According to the Melanoma Research Foundation, skin cancer is the most common form of Cancer in the U.S. In 2023, nearly 187,000 Americans were predicted to receive a skin cancer diagnosis. Melanoma is a type of skin cancer. The risk

factors include overexposure to the sun, having fair skin and a family history. Melanoma can develop anywhere on the body. In people with light skin, it is more likely to develop on neck and face and for men the chest and back, and for women on the legs. People should also keep track of any changing or growing moles. Using adequate protection against sun exposure can help reduce the risk of most melanomas.

Brain Cancer



The National Brain Tumor Society states that 1 million people in the United States are living with a brain tumor. Most of these tumors are benign, but about 37% are cancerous. There are more than 100 distinct types of brain tumors, each with its own presentation, treatments, and outcomes. More than any other cancer, brain tumors can have lasting and life altering physical, cognitive, and psychological impacts on a person's life. Despite years of research brain cancer survival rates have remained unchanged while survival rates for many other cancer's have significantly improved. Individuals who are Black have a slightly higher incidence rate of primary brain tumors compared to other races. Individuals who are White have a slightly higher incidence rates for glioblastoma.

Bladder Cancer



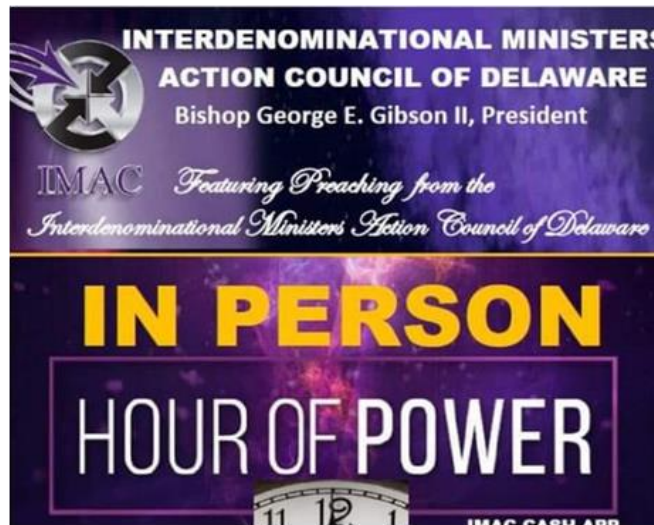
The American Bladder Cancer Society states the bladder cancer accounts for 5% of all cancer cases. Bladder cancer is also known as Urinary Bladder Cancer. Age is a factor in bladder cancer. A high percentage of people who have bladder cancer are over 55; however, it can occur at any age. Men are more likely to have bladder cancer than women. It is the fourth most common cancer in men. White people are more likely to get bladder cancer than Black people, but Black people are often diagnosed at a more advanced stage. The risk factors for Bladder Cancer are smoking. Smoking has been identified as a major risk factor for bladder cancer. Smokers are two to three times more likely to get Bladder Cancer. Diet, a diet high in fat and nitrates is believed to be a risk factor in developing Bladder Cancer. Research has shown that people who drink plenty of fluids have a lower incidence of Bladder Cancer.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF CANAAN!

Stay tuned for upcoming events in Summer 2024!



If you are interested in working with the Sisters of Canaan Women's Ministry Leadership team, please send contact information via e-mail to DrDebBullock@outlook.com.



Join First Lady, Dr. Debbie as she will be the guest preacher and Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones, soloist for the IMAC (Interdenominational Ministers Action Council) of Delaware Hour of Power mid-week worship service at 12 Noon on Wednesday, May 8th at the Bethel AME Church, 604 N. Walnut Street, Wilmington. Lunch will be provided.

SENIOR USHERS MINISTRY

Sis. Kimburly Murray, Ministry Leader



Calling all Youth to serve on the Junior Ushers Ministry--If you are Age 8 and up, and are interested in serving as a Junior Usher, please plan to attend a meet-and-greet the next meeting on **Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 11:00 AM**, in the Sanctu

ary in preparation for service on Sunday, May 12. For more information prior to the meeting, please see Sis. Murray. Thank you.



Please see any usher to claim your misplaced Bible, glasses, umbrella, keys, cell phone, iPads, etc. We usually go through the sanctuary and the Hall of Faith after each service to make sure items have not been left. In the event that we find left articles, they are stored until retrieved.

CANAAN BUSINESS NETWORK

Sis. Lynette Scott, Ministry Leader



Our mission is to offer business resources to Canaan Baptist Church members, provide resources for businesses to obtain financing, and technical assistance, and participate in workshops, and networking

opportunities. The first meeting for the CBNM will be a telephone conference call on May 14, 2024, at 7:00 PM. I will email or text the individuals who have signed up so far. For more information, please feel free to call me at 302-530-6928. lynettescott1@gmail.com.

CANAAN –ATLANTA CONNECTION

Sis. Lynnette Hudson



Let's have some fun learning more about the Bible. Every month, we will provide a "Did You Know" and a few bible trivia questions. The answers will be provided the following month. These questions will allow you to learn more

about the Bible and help us all grow in our faith and walk with Jesus.

Did You Know

Deliah did not cut Samson's hair. She called someone else to do it. (Judges 16:19)

Bible Trivia:

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

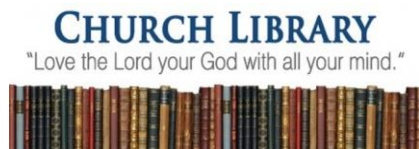
Bible Trivia:

1. What are the last recorded words of Jesus in the Bible?
 - Surely I come quickly (Revelation 22:20)
2. Where in the Bible does it mention snow coming down from heaven?
 - For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater. (Isaiah 55:10)
3. When did graves open and the bodies of the saints which slept arise and go into the Holy City?
 - Graves opened and saints which slept arose and went into the holy city following the Resurrection. (Matthew 27:52-53)
4. What was Goliath's brother's name?
 - Lahmi (1 Chronicles 20:5)
5. On the day of Pentecost, what did people see above them after the wind blew through the house they sat in?
 - Tongues of fire (Acts 2:1-3)
6. Where did Elijah go when he fled from Jezebel?

- He traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God (1 Kings 19:3-8)

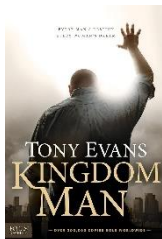
June Bible Trivia: Key Verses (Fill in the missing word and provide the correct verse)

1. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the _____, but by me.
2. That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord _____, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
3. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All _____ is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
4. And when the day of _____ was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
5. For the _____ of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.
6. The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the _____ of the world.



Deacon-In-Training
Alix Jefferson
Virtual Librarian

Kingdom Man by Tony Evans



For too long, men have sat on the sideline of life. But God intends for us to get into the game. We've been content with mediocre while God calls us to greatness. The path to a better world and a better future for our

families and communities begins at our door. We need to take hold of our biblical anointing and become men sold out for the kingdom of God.

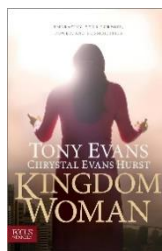
Dr. Tony Evans, founder and president of The Urban Alternative and senior pastor at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Texas, calls men to biblical manhood. He exhorts you to grab hold of your dominion, exercise the authority God has given you, and fulfill your role to provide leadership and mirror God's character.

With Kingdom Man as your guide, you will learn to:

- Leave the past behind: learn from yesterday but not live in it
- Embrace prayer as your primary weapon of warfare
- Align yourself with God's prescription for kingdom manhood
- Confidently and compassionately express your authority within your domain
- Remember your call to greatness

Men, it's time to step into our destiny. It's time to roar.

Kingdom Woman by Tony Evans and Crystal Evans Hurst



Women, lean in: You grace this world with insight, sensitivity, and spiritual beauty that has made you a force behind great accomplishments. Much of what comes in the life of a kingdom woman may not make headlines, but when you become passionate

about what God is passionate about, positive change can occur in lives, families, communities, and even our nation. Your solution to the burdens of this life is found in humbling yourself before Jesus Christ and surrendering to the Word of God.

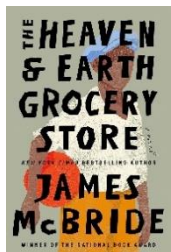
Together with his daughter, Crystal Evans Hurst, Dr. Tony Evans shows you what it means to live as a kingdom woman, to walk by faith (not just talk about it), to make decisions in alignment with God, to raise up the next generation, and to discover that tremendous freedom comes when your ultimate submission is under a caring and loving God. How do you do this? Kingdom

Woman serves as a path to help you along the journey of life as you learn to:

- Let go of hopelessness and disappointment and fully experience your destiny
- Value what God values—humility, meekness, and the beauty of a servant’s heart
- Confidently follow God on the pathway of faith, even if you can’t see the destination
- Choose to have faith to believe that the dark road you are traveling on will eventually yield to a sunrise
- Pursue God and His Word in a way that your actions follow His instructions
- Exercise authority for heavenly intervention in your earthly affairs

God is writing your story. Live like He designed you to be.

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride



In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. Chicken Hill was where Moshe and Chona Ludlow lived when Moshe integrated his theater and where Chona ran the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store. When the state came looking for a deaf boy to institutionalize him, it was Chona and Nate Timblin, the Black janitor at Moshe’s theater and the unofficial leader of the Black community on Chicken Hill, who worked together to keep the boy safe.

As these characters’ stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins of white, Christian America struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill and the part the town’s white establishment played in it, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us.

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**Employee Spotlight: Wayne Jefferson
A Pillar of Community And Compassion**

Wayne Jefferson, a dedicated Manager of the Premier Rapid Housing Team, and a native of Wilmington. Wayne has devoted his career to uplifting others, both in his professional endeavors and through personal commitments. Leading the Premier Rapid Housing Team, he plays a pivotal role in facilitating access to affordable, safe,



and decent housing across the state, addressing a critical need for housing placements. He has also provided training and transportation services to the participants in the WHA YouthBuild Program.

Beyond his professional contributions, Wayne has left an indelible mark on the Wilmington community through his engagement in sports and social work. His longstanding involvement in basketball not only taught young individuals the importance of teamwork but also celebrated the joy of the sport itself. In recognition of his impact, a

basketball court at Price Park was named in his honor in 2017. Wayne's dedication extends to his ministry work at his local church, where he shares the gift of music. His journey has been shaped by the influential figures in his life, including his mother, a social worker, and his mentor, Richard Johnson. Wayne Jefferson's story is one of commitment, community, and the continuous drive to make a difference in the lives of others. His multifaceted contributions underscore the WHA's mission of fostering self-sufficiency and enhancing community involvement. Wayne's legacy is a testament to the profound impact one individual can have on their community and beyond.



Full article is available in the Wilmington Housing Authority Newsletter April 2024 Issue



On Saturday, April 20, 2024, Dr. Linda Green Gumby served as the site coordinator at the Wesley Union AME Zion Church, 5th and Camp Streets, Harrisburg, PA, signing in volunteers at a

cleanup registration site, distribute equipment for the 12th Annual Greater Harrisburg Litter Cleanup representing Canaan Baptist Church in Central Pennsylvania.



time of our mother Mary Nelson's passing. She was an awesome woman, but our Awesome and amazing God knows best. Thanks again to our awesome church family and awesome pastor!

Rosalind and Anthony Nelson

So grateful there are amazing people in this world...people like all of you.

Mother Blanche L. Moore

Sis. Glenda Moore

Impacting the Human Condition

Sis. Donna Hansford Dates has closets full of men's clothing including neckties, shoes and boots, sizes 13 and 14; suits, sweaters, coats, jackets, Sizes 40, 42 and 44 (so far), --2x and 3x—all good quality, new or gently used, all dry cleaned and pressed. If you or anyone you know could use any of these items at no charge, please contact: Deacon Mike Jones, (510) 967-4015. DeaconJones1949@gmail.com,



Bro. Steven Bouldin
Mother Caroline Congo

Sis. Olistine Davis

Ms. Sherry Douglas

Sis. Nettie Gates

Bro. Michael Harris

Deacon Mary Hegazy

Sis. Dorothy Jackson

Bro. Jan Jackson, Sr.

Sis. Louise Jamison

Mother Blanche Moore

Sis. Jean Nichols

Deacon Gene Royal

Sis. Ida Sadler

Bro. Charles Stewart

Bro. Jermaine Vinson

Sis. Carolyn Williams

Sis. Earlean Leslie Williams

Mother Catherine Wilson

Sis. Maxine White



Our beloved Canaan member, **Sis. Cassandra Cran**, age 73, passed away on Monday, April 1, 2024. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 26, 2024 at the Canaan Baptist Church. Cards and condolences can be

sent to Ms. Janice Tatham (Daughter), 2901 W. 4th Street, Wilmington, DE 19805.

We wish to express sincere appreciation for the many cards, calls and prayers received during the

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

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MAY 13 / 4:00 PM

The Biden Institute is honored to host a panel discussion in collaboration with the University of Delaware's office of the President, Office of Institutional Equity, and College of Education and Human Development in honor of the 70th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court case, Brown v. Board of Education. It will be held at the Roselle Center for the Arts, Gore Recital Hall, 110 Orchard Road, Newark, DE 19716. Seating is reserved for Canaan members. For more information and reservations, please see Sis. Chelsia Ivey Douglas.



HAPPY Mother's DAY

HOW MOTHER'S DAY BEGAN

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities of the United States.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear a white carnation to honor deceased mothers and a red flower to honor the living—a custom that continues to this day.



We didn't need seatbelts..
We had the MOM ARM 🙌



"Two things God left out of the Bible. One was my opinion, and the other one was yours!"

I HATE IT WHEN YOU CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO OPERATE THE IPAD AND THE RESIDENT TECH EXPERT IS ASLEEP.
BECAUSE HE'S 5.
AND IT'S PAST HIS BEDTIME.

Why I didn't text you back:

- I was asleep
- I was driving
- I was ignoring you
- I forgot
- I saw your text and told myself that I was going to respond, but I wanted to finish what I was doing first. After that, I got side-tracked and went to do something else and completely forgot your text even existed because I was stuck in my own tiny world until I went to text you days or even weeks later about something completely unrelated

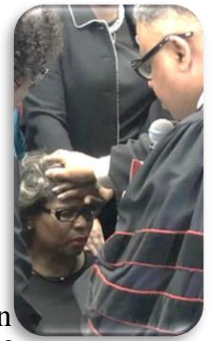
IT'S HARD TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE WHEN YOU'VE ALREADY DECIDED WHAT YOU WANT HIM TO SAY

I grew up in the era where our parents interpreted exhaling too hard as talking back.



A Note of Thanks

My Beloved Canaan Family, as I reflect on the profound experience of my ordination, I am filled with immense gratitude each of you who have journeyed alongside me. Your prayers, support, acts of kindness, and tangible gifts have been a source of great encouragement throughout this significant milestone in my life and ministry. Your inspiration and presence on Sunday, April 14, 2024, marked a sacred moment that I will always cherish. Your generosity is a reminder of the responsibility and privilege entrusted



to me as a servant of the Lord and I am deeply moved by your thoughtfulness. As I embark on this new chapter of ministry, I carry with me the blessings and prayers of each member of Canaan Baptist Church. Your faithfulness and dedication inspire me to serve with passion, integrity, and love. May God, who has called and equipped us for His service, continue to bless each one of you abundantly. May His grace sustain you, His peace surround you, and His love uphold you in all things. Special thanks to:

- Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock
- The Allen Family
- The Bailey and Williams Families
- Deacon Sylvia Bailey
- Jewell Bond
- Deacons James and Evola Bonds
- Rose Broughton
- Canaan for Life Cancer Ministry
- Canaan's Deacon Ministry
- Canaan's Greeters Ministry
- Canaan's Health Ministry
- Canaan's Hospitality Ministry
- Canaan's International Cultural Ministry
- Canaan's Membership Ministry
- Canaan's Missionary Ministry
- Canaan's Music Ministry
- Canaan's Purnell Senior Ministry
- Canaan's Usher Ministry
- Richard Carter
- Rev. Dr. Anita Coleman
- Russell and Ceola Coles
- Stephanie Collins
- Paulette Cooper
- Pamela Cotman
- James and Bertha Gourdine
- Jennifer Grace-Umoete
- Gwen Green
- Deacon Mary Hegazy
- Carmen Henderson
- Alan Hicks
- Eliza Hildreth

- Sheryll Hill
- Deacon Dwight and Vicki Holden
- Pat Hurley
- Lynette and Jeanette
- Debbie Ingram
- Alix and Elayne Jefferson
- Barbara Jervey
- Cookie Johnson
- Deacon Eugene Johnson
- Deacon Howard and Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones
- Debora Jones-Thomas
- Pamela Jordan
- Arlene Lord
- Deacon Jenee McManus
- Mother Pinkie and Mimi Melchor
- Kim Murray
- The Pearsall and Boyd Families
- Isaac and Lorraine Perry
- Deb Piner
- Mother Zella Polk
- The Pride Family
- Mark Purnell
- Deacon Pat Reed
- Floyd and Pat Reid
- Pat Risher
- Jackie "JC" and Todd Small
- Donna Smalls
- Adrienne Stansbury
- Miles Umoete
- Joyce Washington
- Dr. Catherine Williams


Your First Lady, Rev. Dr. Debbie Ardella Strickling-Bullock


Happy Anniversary



Gregory and Carolyn Freeman
Celebrate their 27th
Anniversary on May 3



Deacon Isaac and Lorraine Perry
celebrate their 43rd
Anniversary On May 16



Alvin and Carol Amos
Celebrate their 25th
Anniversary on May 22



D.I.T. Correy and Katrina Brown
celebrate their 8th
Anniversary on May 24



Chuks and Jennifer Umoete
Celebrate their 29th
Anniversary on May 28



May Birthdays



Dr. Anna Krishnappa
80 Years on May 12



Deacon John Brunson
May 13



Jru Derisca
May 17



Madison Perry
May 20



Sis. Jocelyn E. Johnson
May 23



Bro. Joel Coppadge, Sr.
May 24



Sis. Brenda Clarke
May 27



Sis. Arlene Monk
May 30



CANCER FOR LIFE MINISTRY

Monthly Feature

My Cancer Journey - Sis. Susan Gaines

My first battle with Cancer started in 2000. I was healthy, but I was a smoker. I got my first mammogram when I was 40 years old. I remember an RN coming to my high school to teach students awareness and how to do our own breast exams so, I did that as a daily routine. One night, while taking my shower, I felt a small lump in my right breast. I did not panic at first, but I felt it again, it was definitely there, and it was hard. I started taking showers twice a day, just to see it was still there and if it was getting bigger. I started praying that God would take it away. But it was still there after 2 weeks. I decided to tell my mother.



After seeing my Primary doctor, I was schedule for a mammogram. Now this was at the time when Wilmington Hospital was under construction to become Christina Care in Wilmington. I'm not sure, but I believe I got that mammogram there. I know for sure I got the results there, (that is something I will never forget). I signed in, and was lead down an unfinished hallway, on both side of the walls, was black plastic. I don't know what hell is, but I felt I was there. It must of being the longest walk of my life. At the end of that hallway was a doctor sitting at a desk, looking at a computer. She barley look up at me and ask me for my name and birth date. Once I answer her, she said, "I have to schedule you for a biopsy, your test shows that you have Cancer in your right breast" Just like that. WOW.

I was scheduled to have the biopsy at one of the Pavilions at Christina Hospital in Newark. The test results showed that I had Cancer in the right breast. A Lumpectomy was done, followed by 33 treatments of radiation. I started the treatments a week after the Lumpectomy. I went at 7:30 AM Monday through Friday to the Silverside Road clinic. I was fitted for the radiation vest. The treatment itself was just 5 to 10 minutes, but the effects were terrible. You see, I was only 115 pounds back then. The radiation burned me so

badly on my right side. And with each treatment I burned more. My skin was raw, black, and pink, and I was only given Lidocaine cream for the pain which stuck to my clothes. I was uncomfortable, frustrated, and weak. The Lumpectomy also left me with uneven breasts, which I despised, and reconstruction was never mentioned. I would complain about the discomfort, and several times I wanted to stop going, but the Staff at the clinic and my family just wanted me to finish the treatments. I remember when I did finish, one of the nurses told me the fitted radiation vest would always be there if my Cancer came back. I had no intention of coming back.

I was only 10 years into my career as a Field Social Worker. I was used to working 8 to 10 hours a day. Once that radiation did its job to me, I had no strength. I was allowed to work 4 hours in the afternoon, but only in-house until my treatments were done and I regained my strength. That bubbly spirit I had faded; this was just unreal to me. The next five years, I continued to get my scheduled mammograms, with all good results. I was Cancer free. I don't know, but something happened, when I just stopped getting mammograms. I know I was still bitter about the Cancer, how it all went down and how I was treated. I felt like I was going through this all alone. I continued to do my own breast exams, but I was angry about how I looked, and I let God know it too. My primary doctor and Christina Care would notify me when my next mammogram was coming up. I ignored them all.

Throughout the years, my life changed dramatically. I lost my mother, lost my home and I was having serious health problems. You see, I strayed away from God. I thought I was doing my own thing, and it was alright, but I was not. I was headed for trouble. I ended up having a stroke, then I was diagnosed with Diabetes 2, and high blood pressure. While lying in my hospital bed, I had to face reality, I needed God, and I needed Him now! I had stopped attending church. I knew there were churches in the community that were helping people with bills, well I truly needed help. I gathered all the bills I had, and I went from church to church. Some helped and others did not. I ended up at Canaan

Baptist Church. The members there asked me what I needed and at that time, I needed help with my electric bill. Once I gave them all my information, they made a phone call, and it was paid! Just like that! But something else happened, they allowed me to lead them in prayer, and I did. It felt good, it was pleasing to me. I found my Church!

My second battle with Cancer started at the end of 2023. I was driving in my car and a sharp pain went through my left breast. I remember saying, "O my God" I never felt a pain like that. I called my Primary doctor, and an appointment was made at Helen Graham Center. I was surprised how much technology had changed. When I was getting mammograms, the screen was not seen by patients. This time I could clearly see mine. I saw the small white specks surrounding my left breast. I saw the small but clumped together white specks on the bottom of my right breast, and there were white specks on the top of my right breast. I knew the Cancer had come back. I waited for that phone call, (yes, that phone call). My Primary doctor called me first and told me to return to the center to take another mammogram. I went in my room, and I prayed to God, what should I do? I then called my Pastor. There was no answer, but I left a message, and he called me back within 24 hours. I told him what I knew and after listening to me he said, "From this point going forward, everybody involved with your treatment will be blessed. Have faith and trust in God", and that's just what I did.

The next call came from a doctor at the center, and she said that I have Cancer in my right breast and unsure about the left, but a biopsy would determine that. I was scheduled that same week. I had both done the same day, one biopsy on the left and two on the right. The results came back, and I had Cancer in both breasts. My Surgeon told me that she could not save my right breast, but she would try to save my left breast, but only with aggressive radiation and chemo. I was just about to turn 64 years old. What would I have needed with cancerous breasts that were uneven? I decided to get a double mastectomy and hope for the best. Well, that's just what God gave me.

Now I know there will be questions to why I did not get my yearly screening. That does not matter to me at this point. I mean I can say, it was fear, denial, even the way and what I went through before. And I would never advise anyone to do what I did concerning their health and well-being. But I will advise, never to smoke, never be afraid to ask for help, and ask questions when unsure about your health, and most important, trust in God, He is always listening. Today, I'm in touch with God on a daily basis, sometimes moment to moment. I know only God kept me all those years while Cancer was dormant in my body. But somehow in my heart, I believe this was God's plan for me 20 years ago. The end results--my blessings just kept coming.

1. I was at zero stage when my second Cancer was discovered.
2. I had no cancerous lymph nodes on either side of my breasts.
3. My genetic testing showed I was not at risk to getting Cancer again.
4. I did not need Radiation or Chemo
5. I will be getting reconstruction on both breasts that will be even in size.
6. I only have to take one estrogen blocker for 5 years.
7. I have a praying Pastor, a praying church family, and loving family and friends.

You see only God knew how long the Cancer was in my body. God kept me; God saved me. And all I will say is, "Glory to God" for the rest of my life.

A Winning Percentage





Excerpt from my sermon series on Sunday, April 28, 2024



St. John 13:34-35
“The High Standard of Love”

I love the church--I love the traditions of the church. I love the Holy Spirit in the church. I love our worship. I love the music and the singing. I love

the church. I love the preaching, the teaching, and the reaching. I love its culture, and its ordinances, its beliefs, its doctrines, and dogma; I love the church, the Lord’s Supper, baptisms, the baby blessings. I love the fellowship. I love the people who make up the church—the Ph.D., the GED, and the no D; the haves, the have a littles, the have nots. I love the church, the seekers and the saved, the sinners and the saints. I love the church, its home and foreign missions, old and new members, families, old school, and new school,



the hip-hop and the holy. I love the church. I love its diversity, I love its food and cuisine, I love its kingdom



focus, I love the church, its style, its fashion, its flair, its Moxy. I love the church. I love its community impact to change people’s lives. I love our ability to have political empowerment, our social justice emphasis. I love the church, its militancy, its networking, and its possibility in ministry. I love the church. But most of all, I love the church because the love of Jesus is demonstrated in the church in tangible and amazing ways. I love the church because love is active in word and in deed. You can talk about it, but you must be about it. Beloved, both Jesus and John exemplified love at its best.

(The full sermon can be seen on the church’s website—Canaanbcde.org)

A WINNING PERCENTAGE

Richard S. Carter, Ed.D



John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Pastor Bullock preached recently on John 13:34-35. The main point was moving: Agape Love for others as a *command* from Jesus. As I considered the Biblical definition of Love, I felt inadequate to live out the

scripture.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV) **4** Love is patient and kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

The critical question, “Am I disciplined enough to have my actions toward others be emblematic of 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)?” has lingered. At first blush, my answer was, “No, nope, nunca.” How could I ever maintain such an expectation? I wonder if you felt similarly.

My mind went to baseball (and I do not know why). Hall of Famers strike out more than they hit. At my life’s end on Earth, what might my lifetime “Agape Love batting average” be? If I were as dynamic with Agape Love as Major League Baseball Legend and Civil Rights Icon Jackie Robinson was on the Diamond, my 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 percentage would be .311. I would fail 68.9% of the time, which is a humbling realization.

Perhaps GOD’S Grace, intent, and reflection are more important than “hits” with respect to being faithful to John 13: 34-35. Recently, I chose to take offense to a fellow Canaan saint’s word and responded as per my perception. A Canaan Mother challenged me to converse with the individual rather than battle. After approaching the saint and expressing myself, I realized that what I “heard” was not the speaker’s intent. We talked, I apologized, and made peace. Perhaps the living out of the Agape Love was in (1) the Canaan Mother’s coaching, (2) the saint’s patience, and (3) the grace afforded me. Batter up!



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YOUTH MINISTRY PLEDGE

ENGAGEMENT---I TIMOTHY 4:12

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

ENCOURAGEMENT—I PETER 2:9

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

EMPOWERMENT--II TIMOTHY 1:7

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

Meeting Recap



The Youth and Young Adult Ministry Team Leaders had an AMAZING time in the Lord meeting our new members at our meet-and-greet session! We had the opportunity to brainstorm ideas for the future of the ministry; Oh, the places we will go. We know there are great things to come, as the Bible says, “For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of

them.” Matthew 18:20 (KJV)

Please stay tuned for some additional information to be shared for our next meeting and future events!





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Thank you!

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