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**23RD  
ANNIVERSARY**

**MARCH 2026**

**Theme:  
AIMING TO  
PLEASE GOD**

**John 8:29**

**Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock**  
Editor-In-Chief  
**Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones**  
Managing Editor



Thank you for worshipping with us at Canaan Baptist Church. The corporate life of this congregation is the faithful witness of the vitality of service to be found in the Sunday worship experience. What we

do from Monday to Saturday speaks volumes about Canaan's commitment and dedication to Christ and our community.

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

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

### Canaan's Mission Statement

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

### Canaan's Core Values

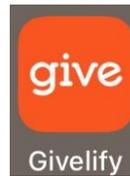
Congregational Intimacy (I Corinthians 13:13)  
Salvation for the Lost (John 3:16)  
Applied Christianity (James 2:14-20)  
Impact the Human Condition (Luke 4:18-19)

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

### WAYS TO GIVE

Several options to give of His Tithes and our offerings:

1. Deposit your offering envelope in the baskets located inside the sanctuary doors
2. Drop off a sealed offering envelope on Sundays from 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.
3. Send via U.S. Mail to:  
Canaan Baptist Church  
3011 New Castle Avenue  
New Castle, DE 19720
4. Transfer e-funds online via PayPal:  
[www.Paypalme.com/canaanbaptistde](http://www.Paypalme.com/canaanbaptistde)



Download and use the Givelify mobile app.

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

**Daylight Saving Time  
Sunday, March 8, 2026**



**First Day of Spring  
Thursday, March 20, 2026**

In the event of the death of a Canaan member or family member, please call:  
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Pastor Bullock - (302) 654-8240  
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## Greetings from the Editor's Desk



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CANAAN FAMILY!

“This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.” Psalm 118:23. How we thank and give God praise for 23 years of Doing Ministry for the Master.

### CANAAN NEWS STAFF

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### RESERVE CHURCH FACILITIES

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

### CELEBRATE THE SAINTS

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

## Canaan Baptist Church Leaders to Attend Homegoing Services for Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr.

NEW CASTLE, DE — February 27, 2026 —

Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, senior pastor of Canaan Baptist Church in New Castle, Delaware, and Rev. Dr. Debbie Strickling-Bullock, first lady and executive pastor, will travel to Chicago to attend the official homegoing services honoring the life and legacy of Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr. at the invitation of the Jackson family.

The public homegoing service will take place Friday, March 6, 2026, with doors opening at 9 a.m. at House of Hope Church, 752 E. 114th St., Chicago, Illinois.

Jackson, founder of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition and one of the most influential leaders of the modern civil rights movement, spent decades advocating for economic justice, voting rights and equal opportunity. His message to 'Keep Hope Alive' inspired generations of leaders, activists and faith communities around the world.

Memorial observances organized by the Jackson family reflect the breadth of Jackson’s life and service, including his devotion to family, ministry, civil rights leadership and lifelong commitment to justice, democracy and human dignity.

“Rev. Jackson was the political and prophetic bridge between Dr. King and President Obama. He was my mentor and personal friend for more than thirty years. Rev. Jackson’s impactful ministry made America **and the world better. His work must go on,**” said Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock.

Scripture reflection: “But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” — Amos 5:24.

Church leaders said attending the service is both a personal and pastoral moment of reflection as faith leaders from across the nation gather to celebrate Jackson’s extraordinary life and legacy.

# **ORDER OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**9:40 AM – Lent Service**

**10:00 AM - Call to Worship and Prayer**

Ministry in Music

Welcome of Visitors and Church Announcements

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offering

Ministry in Music

**A Word from the Word**

Invitation to New Life

(First Sunday—Holy Communion)

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

Benediction

## **Morning Hymn: "LIFT HIM UP"**

Verse 1

How to reach the masses, men of ev'ry birth  
For an answer Jesus gave the key  
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,  
Will draw all men unto Me."

Verse 2

Oh! The world is hungry for the Living Bread  
Lift the Savior up for them to see  
Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said,  
'I'll draw all me unto Me."

Verse 3

Don't exalt the preacher, don't exalt the pew  
Preach the Gospel simple, full and free  
Prove Him and you will find that promise is true  
"I'll draw all men unto Me."

Verse 4

Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought  
Let the world in you the Savior see  
Then men will gladly follow Him who once taught,  
"I'll draw all men unto me."

Refrain

Lift Him up, lift Him up, Still He speaks from eternity  
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth  
Will draw all men unto Me."

# 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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## 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 tithing (or tenth) is based on our income.

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

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

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

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

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."



# Canaan Baptist Church - Ministries



## MINISTRY

Benevolence  
 Canaan Business Network  
 Canaan For Life  
 Canaan News  
 Canaan's Kids Nursery  
 Christian Education  
 Church Virtual Library  
 Community Engagement  
 Deacons  
 Earl Gardner Transportation  
 Ernest and Yolanda Purnell Seniors  
 Rev. Dr. John Bailey Evangelism  
 Greeters  
 Health  
 Higher Ground Education  
 Emma Bordley Hospitality  
 International Cultural  
 Marriage  
 Membership  
 Men  
 Ministers  
 Music  
 Office Staff  
 Overcomers Outreach  
 Philippians/Pastor's Aid  
 Regena Manley Missionary  
 Rev. Dr. Paul Wilson GriefShare  
 Security  
 Sexton  
 Sexton  
 Sexton  
 Sexton  
 Sexton  
 Singles  
 Sisters of Canaan  
 Social Justice  
 Thomas L. Risher Veterans  
 Trustees Ministry  
 Ushers  
 Next G/Youth/Young Adult Ministry

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 Sis. Julie White  
 Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones  
 Sis. Linda Wells  
 Dean Valerie Hill  
 Deacon Alix Jefferson, Sr.  
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 Deacon James Bonds  
 Bro. Montgomery Byrd  
 Sis. Patricia Risher  
 Deacon Shebra Stafford  
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 Sis. Janice Grant  
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# CHURCH CALENDAR

1st Sunday, March 1	Pre-Worship Lent Liturgy Morning Worship Service – Voices of Canaan	9:40 AM 10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 3	GriefShare – Conference Room Respite Ministry Meeting GriefShare – Conference Room	10:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 4	Bible Study - Noonday– Hall of Faith Women’s Bible Study – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 5	Respite Ministry Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan – Sanctuary	1:00 PM 6:30 PM
Saturday, March 7	Church School Junior Ushers Meeting CPR Training – Hall of Faith Missionary Ministry – Zoom Meeting Funeral Service and Repast – Sis. Arnise Malcolm	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM TBA 12:00 Noon
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday, March 8	Pre-Worship Lent Liturgy Morning Worship Service – Men of Canaan	9:40 AM 10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 10	GriefShare – Conference Room Respite Care Ministry -Hall of Faith GriefShare – Conference Room Overcomers Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 11	Bible Study – Hall of Faith Women’s Bible Study – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 12	Choir Rehearsal – Mass Voices of Canaan– Sanctuary	6:30 PM
Saturday, March 14	Church School New Members Class – Sanctuary Men’s Ministry Fellowship – Hall of Faith Canaan for Life Ministry Meeting – Library	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday, March 15	Pre-Worship Lent Liturgy 23 <sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary - Morning Worship Service – Mass Voices of Canaan	9:40 AM 10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 17	GriefShare – Conference Room GriefShare – Conference Room Overcomers Ministry – Hall of Faith	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 18	Bible Study – Hall of Faith Women’s Bible Study – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 19	Food Truck Delivery Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	9:00 AM 6:30 PM
Friday, March 20	Sort and Packing – Food Truck – Hall of Faith	6:00 PM
Saturday, March 21	Church School Faithful Fitness Class – Hall of Faith	9:00 AM 10:30 AM
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, March 22	Pre-Worship Lent Liturgy Morning Worship Service – Men of Canaan Food Distribution – Hall of Faith	9:40 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM
Tuesday, March 24	GriefShare – Conference Room Respite Ministry Meeting GriefShare – Conference Room Overcomers Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 25	Bible Study – Hall of Faith Women’s Bible Study and Prayer Service	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 26	Choir Rehearsal – Next G/Y YA Mass Choir	6:30 PM
Friday, March 27	Quarterly Leadership Meeting – Hall of Faith	6:30 PM
Saturday, March 28	Church School CPR Training – Hall of Faith	9:00 AM 11:00 AM
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, March 29	Pre-Worship Lent Liturgy Morning Worship Service Next G/Y YA Chat ‘n Chew – Hall of Faith	9:40 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM
Tuesday, March 31	GriefShare – Conference Room GriefShare – Conference Room	10:00 AM 6:00 PM

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration**  
**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent – 9:40 AM**  
**Anniversary Worship Service – 10:00 AM**

**~~Church Anniversary Colors~~**  
**Black, Red and White**

**The Requested Donation ~**  
**Any amount of “23”**

**Anniversary envelopes will be available**

Music Ministry provided by the  
**MASS VOICES OF CANAAN—**  
All singers of Canaan are asked to participate  
**~~Rehearsal~~**

**Thursday, March 12 ~ 6:30 PM**

**OUR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY  
GUEST PREACHER  
DR. GEOFFREY V. GUNS**

Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns is a native of



Newport, Rhode Island, and the son of the late Rev. Quincey C. Guns and Dr. Frank Guns, a retired Baptist

pastor. A graduate of the Norfolk Public School System, Dr. Guns earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Norfolk State University in 1972. He served honorably as a U.S. Army Infantry Officer for six years.

In 1981, he received his Master of Divinity degree summa cum laude from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. He later earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from the School of Religion at Howard University in 1985.

Since June 1983, Dr. Guns has served as the Senior Pastor of Second Calvary Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia—a congregation known for its commitment to community service and global missions. Under his leadership, the church has become a dynamic force in both local and international ministry.

Dr. Guns is a former President of the Virginia Baptist State Convention (1997–2001) and has twice served as Moderator of the Tidewater Peninsula Baptist Association. He has been a dedicated faculty member of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education for over 32 years and currently serves as President of the Virginia Baptist State Congress of Christian Education. Additionally, he serves as Co-Chair of the Executive Council of Christian

Education for the NBC, USA, Inc., and works with the denomination's Home Mission Board. For ten years, he was State Director of Christian Education for the Virginia Baptist State Convention.

An avid advocate of mission work, Dr. Guns has traveled extensively throughout Israel, Turkey, Greece, Europe, Asia, and Africa, leading 65 short-term mission trips to Nigeria, Israel, Kenya, South Africa, Namibia, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Dr. Guns is a prolific writer and theologian. He has authored five books:

- Church Financial Management (Providence House, 1997)
- Spiritual Leadership: A Practical Guide to Developing Spiritual Leaders in the Church (Orman Press, 2000)
- Introduction to the Bible: An Easy-to-Read Guide to Its Origin and Purpose (Townsend Press, 2014)
- From Ruin to Restoration: A Study of the Prophetic Writings of Haggai (Townsend Press, 2018)
- Empowering Your Ministry (Townsend Press)

He has also contributed numerous articles to the Christian Education Informer and served as a Senior Writer for the Townsend Press Sunday School Commentary.

Dr. Guns is married to the former Rosetta Harding of Richmond, Virginia, a retired Social Worker who served for 30 years with Chesapeake Public Schools. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Kimberly Jackson, an educator and Rev. Nicole Patrice Guns, who currently serves as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana. Dr. and Mrs. Guns have two granddaughters, Kennedy and Sydney.

# Canaan's 2026 Lent Season Celebration

## February 18 – April 4

### The Way: Drawing Near by Following Jesus

*Teach us Your Way, O Lord, that we may walk in Your truth. — Psalm 86:11*

**Join Us For Our Annual Lenten Season Pre-Worship Liturgies**  
**Sundays, March 1 – 29 at 9:40 a.m.**

As we conclude Ordinary Time on the Christian calendar, we enter the sacred season of Lent, a season marked by reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent is a holy journey in which we follow Jesus, who declares Himself to be The Way. It is a deliberate turning toward God, trusting Him through life's wilderness seasons, walking by faith, embracing transformation, and choosing faithful obedience as we move toward the cross. This year's Lenten theme, "**The Way: Drawing Near by Following Jesus**," is grounded in the prayer of the psalmist: "Teach us Your way, O Lord, that we may walk in Your truth" (Psalm 86:11). That petition captures the heart of Lent. We are not merely observing a tradition; we are seeking instruction. We are asking God to order our steps according to His truth.

Lent may rightly be understood as a wilderness narrative of Matthew 4:1–11, mirror our Lord's 40-day fast and invite us to trust, and ultimate triumph. As we journey that discipleship is more than assent; it is over temptation, faith over fear, and surrender requires intentionality. It means turning especially when the path is unclear. It means desires, refine our character, and renew our



spiritual pilgrimage. Rooted in the these 40 days (excluding Sundays) walk with Him through testing, toward the cross, we are reminded obedience. It is choosing God's truth over self-will. To follow "the Way" toward God in every season, allowing Scripture to shape our minds.

Lent is not simply about relinquishing something temporarily; it is about realignment. It is about drawing nearer to Christ and conforming our lives more fully to His image, in spirit and in truth. As a united church family, we enter this season with prayerful and thoughtful commitments. Some may fast from particular foods, habits, or distractions. Others may dedicate additional time to prayer, Scripture, worship, and acts of service. Whatever the discipline, our shared aim is spiritual growth—removing what hinders our walk and embracing what draws us nearer to God. When Lent concludes, we do not revert to former patterns, but continue in the holy habits that have deepened our communion with Him. Lent also renews our understanding of stewardship. We recommit our time, talent, and treasure to the Lord. We strengthen our worship, cultivate meaningful fellowship, and expand our service in ministry. As we follow Jesus, the Way, we seek to reflect His character in our homes, our workplaces, our community, and through our witness to the world.

We invite you to join us each Sunday during Lent for our pre-worship liturgical experience, starting March 1st and culminating on Resurrection Sunday, April 5th, at 9:40 a.m. Through music, prayer, Scripture, and reflection—clothed in the liturgical color purple, a symbol of humility, repentance, and the royal identity of Christ—we will journey together toward the cross. May this Lenten season teach us His Way, anchor us in His truth, and transform us by His grace. May we walk in the Way, remain steadfast on the Way, refuse to stand in the Way of His will, and live wholly for the Way, for Jesus Christ is the Way.



**—Dr. Debbie Strickling-Bullock, First Lady and Executive Pastor**

## MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Valerie Hill, Dean and Ministry Leader

Rev. Pete Owen, Assistant Dean

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

Unit I: “Fulfilling Our Obligations to Neighbors”

### Lessons at a Glance

**Lesson 1 - March 1 - Recognizing Our Debt To Others:** Love Acts (Mark 12:28-34; James 2:14-17)

**Lesson 2 - March 8 - Keeping Fit For The Sake of Others:** *Physical and Spiritual Fitness* (Daniel 1:8-17; I Timothy 4:7-8)

**Lesson 3 - March 15 - Helping Neighbors In Need:** *Giving Generously* (Deut. 15:4-11; Matt. 25:42-45)

**Lesson 4 - March 22 - All Are One In Christ:** Putting An End To Prejudice and Discrimination (Acts 10:9-15, 30-35; Gal. 3:28-29)

**Lesson 5 - March 29 (Palm Sunday) - World Peace Through Mutual Understanding:** Understanding Leads to Peace (Isaiah 2:2-4; Acts 17:26-28)

*Source: 2025-2026 Townsend Press, Sunday School Commentary based on the International Lessons Series. 105th edition. King James Version/New International Version.*

### Christian Education Opportunities

#### **Saturday Church School for all ages**

Continental breakfast served from 9:00am-9:30am - Hall of Faith

Lesson study - 9:30am-10:30am

#### **New Members Class**

Every 2nd Saturday of the month - Sanctuary

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

Noon-1:00 pm - Hall of Faith

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

(If you pre-ordered and prepaid for a copy of the Bible study book “*The Red Sea Rules*” please pick it up in the Christian Education office after service).

**Weekly Sunday School Lesson** via YouTube presented by the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. - [youtube.com/@sundayschoollesson-at-a-glance](https://youtube.com/@sundayschoollesson-at-a-glance).

The Christian Education Ministry is looking for new members, please email [valeriehill157@gmail.com](mailto:valeriehill157@gmail.com) if you’d like to be a part of this ministry.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” – 2 Timothy 2:15

THE SISTERS OF CANAAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS

# *Her Story. Our Stories.*

## *God's Glory*

OUR BIBLE STUDY SERIES AND FELLOWSHIP

Join Us on March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, 2026 @6:30 PM

### *Women on Wednesdays*

- 6:30 p.m. Light Refreshments and Fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. Theme Scripture Reading and Prayer
- 7:05 p.m. Worship and Praise
- 7:15 p.m. Women in Study
- 8:30 p.m. Closing Prayer

### *Women's History Month*

"Her Story honors the women of the Bible. Our Stories invite contemporary women into the continuing narrative of faith and testimony. God's Glory remains central, keeping the emphasis on divine action rather than human achievement, while TV and movie titles serve as illustrative mirrors, bridges that illuminate Scripture without replacing it. From Housewives of the Bible to Sistas in Faith, from Waiting to Exhale to finding strength like The Woman King, our stories testify that God's Glory is revealed when women walk together in faith, truth, and courage."

"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts."  
— Psalm 145:4 (NRSV)

"For the Mighty One has done great things for me...  
From now on, all generations will call me blessed."  
— Luke 1:48-49 (NRSV)

## Phishing and Spear-Phishing

This month, March, we will discuss phishing and spear-phishing. Phishing is when someone sends fake emails, texts, or online messages that look real to trick you into giving away private information, like passwords, bank numbers, or codes. Spear-phishing is a special kind of phishing that focuses on one person or a small group, using details about their life to make the message seem more believable and trustworthy. These messages may pretend to be from your bank, a company you know, your job, your church, or even a family member or friend.



This topic is very **significant** because just one careless click can allow strangers to get into your computer, email, or bank account. They can steal money, view private messages, or pretend to be you to harm others. Churches and church members are often targeted because we tend to be kind, trusting, and willing to help.

To protect yourself, slow down and read every message carefully. Check the sender's email address, not just their name. Do not click links or open attachments unless you are sure they are real. When in doubt, call or speak to the person directly. Never share codes sent to your phone. If a message tries to make you feel rushed, scared, or pressured to act immediately, treat that as a warning sign and pause before responding.

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

## **Canaan Membership Announcement** **2025 Giving Statements Are Ready**

Thank you for your faithful giving throughout 2025. Year-end contribution statements have now been prepared for all members and friends of Canaan.

- Email statements were sent to everyone with a current email address on file.
- Printed statements are available for members without email or who prefer a mailed copy.
- If you did not receive your statement, or if any of your contact information has changed (email, mailing address, or phone number), please contact the Membership Office so we can update your record and resend your statement. Membership Office Email: [membership@canaanbcde.org](mailto:membership@canaanbcde.org) Church Office Phone: 302-654-8818.

## 2025 Year-End Giving Summary Snapshot

Category	Total
Total Givers	839
Total Statements Prepared ( $\geq$ \$249)	520
Email Statements Sent ( $\geq$ \$249)	320
Statements Mailed ( $\geq$ \$249)	200
Members Missing Email Address ( $\geq$ \$249)	91
Members Missing Mailing Address ( $\geq$ \$249)	15
Members Missing BOTH Email & Mailing Address ( $\geq$ \$249)	11

Thank you for helping us keep our records accurate and for supporting the ministry of Canaan Baptist Church.

HELLO  
**March**

WELCOME TO THE  
**NEXT G**

**MINISTRY**



**Mission:**

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

**II Timothy 1:6**

**YOUTH MINISTRY PLEDGE**

**ENGAGEMENT- I TIMOTHY 4:12**

I AM ENGAGED, BECAUSE I ALLOW NO ONE TO DESPISE MY YOUTH, BUT I AM AN EXAMPLE TO THE BELIEVERS IN WORD IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN SPIRIT, IN FAITH, AND IN PURITY

**ENCOURAGEMENT-I PETER 2:9**

I AM ENCOURAGED BECAUSE I AM A CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A PART OF A HOLY NATION, GOD'S OWN SPECIAL PEOPLE THAT I MAY PROCLAIM THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO CALLED ME OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT

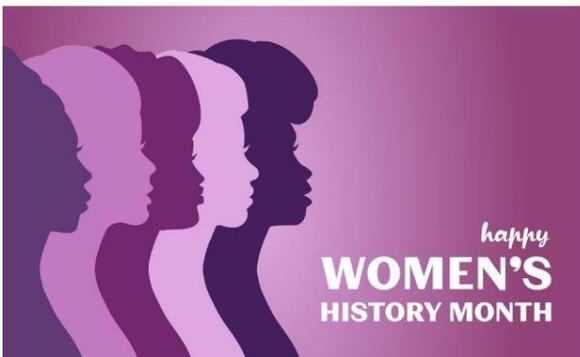
**EMPOWERMENT-II TIMOTHY 1:7**

I AM EMPOWERED, BECAUSE GOD HAS NOT GIVEN ME A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER, LOVE, AND A SOUND MIND

**“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**

**And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?**

**~John 11:25-26**



# Parent Chat & Chew

**When: Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: Hall of Faith**

**Time: Immediately following church service**

**Light refreshments will be served**



## HIGHER GROUND EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

### Call for High School and College Students

Please submit the following information for active Canaan members, age 26 or younger, who are graduating from high school or college in Spring 2026, as well as for students currently enrolled in higher education institutions. This information will be used for acknowledgment, recognition, and scholarship consideration.



- First and Last Name
- E-mail address
- Cell Phone number
- School/College
- Grade/Level
- Anticipated graduation date:
- Future Career Goals
- College Acceptance for Fall 2026

**Send all submissions to [DrDebBullock@outlook.com](mailto:DrDebBullock@outlook.com) by April 1, 2026**

**Scholarships may be available for college bound Canaan members who plan to attend Grambling University, Edinboro University and Wilmington University. Please contact Dr. Debbie for more information.**



**SCHOLARSHIP  
DONATION**



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 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: Higher Ground 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.



Respite Ministry of Canaan Baptist Church

# GRAND OPENING

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

**LOCATION:**

**Canaan Baptist Church  
3011 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, DE 19720**

Rev. Dr. Christopher A. Bullock, Sr. Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Debbie Bullock, Executive Pastor  
[www.canaanbcde.org](http://www.canaanbcde.org)



## WHO WE SERVE

**OLDER ADULTS** - with mild to moderate memory or medical impairments who would benefit from social engagement, structured activities and a caring environment. A variety of activities that are social, creative, intellectual, spiritual and recreational programming.

**THE CAREGIVERS** - Providing respite (an interval of rest or relief) for them, supporting theirs and the efforts of the family to keep their loved one in a home-like, loving environment, contributing to the quality of life of the participant as well as the family

**PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FEE IS \$40.00 PER DAY. SUBSIDIES MAY BE PROVIDED BY EASTERSEALS.**

**To learn more about the program, please email Patricia Risher at [pjrisher@verizon.net](mailto:pjrisher@verizon.net), or call the church at 302-654-8818**



**DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**  
Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities  
This program is supported by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award with 75 percentage funded by ACL/HHS and 25 percentage funded by the Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities.



Grief is a process that is different for everyone. Grief is not a “one-size fits all.” The five stages of grief come at different times in the healing process, and you may even experience repetitive stages.

During your grieving process you need someone to talk to, someone to listen, and periodically someone to share words of encouragement. Sharing is imperative to the healing process.

We will not claim forever pain, but ask God to replace Grief with grace, Regret with reassurance, Intense sorrow with increased awareness, Erratic behavior with emotional healing and Frustration with faith.

**Our First 13-week Session**  
**The Winter session**  
**February 3 through April 28, 2026**

**GriefShare Leaders**

Dr. Mimi Melchor (Day session)

Tamara Lewis, MSN FNP-C (Evening session)

Minister Ann Wilson (Chaplain)

Looking to enroll in a session, there will be signup sheets after service every Sunday for the month of January.

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

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time (ET)</b>
1 - Is This Normal?	Tue, Feb 03, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
2 - Your Grief Journey	Tue, Feb 10, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
3 - Loneliness & Sadness	Tue, Feb 17, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
4 - Self-Care	Tue, Feb 24, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
5 - Fearful and Overwhelmed	Tue, Mar 03, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
6 - Anger	Tue, Mar 10, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
7 - Regrets	Tue, Mar 17, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
8 - Grief and Your Household	Tue, Mar 24, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
9 - Grief and Your Friendships	Tue, Mar 31, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
10 - Questions for God	Tue, Apr 07, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
11 - Stuck in Grief	Tue, Apr 14, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
12 - Hope and Resilience	Tue, Apr 21, 2026	10a-12pm, 6pm-8pm
13 - What Do I Live for Now?	Tue, Apr 28, 2026	



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

“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the

Lord.” Colossians 3:16

**Music Ministry Opportunities:**

**Voices of Canaan**

All genres—psalms, hymns, spirituals, traditional and contemporary gospel music.

**Men of Canaan**

Bro. Wayne Jefferson, Director

**Next G/YYA Choir**

Ages 6-39 – Sis. Chelsia Ivey Douglas, Director

**MARCH SINGING SCHEDULE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, March 1 - Voices of Canaan (VOC)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, March 8 – Men of Canaan (MOC)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, March 15 – Mass Voices of Canaan
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, March 22 – Men of Canaan
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, March 29 – Next G/YYA Choir

**Rehearsal Schedule:**

- Thursday, March 5, 6:30 PM - MOC
- Thursday, March 12, 6:30 PM  
MASS VOICES OF CANAAN in preparation for the Church Anniversary

Thursday, March 19, 6:30 PM – MOC

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 PM – Next G/YYA

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

**Welcome**  
New Members

- Sis. Karama Ball
- Sis. Lisa Brown
- Sis. Shavon Brunson
- Sis. Dianna Judge
- Sis. Tamara Lewis
- Sis. Michelle Lowe
- Sis. Idajah Simpsons
- Sis. Leslie Small
- Minister Roslyn E. Whitehurst
- Minister Ann Wilson
- Youth:
- Scarlett Collins
- Naomi Graves
- Milan White



Scarlett Collins was baptized on Sunday, February 15, 2026

# Save the Date

Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

## The Annual Pre-Mother's Day Tea

### Honoring Our Mothers of Sacrifice

As we prepare, we will recognize and honor mothers who carry the sacred memory of a child who has gone on to be with the Lord, our Mothers of Sacrifice. We will set aside a special moment to acknowledge and celebrate your love, your resilience, and the legacy of your precious child.

**If you are a Mother of Sacrifice and would like to be honored, or if you would like to submit the name of a grieving mother who is a member of Canaan to be recognized, please contact Deacon Ebony Mays @ 302-252-6881 by April 5th, 2026.**

*With love and compassion.*

*The Sisters of Canaan Women's Ministry.*



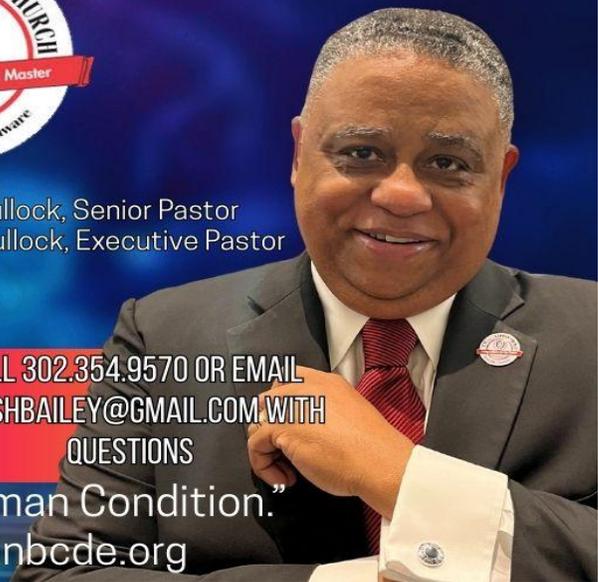
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3011 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, DE 19720 | 302.654.8818

# FOOD DISTRIBUTION BULLOCK FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers Needed:  
Thursday, March 19, 2026 - 9am - Receive Food Bank of DE Truck  
Friday, March 20, 2026 - 6pm - Sort and Assemble Food Baskets  
Sunday, March 22, 2026 - 11:30am - 1:30 pm



Rev. Dr. Christopher A. Bullock, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Debbie Strickling-Bullock, Executive Pastor



**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 22, 2026  
TIME: 12:00 PM**

CALL 302.354.9570 OR EMAIL  
DRKISHBAILEY@GMAIL.COM WITH  
QUESTIONS

“Impacting the Human Condition.”  
[www.canaanbcde.org](http://www.canaanbcde.org)

**WDEL**  
1150 AM and 101.7 FM Presents  
*Canaan On The Radio*  
Sundays @ 9 am

Brought to you through partnership with:

**MEN'S MINISTRY**  
**Bro. Rodney Davis, Ministry Leader**



Brothers,  
Members of The Delaware Prostate Cancer Coalition (DPCC) will be available to raise awareness and educate black men regarding new Prostate Cancer treatments. They will be here at Canaan on **Saturday, March 14, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**, in the Hall of Faith. Please come out and be informed about current treatment options. Food will be served.

"I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in good health" - 3 John 2

**UNITED IN FAITH ADULT SINGLES MINISTRY**  
**Rev. Vickie Gaines, Ministry Leader**  
Valentine's Fellowship at Firebirds





# WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY LEAD ABATEMENT TRAINING

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Wilmington Housing Authority (WHA) is recruiting participants for our Lead Abatement Training Program—a pathway to a career in environmental safety and construction remediation with immediate job opportunities upon completion.



### TRAINING PROGRAM OVERVIEW



#### 4-WEEK PAID TRAINING PROGRAM

- **Schedule:** Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (except for 5 days in Pennsauken, NJ: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
- **Training Location:** Mostly in Wilmington, DE (1 week in Pennsauken, NJ)
- **Transportation Provided:** Daily rides from home to training sites
- **Compensation:** \$15/hour during training
- **Meals:** Light lunches provided on training days



#### JOB PLACEMENT AFTER CERTIFICATION

- **Starting Wage:** \$20/hour (20-25 hours/week for at least 1 year)
- **Work Sites:** Lead remediation projects at WHA properties



### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



Must be at least 18 years old



Must pass a FIT Test (respiratory mask safety requirement)

- Clean-shaven face required (no beards/facial hair that interferes with mask seal)
- Respiratory conditions (COPD, asthma, etc.) may disqualify (no exceptions due to OSHA safety rules)
- Must complete a blood lead level test before working on-site

**NEXT TRAINING COHORT BEGINS: MARCH 23, 2026**

## HOW TO APPLY

Contact Wes Southall for more information about the Wilmington Housing Authority Lead Abatement Training Program.

✉ Email: [WSouthall@whadelaware.org](mailto:WSouthall@whadelaware.org)

☎ Call: 302-647-9549



WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY  
321 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, DE 19801





## Canaan Business Network Directory

Category	Name	Business Name	Email	Phone
Beauty	Tesha McDonald	Alternatives Beauty School	Director@AlternativesBeautySchool.com	302-468-6609
Beauty	Betty Mitchell	Mary Kay Cosmetics	bettymitchell45@gmail.com	302-521-7540
Beauty	Judy Sullivan	Nonny's Shea Butters	Naturalskincare24@gmail.com	973-885-3889
Books	Dr. Carol B. Amos		carol1de@aol.com	610-999-5221
Books	Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock	A Charge to Keep	DrDebBullock@outlook.com	302-654-8818
Books	Dr. Debbie Strickling-Bullock	It's All Good: Every Round Goes Higher	DrDebBullock@outlook.com	302-750-4761
Caregiving	Dominic Fisher	Silver Foxx LLC	Silverfoxxllc5@gmail.com	302-723-3902
Caregiving	Tracy Fisher	Silver Foxx LLC	Silverfoxxllc5@gmail.com	302-281-9496
Cleaning Services	Jimmy Porter	Jimmy's Pro Cleaning	Jimmysprocleaning426@gmail.com	302-377-9923
Commercial				
Clothing	Beverly Grant	Free Me Fashions	freemefashions@gmail.com	302-622-5308
Clothing	Beverly McKinney	Applause Fashions	applausef@gmail.com	302-897-6422
Communications	Edwina Bell	Community Communication Corp.	edwina.bell@yahoo.com	302-690-6679
Consulting	Ajawavi Ajavon	Ajaven Consulting Group	ajavonconsultinggroup@gmail.com	302-416-0205
Consulting	Kim Jennings	Sharpe Turns LLC	kjennings.sharpe@gmail.com	484-361-2413
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Event Planning	Leslie A. McClendon		lcp64tan@gmail.com	302-304-6348
Event Planning	Adrienne Stansbury	Enigma2Designs	aljohns1122@gmail.com	302-229-9053
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Photography	Derek Edwards	DWE Photographer	dwedwards1899@gmail.com	302-494-3393
Videography				302-762-3607
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Real Estate	Charna Parler-Porter	RE/MAX Associates	cprealtyfox@remax.com	302-437-5764
Real Estate	Rhonda Ruffin	Century 21 - Gold Key Realty	rhondaruffin@c21gk.com	302-538-0939
Real Estate	Lynette Scott	Presto Realty/Owner	lynettescott1@gmail.com	302-530-6928
Retail - Clothing	Beverly Grant	Free Me Fashion	Freemefashions@gmail.com	302-622-5308
Retail - Food	Arlene Brokenbrough	Chocolate-My-Pretzels	arleneb612@gmail.com	302-312-5319
Retail - Specialty Items	Linda Wells	Penny Creations	lindawells354@yahoo.com	267-349-0483
Therapy	Joseph Blue	Black Men Embracing Feelings	joseph.blue@blackmenembracingfeelings.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:

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

### Bible Trivia:

How well did you do with February's Trivia?

Below are the verses and answers:

1. Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the \_\_\_\_\_ to be tempted of the devil.
  - Wilderness (Matthew 4:1)
2. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Sea (Revelation 21:1)
3. No man can come to me, except the \_\_\_\_\_ which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
  - Father (John 6:44)
4. And saying, Where is the promise of his \_\_\_\_\_? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.
  - Coming (2 Peter 3:4)
5. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is \_\_\_\_\_ Lord.
  - One (Deuteronomy 6:4)

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

1. Now the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

2. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus.
3. Lay not up for yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.
4. And God said unto \_\_\_\_\_, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.
5. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the \_\_\_\_\_.



## CHURCH LIBRARY

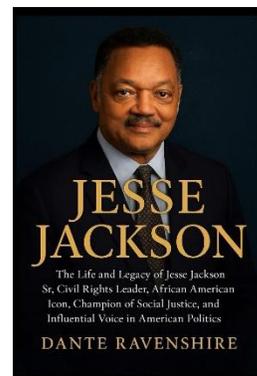
"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



**Deacon Alix Jefferson**  
Ministry Leader

### JESSE JACKSON: The Life and Legacy of Jesse Jackson Sr, Civil Rights Leader, African American Icon, Champion of Social Justice, and Influential Voice in American Politics

by Dante Ravenshire



Few figures in American history have inspired as much passion, admiration, and debate as Jesse Jackson Sr. From the segregated streets of Greenville, South Carolina, to the national stage of civil rights and politics, his life is a testament to courage, determination, and the

relentless pursuit of justice.

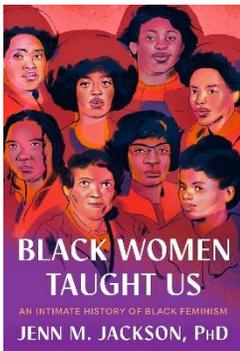
For decades, Jackson has stood at the forefront of the struggle for civil rights, fighting against inequality, racism, and social injustice. Yet many people know only fragments of his story: his campaigns for president, his speeches, or his work with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. What is often overlooked are the personal battles, the sacrifices,

and the relentless dedication that shaped him into an icon of African American leadership.

This biography offers readers a complete and compelling look at Jesse Jackson's life. It uncovers the man behind the headlines, detailing his early years, his rise as a civil rights leader, and his efforts to empower communities through initiatives like the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. You will follow him through the highs and lows of national politics, witness his personal triumphs and struggles, and gain a clear understanding of how his faith, family, and principles guided him through decades of activism

### **Black Women Taught Us: An Intimate History of Black Feminism**

by Jenn M. Jackson



This is my offering. My love letter to them, and to us.

Jenn M. Jackson, PhD, has been known to bring historical acuity to some of the most controversial topics in America today. Now, in their first book, Jackson applies their critical analysis

to the questions that have long energized their work: Why has Black women's freedom fighting been so overlooked throughout history, and what has our society lost because of our refusal to engage with our forestrugglers' lessons?

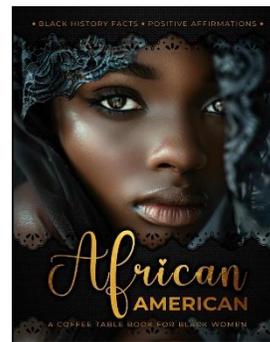
A love letter to those who have been minimized and forgotten, this collection repositions Black women's intellectual and political work at the center of today's liberation movements. Across eleven original essays that explore the legacy of Black women writers and leaders—from Harriet Jacobs and Ida B. Wells to the Combahee River Collective and Audre Lorde—Jackson sets the record straight about Black women's longtime movement organizing, theorizing, and coalition building in the name of racial, gender, and sexual justice in the United States and abroad. These essays show, in both critical and deeply personal terms, how Black women have been at the center of modern liberation movements despite the erasure and misrecognition of their efforts.

Jackson illustrates how Black women have frequently done the work of liberation at great risk to their lives and livelihoods.

For a new generation of movement organizers and co-strugglers, Black Women Taught Us serves as a reminder that Black women were the first ones to teach us how to fight racism, how to name that fight, and how to imagine a more just world for everyone.

### **African American: A Coffee Table Book for Black Women: Black Female History Facts and Positive Affirmations**

by Aurora Decor Press



Draw Strength from Black Heritage: Pursue Your Dreams and Achieve Your Goals. Discover Inspiring Stories, Empowering Affirmations, and Stunning Photography.

African American: A Coffee Table Book for Black Women with Black Female History Facts and Positive Affirmations is a one-of-a-kind publication that helps you celebrate the beauty, strength, and history of Black womanhood. This elegant book is not only a stylish decorative piece but also a source of inspiration, motivation, and knowledge, created for women who want to explore their rich heritage.

Inside this book, you'll discover:

Captivating facts from the history of Black women that motivate you to take on your challenges, break barriers, and achieve ambitious goals.

Positive affirmations uplift and empower you in your daily life.

Captivating images carefully selected to inspire and energize you.

Whether placed on your coffee table or gifted to a loved one, this book is a powerful reminder of the beauty and strength of Black women throughout history and today

# Band Together

## A Faith-Fueled Fitness Session

February 28, 2026 10:30 AM  
March 21, 2026 10:30 AM



Join us for a 60-minute faith-based group workout designed to promote physical health, community connection, and spiritual stewardship of our bodies.

Register by emailing Dwayne Adams– [adamsd7117@gmail.com](mailto:adamsd7117@gmail.com) or Pamela Moore– [DrPamm2020@gmail.com](mailto:DrPamm2020@gmail.com)



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Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor  
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“Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.”

✚ 3 John 1:2 (NIV):



Thank you for your kindness and sympathy during the loss of our Aunt Janice Stallings. Your cards and support from our church community meant so much to us during this difficult time. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

**Patricia Stallings, Stephanie Collins, Corey and Adrienne Stansbury**

Thank you to my church—especially the Benevolence and Missionary Ministries—for the thoughtful Christmas gifts. Your kindness made the season truly special, and I am deeply grateful. Missing you all,

**Doris A. Badson (MiMi)**

Happy New Year Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie and the deacons, thank you for the card and the gift. May heaven continually smile down on you and the Canaan Church Family.

**Brother Alverious Lamb**

I cannot thank you enough for all of the blessings and gifts that I received at the time of need. I thank God for each and every one of my Canaan Family—Rev. Daniels, Deacon Jeremiah Carter, Hospitality, Canaan Baptist Church Family and Pastor Bullock.

Love you all,

**L. Darlene Perry**

During our darkest days your messages, cards, text and gifts truly touched the Gumby family's heart. THANK YOU, Pastors Christopher and Debbie Bullock and The Canaan Family! The passing of SSGT Ronald E. Gumby, Sr. father of Dr. Linda Gumby and Sister/Neice Dr. Anna Gumby Krishnappa, members of Canaan, have been blessed to know you are praying and thinking of us through this difficult journey. "Because of Christ"

**The Gumby Family**

Pastor Bullock and Canaan Family, we want to express our appreciation for your prayers and many acts of kindness during our period of bereavement. Thank you. We are eternally grateful.

**Marian Camille and Kerwin "Boe" Ashe**

Blessed are the givers, and grateful are the receivers. Thank you so much.

**Coach Ernie Anderson**

Dear Pastor Bullock, on behalf of the family of Bernadette C. Weekes, I would like to express our thanks to all of those who performed services at my wife's funeral. The gracious spirit of the church members and your kindness throughout the day brought sunshine to the darkness of our hours. We will never forget the church's expressions of love and honor for my wife and will forever cherish the love and support we have received. Our gratitude goes out to Pastor Bullock for delivering the eulogy, Dr. Arvis Jones for the lovely organ music, the ushers acknowledging their quiet, faithful service in making the difficult day smoother, focusing on their hospitality, diligence and how they embodied Christ-like welcome, and the wonderful dinner after the service. Your presence, comforting words, and acts of kindness have helped my family through this challenging time and profoundly demonstrated the spirit of communal fellowship inherent at Canaan. Through these acts of genuine compassion and love, we experience God's grace and find the strength to face another day. May the peace and love of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Thank you once again for your generous hearts, and may God bless you all abundantly, Sincerely,

**Herbert E. Weekes**

To Dr. Bullock, Church Officers and Deacon Board, your thoughtful and special gift was very much appreciated. I am also touched by all the calls, cards and kind deeds from all the members. Canaan Church is a special blessing to me. I am grateful to be a part of this congregation. My prayer is that the church will continue to be a beacon of hope to all who come through the doors and a blessing to the community.

**Sis. Idel Wilson**

Pastor Bullock and Dr. Debbie, your thoughts and prayers helped ease the sorrow of the day and lifted our spirits in the passing of our uncle, James. Thanks so much during this difficult time. It is sincerely appreciated. Blessings,

**Sis. Deidre Crew and Family**

## CANAAN'S NURSES CORNER

### Nutrition and Colorectal Health (Nutrition Focus)



Scripture:  
“So whether you eat or drink,  
or whatever you do, do it all  
for the glory of God.” – 1  
Corinthians 10:31

#### Education:

What we eat plays a big role in digestive health. Diets rich in fiber (fruits, vegetables, beans, whole grains) support healthy digestion and may help lower the risk of colorectal cancer. Colorectal cancer often develops without early symptoms, which is why screening is so important. Adults 45 and older should talk with their healthcare provider about screening options. Those with a family history or higher risk may need to start earlier.

#### Colorectal Screening: What to Know

Screening finds problems early—sometimes even before cancer develops. Talk with your provider about which option is right for you:

- Colonoscopy (every 10 years if normal): Examines the entire colon and allows removal of polyps during the same visit.
- FIT Stool Test (yearly): Simple at-home test that checks for hidden blood.
- Stool DNA Test (every 1–3 years): At-home test that looks for blood and DNA changes linked to cancer.
- CT Colonography / Virtual Colonoscopy (every 5 years): CT scan to look for polyps (still requires bowel prep).

#### Try This This Month:

- Add one fruit or vegetable to every meal
- Choose whole grains over refined grains
- Drink water instead of sugary drinks
- Limit processed and fried foods
- If you're 45+, call your primary care provider to ask about colorectal screening

#### Recipe – Fiber-Rich Veggie & Bean Bowl:

- Sauté mixed vegetables + beans in olive oil with garlic and seasonings

- Serve over brown rice or quinoa
- This simple meal is high in fiber for digestive and heart health

#### Reflect and Respond:

1. How many fiber-rich foods did you eat yesterday? \_\_\_\_\_
2. One nutrition change I will try this week: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Am I up to date on colorectal screening?  Yes  No  Not sure

#### Delaware Resources:

- ChristianaCare Nutrition Services
- Delaware Division of Public Health – Healthy Eating Programs
- ChristianaCare Primary Care (to discuss screening options and referrals)

#### Nurse's Note:

Caring for your body through healthy eating and preventive screenings is an act of stewardship. Small daily choices and routine checkups can protect your health for the long run. Blessings,  
**Kelli McClendon-Brown, MSN, RN**  
Health Ministry

## STRESS MANAGEMENT



Do you ever feel like no one truly understands what you're going through? Like when life becomes overwhelming and feel as though you have nowhere to turn.

- Stress is a universal experience. There is both positive stress and negative stress, and everyone encounters it. However, ongoing or chronic stress can take a serious toll on your health. It has been associated with conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease, anxiety, and depression. Over time, chronic stress can weaken the immune system, disturb sleep, and even affect brain function and structure.
- While many people live with chronic stress, Black women often face additional layers due to systemic inequities, historical trauma, and cultural expectations (Wallace, Moore, &

Roller, 2023). Harmful stereotypes like the “Strong Black Woman” and the “Angry Black Woman” can intensify these pressures, encouraging emotional suppression and the tendency to overextend oneself.

- Unresolved trauma, difficulty setting healthy boundaries, and chaotic or demanding lifestyles can reinforce one another. This cycle may strain relationships and create patterns of stress that are hard to break. These wounds may begin in childhood or develop later in life, leaving individuals in a persistent state of heightened alertness and internal tension.
- For many Black women, cultural and family messages may promote self-sacrifice as a duty to loved ones or community. Over time, this can blur personal boundaries and make rest or self-care feel undeserved.
- If you recognize these symptoms in yourself, consider speaking with your healthcare provider. Support may include short-term medication, counseling, or a combination of both.
- Managing stress effectively involves a blend of physical, emotional, and behavioral strategies that strengthen resilience and enhance overall well-being. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), healthy coping techniques can improve emotional balance, reduce anxiety, sharpen focus, strengthen relationships, and lower the frequency of stressful episodes.
- **Key Stress Management Strategies**
- **Physical Activity:** Regular movement—such as walking, yoga, or tai chi—can elevate mood and lower stress hormones.
- **Mindfulness and Relaxation:** Deep breathing exercises, meditation, and guided imagery help calm the nervous system and slow the heart rate.
- **Lifestyle Habits:** Aim for 7–9 hours of sleep, maintain balanced nutrition, and limit alcohol and caffeine intake.

- **Time Management:** Prioritize tasks, break larger responsibilities into manageable steps, and practice saying “no” when demands become excessive.
- **Social Support:** Reach out to friends, family, or community groups to share your experiences and reduce feelings of isolation.
- **Cognitive Reframing:** Cultivate gratitude, release perfectionistic expectations, and maintain perspective during challenging times.
- You don’t have to navigate stress alone. With the right tools and support, it’s possible to interrupt harmful patterns and move toward greater balance and well-being.

One thing that we cannot forget is that GOD is here for us and sees what we are going through. We need to bring our problems to God with gratitude.

- **[Matthew 6:34](#) (NIV):** "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."
- **[1 Peter 5:7](#) (NIV):** "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."
- **[Psalm 55:22](#) (NIV):** "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken."
- **[John 14:27](#) (NIV):** "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid."
- **[Isaiah 41:10](#) (NIV):** "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

The **Women’s Ministry** is hosting a Fellowship Walk on the Riverfront this month to acknowledge African American Women’s Stress Awareness and Fitness Month. We would love to see you there! Peace and Blessings!

The Health Ministry

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

## Member Recognition

### MOBILE SUD THERAPY



Since May of 2025, CSP's Mobile Outpatient for Substance Use Disorder (Mobile OP SUD) program has been up and running. The program's objective is to "Increase access to addition services for underserved youth populations, and reduce common barriers, such as societal normalization

of cannabis and alcohol use, transpiration challenges, and stigma surrounding treatment." **Therapist, Vickie Gaines, LCPD**, makes services accessible to youth in the community setting in New Castle County. While she has been the sole provider, the company plans to expand the program to add more providers and expand services state-wide. Additional plans for the future include adding a TSF component, training, and strengthening relationships with schools.

Vickie provides some insight into what it's like being a Mobile SUD Therapist. Thank you, Vickie, for using your expertise in the field to serve youths in this program. You are making a difference every day.

What do you enjoy about being a Mobile SUD therapist?

"...being able to work toward engaging the client quickly. The rewards that come with the challenges of getting the clients to deposit in their personal recovery process are a great benefit to both me and the clients for their future endeavors.

**What are some of the biggest challenges?**

"...keeping the client motivated between sessions. There are so many deterrents clients run into between sessions ... which could cause them to easily defocus on their goals. Bringing them back around is key in helping them get back and stay on track."

Recent Success Story:

"One of my clients recently tested negative for THC three times in succession... this client has had so much to contend with... She meets with several

agencies during the week; yet never gives up. She continues to press forward. She is her own advocate when it comes to getting her needs met."

What advice do you have for someone interested in a career focused on SUD?

"By choosing this path, you become part of a dedicated network of professionals committed to making a positive difference in society... Every life matters. We cannot change the client but motivate and encourage the individual to want to make that change for their own overall mental health and well-being".

A Center for Mental Wellness Inc.  
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### LITTLE ACORN...



To Pastor Bullock,  
I wanted to share this picture with you...For Black History at his school, **Antonio Graves** (affectionately known as "**Tony**") chose to dress like his Pastor. He said he researched him in school yesterday and saw that Pastor Bullock was the first black male in Delaware to be president of County Council and said he wanted dress like his **Pastor** Bullock. He asked me to get his suit out and said he wants to be a Pastor and CEO of a church when he grows up!  
His Grandmother,  
**Sis. Anita Means**

## Church Member Training: How to Spot and Stop Email and Text Scams

Scammers often target churches because they know members trust their leaders. A few simple habits can protect you, your personal information, and our church family.

### Step 1: Pause Before You Act

If a message feels unexpected, urgent, or unusual, slow down. Scammers rely on quick reactions—your pause is your protection.

### Step 2: Inspect the Sender Carefully

Don't trust the display name alone. Always check the **actual email address** to confirm who really sent the message.

### How to Check the Actual Email Address

#### On a Computer (Gmail, Outlook.com, Yahoo, etc.)

- Open the email and look at the **From** line. You'll see a name (like *Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock*).
- **Hover your mouse over the name**—don't click.
- A small pop-up will show the **real email address**.
- If it doesn't end in **@canaanbcde.org**, or looks strange, treat it as suspicious.

#### On a Phone or Tablet

- Tap the sender's name at the top of the email.
- Your device will expand the header and show the **full email address**.
- If it's a Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, or anything other than **@canaanbcde.org**, be cautious.

#### What to Look For

- Misspellings
- Extra numbers or letters
- Free email services pretending to be staff (e.g., *pastor.name@gmail.com*)
- Anything that feels "off"

If the email address looks unusual, **stop and verify** before responding.

### Text Scam Alerts (SMS & iMessage)

Scammers also use text messages to impersonate pastors, ministries, or church staff. These messages often feel personal and urgent, but the same rules apply.

### Common Signs of a Text Scam

- The message claims to be from a pastor or leader but comes from an unfamiliar number
- Requests for **gift cards, money, or urgent help**
- Messages saying "I can't talk right now, just reply here"
- Poor grammar or unusual phrasing
- Unexpected links
- Pressure to respond quickly or secretly

### What to Do

- **Do not reply**
- **Do not click** any links
- **Do not send** gift cards, money, or personal information
- Contact the person directly using a **trusted phone number** already saved in your contacts
- Take a screenshot and report it to the church office

### Report Text Scams to Canaan

If a suspicious text claims to be from Canaan, mentions Canaan, or references church leadership, please forward a screenshot to **IT@canaanbcde.org**, or call **(302) 654-8818** and leave a message so the office is aware.

### Step 3: Verify the Request Independently

If an email or text asks for:

- Money
- Gift cards
- Personal information
- Copies of directories or member lists
- Anything confidential or urgent

### Do not reply.

Instead, contact the person directly using a trusted phone number or a known email address. A quick call can prevent a costly mistake.

## 🚫 Step 4: Don't Click Links or Open Attachments

Unexpected links or files can install harmful software or steal your information. If you weren't expecting it, don't open it.

## ⚠️ Step 5: Watch for Urgency or Pressure

Scammers often create a false crisis to push you into acting fast. Common red flags include:

- "I need gift cards right away."
- "This is confidential—respond immediately."
- "I can't talk right now, just do this quickly."

Urgency is one of the biggest warning signs.

## ✉️ Step 6: Report and Delete the Message

Use your email provider's **Report Phishing** or **Report Spam** button to help block similar messages in the future.

If the suspicious message (email or text) **claims to be from Canaan, mentions Canaan, or includes links pretending to be from Canaan**, please forward a copy or screenshot to **IT@canaanbcde.org**, or call **(302) 654-8818** and leave a message so the church office is aware of the scam attempt.

After reporting it, delete the message from your inbox or phone.

## 🎯 Common Scams Targeting Churches

### 1. Gift Card Scam

A scammer pretends to be a pastor or leader and asks you to buy gift cards "for someone in need." Church staff will **never** request gift cards by email or text.

### 2. Directory Scam

Someone posing as staff asks for a digital copy of the church directory. Never share member information without confirming with the church office.

### 3. Invoice or Donation Scam

Fake invoices or donation requests that look official but are not legitimate.

## ❤️ Final Reminder

If something feels "off," it probably is. Your caution protects you—and strengthens the safety of our entire church community.

## I NEED MY CHURCH

I am a part of the church—one among many—but I am one.

I need the church for the development of my spiritual life. I can't be what I need to be without the church.

The church may be human in its organization, but it is divine in its purpose. That purpose is to point people toward God.

Participating in the privileges of the church, I shall also share in its responsibilities, taking it upon myself to carry my fair share of the load, not grudgingly, but joyfully.

If I fail in my responsibilities, the church fails; if I succeed, the church succeeds.

I shall not wait to be drafted for service in my church. I shall volunteer, saying, "Here am I, send me."

I shall be loyal in my attendance, generous in my gifts, kind in my criticism, creative in my suggestions, loving in my attitudes.

I shall give to my church my interest, enthusiasm, and devotion—most of all, myself!

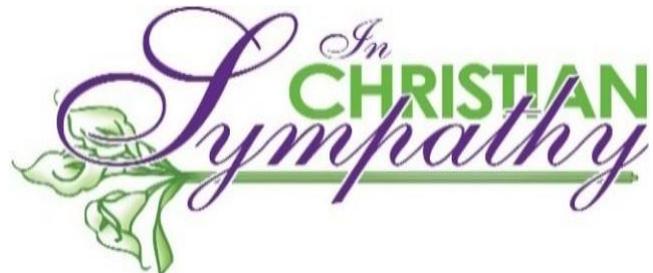


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**Bereavement:**

Stefan Small and Family  
 Dr. Carol Evans and Family  
 Rev. Linda Gumby and Family  
 Deacon James Bonds & Family



Our member, **Sis. Arnise (King) Malcolm**, **passed away** on Monday, February 23, 2026. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Canaan Baptist Church. Viewing at 12:00 Noon; Service at 1:00 PM. A repast will follow the service. Interment will be held Monday, March 9 at Gracelawn Cemetery. Cards and condolences may be sent to: Mr. Tyriq Malcolm (Arnise's husband), 3622 Washington Street, Wilmington, DE 19802; or Sis. Gwen Carter-King (Arnise's Mother) 619 W. 39<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, DE 19802.

Sis. Mary Jane Boyd passed away on Friday, February 20. She is the sister of our member, Sis. Gladys Boyd. Cards and condolences may be sent to: Sis. Gladys Boyd, 702 East Avenue, New Castle, DE 19720.

*Anniversary  
Blessings*



Happy 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
Lenny and Arlene Brokenbrough  
On March 2



Joe and Chauncey Moore  
celebrate their  
55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 13



Shelton and Lynnette Hudson  
Celebrate their 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary on  
March 23

# MARCH



**Sam Kirby**  
March 1



**Dr. Tracie Sellers**  
March 1



**Janelle Benson**  
March 2



**Sis. Sophia Smith**  
March 6



**Patricia Bayard**  
70 years on March 6



**Kimura Anderson**  
March 12



**Carolyn White**  
March 13



**Melanie Tolson**  
March 14



**Mother Maebelle Hicks**  
93 Years - March 18



**Darlene Ridgeway**  
March 19



**Caprice  
Coleman-Bradley**  
March 21



**Deirdre Crew**  
March 23



**Mother Elaine Wescott**  
March 27



**Benjamin Bullock**  
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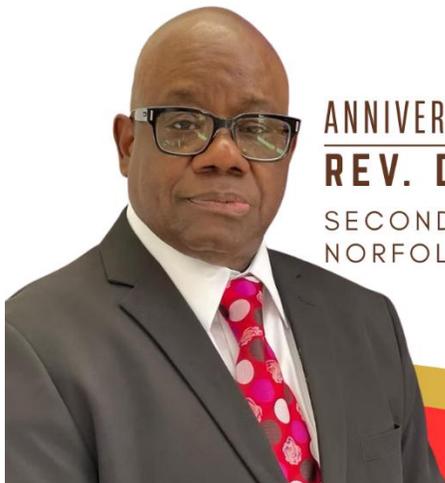
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**Celebrate in Worship 23 Years of  
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JOHN 8:29**



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