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Theme:
**AIMING TO
PLEASE GOD**
John 8:29

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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 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

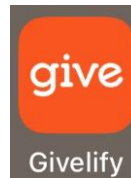
Congregational Intimacy (I Corinthians 13:13)
Salvation for the Lost (John 3:16)
Applied Christianity (James 2:14-20)
Impact the Human Condition (Luke 4:18-19)

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:

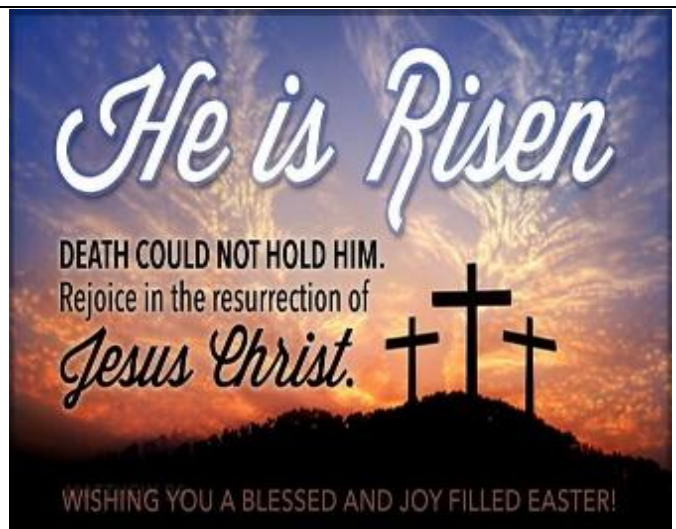
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2. Drop off a sealed offering envelope on Sundays from 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.
3. Send via U.S. Mail to:
Canaan Baptist Church
3011 New Castle Avenue
New Castle, DE 19720
4. Transfer e-funds online via PayPal:
www.Paypalme.com/canaanbaptistde



Download and use the Givelify mobile app.

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

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
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Greetings from the Editor's Desk



“HE IS RISEN! Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives, all fear is gone; because I know who holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives!” The resurrection signifies the promise of redemption, the forgiveness of sin, and eternal life for those who choose to follow Him. May our hearts be filled with hope, peace, and love as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

This month's issue of the Canaan News is full of church announcements, activities, events, ministry news and community activities. Our ministries are actively doing ministry for the Master, and we are excited to see what God is doing through us. Thank you to our contributors, ministry leaders, ministry servants.

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RESERVED

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 20th to: CanaanNews3011@gmail.com.

ROBOCALLS

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

Canaan's Kids

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



Linda Wells, Ministry Leader.



Autism Awareness Day
Sunday, April 19, 2026
Please wear BLUE

ORDER OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
7:30 AM – Early Worship Service – Resurrection Sunday
10:00 AM – Worship Service
Call to Worship and Prayer

Ministry in Music
Welcome of Visitors and Church Announcements
Giving of His Tithes and Our Offering
Ministry in Music
A Word from the Word
Invitation to New Life
(First Sunday—Holy Communion)
Closing Selection – "Heal the Land"
Benediction

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (At the Cross)”

Verse 1

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head, for such a worm as I.

Verse 2

Was it for crimes that I had done, He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Verse 3

But drops of grief can ne'er repay, the debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'Tis all that I can do.

Refrain

At the cross, at the cross
Where I first saw the light
And the burden of my heart rolled away
It was there by faith
I received my sight
And now I am happy all the day!

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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and the American Baptist Churches USA.



TITHING CALCULATOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Canaan Baptist Church - Ministries



MINISTRY

Benevolence
 Canaan Business Network
 Canaan For Life Cancer
 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
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 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.
 Dr. Nakishia Bailey
 Deacon James Bonds
 Bro. Montgomery Byrd
 Sis. Patricia Risher
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 Sis. Jennifer Grace-Umoete
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 Deacon Henry Carroll
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April

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 1	Bible Study - Noonday– Hall of Faith Bible Study - Evening – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 2	Mass Voices of Canaan Rehearsal – ALL CHOIRS ICUA Ushers Meeting – Hall of Faith	6:30 PM 7:00 PM
Friday, April 3	Good Friday Service, Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington Rev. Dr. Debbie Bullock – Preacher - 7 th Word	8:00 AM
Saturday, April 4	Church School Funeral Service/Repast – Mr. Howard Donzell Jones	9:00 AM 12 Noon/1:00 PM
1st Sunday, April 5	Easter/Resurrection Sunday – TWO SERVICES Early Worship Service Breakfast – Hall of Faith 2 nd Worship Service	7:30 AM 8:45 AM 10:00 AM
Tuesday, April 7	GriefShare – Conference Room GriefShare – Conference Room	10:00 AM 6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 8	Bible Study - Noonday– Hall of Faith Bible Study - Evening – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 9	Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan – Sanctuary	6:30 PM
Saturday, April 11	Church School w/ Breakfast New Members Class - Sanctuary Canaan For Life Cancer Ministry – Library Junior Ushers Meeting - Sanctuary	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM
2 nd Sunday, April 12	Morning Worship Service – Men of Canaan	10:00 AM
Tuesday, April 14	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, April 15	Kitchen Cleaning Evening Bible Study - Sanctuary	All Day 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 16	Kitchen Cleaning Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan– Sanctuary	All Day 6:30 PM
Friday, April 17	Kitchen Cleaning	All Day
Saturday, April 18	Church School	9:00 AM
3 rd Sunday, April 19	Morning Worship Service – Voices of Canaan	10:00 AM
Tuesday, April 21	GriefShare – Conference Room GriefShare – Conference Room Men’s Ministry – Hall of Faith	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 22	Noon Day Bible Study – Hall of Faith Evening Bible Study – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 23	Food Truck Delivery Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	9:00 AM 6:30 PM
Friday, April 24	Sort and Packing – Food Truck – Hall of Faith Marriage Ministry Meeting	6:00 PM 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 25	Church School CPR Class	9:00 AM 11:00 AM
4 th Sunday, April 26	Morning Worship Service – Men of Canaan Food Distribution – Hall of Faith	10:00 AM 11:30 AM
Tuesday, April 28	GriefShare – Conference Room Respite Care - Sanctuary GriefShare – Conference Room Overcomers Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 29	Noon Day Bible Study – Hall of Faith Evening Bible Study – Hall of Faith	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 30	Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan	6:30 PM

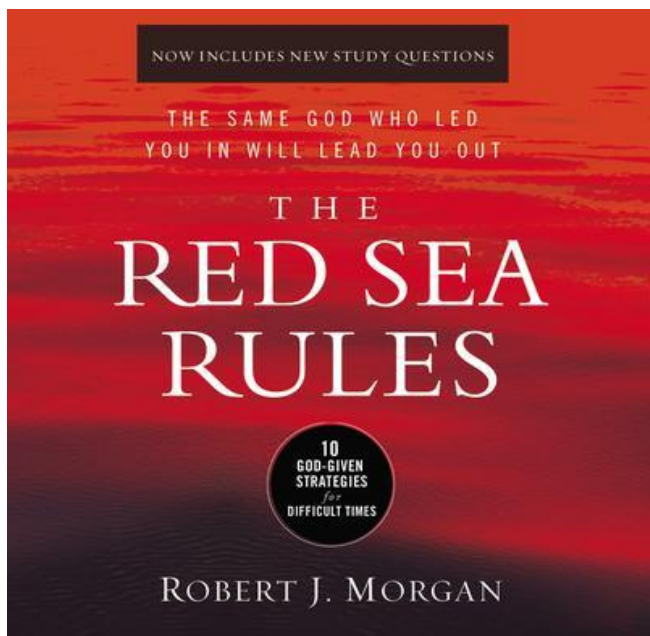


This Is Why We Must Vote: President Trumps Policies That Impact African- Americans

1. Total Elimination of DEI
2. National Abortion Ban
3. Elimination of the Department of Education's DEI Framework
4. Weaponization of the Justice System
5. Eliminating Head Start
6. Reclassifying Federal Employees as At-Will
7. Reset the Department of Housing and Urban Development
8. Privatizing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac
9. Ending Efforts to Count All Residents in the Census
10. Small Business Administration Ends Direct Lending Priorities for Women and People of Color

Full article--The Philadelphia Tribune, Sherry Stone Tribune Staff Writer March 21, 2026
Tribune Acting Managing Editor Johann Calhoun also contributed to this report with references to the 2024 Tribune report written by Christina Kristofic.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY with PastorBullock



Bestselling author Robert Morgan offers ten strategies for dealing with hard times and discouragements in order to move from fear to faith—a divine protocol for handling life. *The Red Sea Rules* has been updated with new study questions.

Life is hard, especially for Christians. It is certain that we will face difficulties and that God will allow them. But just as certain is the fact that the same God who led us in will lead us out. As *The Red Sea Rules* makes comfortingly clear, He is in control

The Red Sea Rules reveals that even in the midst of seemingly impossible situations, God promises to make a way for us. His loving guidance will protect us through danger, illness, marital strife, financial problems, or whatever challenges Satan places in our path.



PALM
SUNDAY



MAUNDY
thursday

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FRIDAY

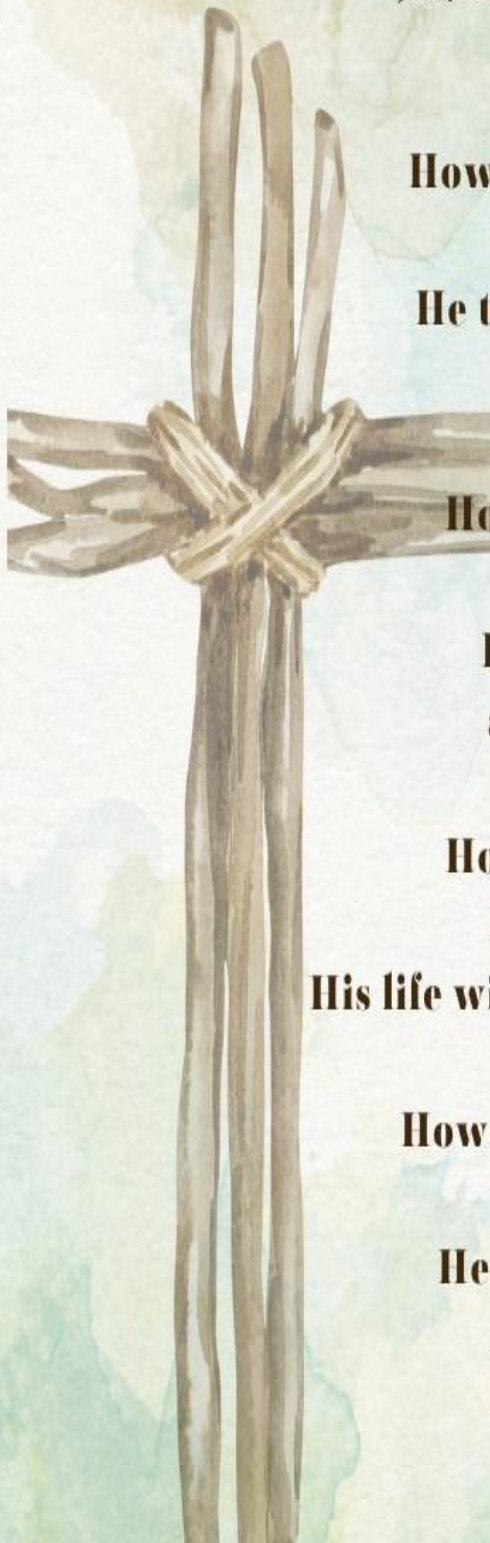


HE IS RISEN!



HOLY
SATURDAY

easter
SUNDAY



**How do I know that Christ is risen?
What proof have I to give?
He touched my life one blessed day
And I began to live.**

**How do I know he left the tomb
That morning long ago?
I met Him just this morning
and my heart is still aglow.**

**How do I know that endless life
He gained for me that day?
His life within is proof enough of immortality.**

**How do I know that Christ still lives
Rich blessings to impart?
He walks with me along the way
And lives within my heart.**

— Author unknown

Resurrection Sunday

20TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY

7 LAST WORDS



APR. 3
7:30AM

Rev. Dr. Debbie Strickling-Bullock • Pastor Lucette Smith • Rev. Keisha Dukes
Rev. Farah Gaskins • Rev. Shysheika C. Edwards
Rev. Dr. Natalie Alford • Rev. Alyce Husser



SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
215 W. 23rd Street, Wilmington, DE 19802
Rev. Dr. Dray A Bland, Host Pastor

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER ALAN BULLOCK, PASTOR
CHURCHWIDE PRAYER SERVICE



**WEDNESDAY
EVENING
APRIL 29, 2026
6:30 PM**



**The Power of Prevailing Prayer: Ask, Seek and Knock
Matthew 7:7-8**

DEACONS MINISTRY
Deacon James Bonds, Ministry Leader

Baptism of Bro. Everett W. Bruce on Sunday March 22, 2026



Baptism of Sis. Marquisha Horn on Sunday, March 29, 2026



Thomas L. Risher Veterans Ministry
Making a Difference
Bro. Albert Grant, Ministry Leader



Kudos to our Canaan member (Sis.) SFC Pamela Cotman (Retired) who received recognition at the 76ers Military Salute on March 25, 2026. The Sixers played against the Bulls during that event.

Sis Cotman and Bro. Johnnie Singleton will be recognized for their over 700 hours of volunteer work at the Wilmington VA Hospital during 2025.

Veterans Ministry Polo Shirts

The shirts will be worn during our annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day services. Please contact Deacon Mattie Helm to place orders and to see the shirts. The deadline is May 3, 2026. Price is \$48.25 each and \$50.95 for XXL sizes.

We are looking to host another trip to Dover Air Force Base in the very near future. The trip will consist of a tour of the Base. To gain entry to the facility, a valid ID and a sponsor are required if you are not Active or Retired military with ID.

The tour will consist of a visit to the Air Terminal, Base Exchange, Housing and Rec areas, including the Air Mobility Museum tour. Transportation will be provided from Canaan to and from the base. Please contact Sis. Pamela Cotman, (302) 559-7650 to sign up for the trip.



Congratulations!

41st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. College
of Ministers and Laity

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We celebrate and honor

Drs. Christopher Alan Bullock and Debbie Strickling-Bullock

Pastor and First Lady/Executive Pastor
Canaan Baptist Church of Delaware



Induction Ceremony

Thursday, April 9, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel
Morehouse College
830 Westview Drive, SW
Atlanta, GA 30314

F. DuBois Bowman '92, Ph.D., 13th President
Lawrence Edward Carter Sr., Ph.D., Founding Dean

**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 II: “Fulfilling Our Obligations to Family and Community”

Lessons at a Glance

Lesson 6 - April 5 (Easter) - The Future Life: Thoughts on Life and Death (I Cor. 15:13-20, 51-58)

Lesson 7 - April 12 - Respect For Rightful Authority: *Whose Rules Rule?* (Mark 12:17; Romans 13:1, 6-8; I Peter 2:13-17)

Lesson 8 - April 19 - The Child in a Christian World: The Beauty of Dependence (Mark 9:36-37, 42; 10:13-16)

Lesson 9 - April 26 - The Christian Home in a Modern World: Love that Shapes Society (Deut. 6:3-9; Matthew 19:3-9)

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

Christian Education Opportunities

Saturday Church School for all ages

Continental breakfast served from 9:00-9:30 AM in the Hall of Faith

Lesson study - 9:30-10:30 AM

New Members Class

Every 2nd Saturday of the month - Sanctuary

Wednesday Midday Bible Study

Noon-1:00 PM - Hall of Faith

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30 PM

Hall of Faith

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

The Christian Education Ministry is looking for new members, please email:

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 Christian Education Ministry thanks everyone for supporting the Wednesday Mid-day Bible Study.

April's Bible Study focus will be “**The Book of Romans.**”

We will begin a Survey of Romans. Come out from 12:00 noon -1:00 PM, Wednesday April 8, 2026. Led by the Holy Spirit, we will together allow God’s Word to search our hearts, stretch our minds, and strengthen our spiritual walk of faith.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a worker that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Thank you, Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie, Dean Hill, Sis. Deb Piner, and Canaan’s Sexton Ministry for your encouragement and administrative support.

Rev. Pete Owen

“For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:12,13 NKJV



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/YA Choir**
Ages 6-39 – Sis. Chelsia Ivey Douglas, Director

APRIL SINGING SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday, April 5 - Voices of Canaan (VOC)
- 2nd Sunday, April 12 – Men of Canaan (MOC)
- 3rd Sunday, April 19 – Mass Voices of Canaan
- 4th Sunday, April 26 – Men of Canaan

Rehearsal Schedule:

- Thursday, April 2, 6:30 PM
– Mass Voices of Canaan
- Thursday, April 9, 6:30 PM – Men of Canaan
- Thursday, April 16, 6:30 PM
– Voices of Canaan
- Thursday, April 26, 6:30 PM - Men of Canaan

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

MARRIED COUPLES MINISTRY
Deacon Isaac and Sis. Lorraine Perry
Ministry Leaders



The **Married Couples Ministry** warmly invites all married couples, engaged couples, and couples contemplating marriage to attend our next Married Couples Session on **Friday, April 24, 2026, in the Hall of Faith, 6:00 - 8:00 PM.** A meal

will be served prior to the session. We are requesting a \$20 donation per couple to assist with the cost of the meal. Sister Perry will be collecting donations before and after Sunday services through April 19.

Please consider joining this growing ministry and contact either of us. Come expecting a blessing—and to be a blessing! Our theme: “Making Good Marriages Better.” Matthew 19:6: “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” We are excited about what the Lord has in store for the Married Couples Ministry!



In honor of Mother’s Day, celebrate Mothers, Sunday, May 10, 2026, with a slideshow presentation. Send a photo of your mother, your family and you to the editor to CanaanNews3011@gmail.com. **All photos MUST BE SUBMITTED BY May 1, 2025.!**



Canaan Baptist Church
Dr. Christopher A. Bullock, Pastor

**2026 HIGHER GROUND EDUCATION MINISTRY
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Canaan Baptist Church Higher Ground Education Ministry is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited institution of higher education, as well as for current college students. These scholarships will be awarded based on fund availability, overall GPA, active involvement in Ministry, and the quality of the essay (evaluated for content, format, flow, spelling, punctuation, grammar, etc.). If awarded, scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the educational institution.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (☑)

- An active member of Canaan Baptist Church with Right Hand of Fellowship, regular attendance, and ministry involvement.
- Graduating high school senior or currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education.
- Participation in a virtual group interview with the Higher Ground Scholarship Ministry.
- *Full completion and electronic submission of the following documents – consolidated into one PDF:**
 - Scholarship application
 - Official high school/college transcript
 - Proof of enrollment in the upcoming Fall semester
 - Student account statement with Student Identification Number (SID)
 - Professional letter of recommendation from school/college personnel on letterhead
 - College Acceptance Letter on official letterhead (for high school seniors)
 - Professional Resume; AND
 - Essay describing Canaan Baptist Church attendance, ministry involvement, spiritual growth in the last three years, career aspirations, and plans for continued ministry involvement and spiritual growth while attending college. The essay must be **ONE PAGE ONLY**, double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-pitch font with one-inch margins.
 - Professional photograph only – no selfies.

NOTE: All scholarship application documents must be neatly scanned in ONE PDF document (please do not send multiple file attachments) and e-mailed to DrDebBullock@outlook.com by 12 PM on Sunday, May 24th – NO EXCEPTIONS.

**Canaan Baptist Church Higher Education Ministry
Scholarship Application**

Type/Print legibly using blue/black ink; attach "official" professional graduate photo for publication.

Full Name _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Name of High School and Graduation Year: _____

Name and address of college/university and primary course of study:

Cumulative GPA: _____ Major Course of Study: _____

Honors / Awards / Activities: _____

Date joined the Canaan Baptist Church: _____

Church attendance and ministry involvement

Ministry Leader(s) for Verification of Ministry Involvement _____

CERTIFICATION

I, _____ (print full first and name), hereby certify that the information contained in this scholarship application is true to the best of my knowledge. I realize that if any information I provide is incomplete, false, or incorrect, or if the required documentation is not submitted on or before the established deadline, I will not be eligible for a scholarship award. I further understand that by signing below, I give the Canaan Baptist Church Higher Ground Education Scholarship Ministry permission to review my application, transcript, and other application documents for scholarship award consideration purposes and permission to publish and/or use verbal/written language and/or photographs and videos of me for display and public relations media. Finally, if awarded the scholarship, I will acknowledge receipt and provide the Ministry with written periodic updates regarding my higher education progress.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION

The Higher Ground Education and Scholarship Ministry will recognize the academic achievements of K-12 students and 2025-2026 high school and college graduates who are members of Canaan Baptist Church. If you are a member of Canaan and you would like to be recognized for your significant achievements or as a high school or college graduate age 26 or younger, **please complete and submit this form along with an OFFICIAL SCHOOL/GRADUATE PHOTOGRAPH ONLY (NO SELFIE) for publication, neatly scanned via e-mail to DrDebBullock@outlook.com by Sunday, May 24, 2026.**

(Please print)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____ Email: _____

School/College Name: _____

Grade/Class Level: _____

GPA and Significant "Academic" Achievements: _____

Major(s) and Degree(s) Awarded: _____

Honors, Special Recognitions, etc.: _____

Future Educational / Career Goals: _____

Employer: _____

Position Title: _____

Canaan Worship Attendance and Ministry Involvement / Statement of Spiritual Growth:

Is the official School/Graduate photograph attached for publication? Yes(no selfie) No

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date Submitted



Drs. Christopher and Debbie Bullock
Pastor and First Lady/ Executive Pastor
SISTERS OF CANAAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY Present

The Second Annual
Pre-Mother's Day High Tea
"Hope Still Blooms"
Honoring Mothers of Sacrifice



Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 1:00 p.m.
Canaan Baptist Church – Hall of Faith
3011 New Castle Avenue | New Castle, Delaware

*May the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace
as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with Hope
by the Power of the Holy Spirit. — Romans 15:13*



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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 experience repetitive stages.

During your grieving process you need someone to talk to, someone to lend a listening ear, 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.

**The Spring/Summer Session
May 5 through July 28, 2026**

1 - Is This Normal?	Tuesday, May 05, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
2 - Your Grief Journey	Tuesday, May 12, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
3 - Loneliness & Sadness	Tuesday, May 19, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
4 - Self-Care	Tuesday, May 26, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
5 - Fearful & Overwhelmed	Tuesday, June 02, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
6 - Anger	Tuesday, June 09, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
7 - Regrets	Tuesday, June 16, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
8 - Grief & Your Household	Tuesday, June 23, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
9 - Grief & Your Friendships	Tuesday, June 30, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
10 - Questions for God	Tuesday, July 07, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
11 - Stuck in Grief	Tuesday, July 14, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
12 - Hope & Resilience	Tuesday, July 21, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p
13 - What Do I Live for Now?	Tuesday, July 28, 2026	10a–12p, 6p-8p

GriefShare Leaders

Dr. Mimi Melchor (Day)

Tamara Lewis, MSN FNE-A FNP-C CEN (Evening)

Minister Ann Wilson, (Chaplain)

Looking to enroll in a session, there will be sign-up sheets after church every Sunday for the month of April.

Meeting Schedule – You are encouraged to join us any week. Sessions are self-contained.

April



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 AND YOUNG ADULT 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

Happy Spring!

"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in desert."

~ Isaiah 43:19

KJV

You're Invited!

Calling ALL Young Adults!

Young adults ages 25–39 are invited to join us for fun and exciting upcoming meetups and events! This is a great opportunity to connect, build community, and stay engaged. To stay up to date on all the latest news and event details, be sure to join our GroupMe and follow us on social media.



GROUPME



Instagram



Google Form

Let's get to know you!

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 15, 2026

**REFILLED AND RENEWED:
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT
NIGHT IN**

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 31, 2026

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT
SUNDAY
DATES FOR CHOIR REHEARSAL
TBD**





Canaan Baptist Church

Bullock Food Pantry

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

Drive-Thru Giveaway

 **Sunday, April 26, 2026**

 **11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

While supplies last

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Thurs 4/23 | 9 AM – 12 PM**
Receive Truck
- **Fri 4/24 | 6 PM – 8 PM**
Assemble Baskets
- **Sun 4/26 | After Service**
Assist with Distribution

Community Partners:

- Food Bank of Delaware
- Dot Foods (Bear, DE)
- Kenny Family Foundation
- Delaware Department of Corrections



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



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We Have Lift Off!

The launch of the Together We Care Respite Ministry was wonderful! On our very first day, we welcomed five caretakers; each one walking in carrying the weight of caregiving but leaving a little lighter. While this ministry is designed with caregivers in mind, giving them a much-needed breather, it was clear our participants needed this just as much. For many seniors, loneliness is a quiet companion, and chances to connect are rare. Watching them laugh, swap stories, and spark up friendships in a space that felt like home was a joy in itself.

The day was filled with lively games, heartfelt conversations, and plenty of moments shared over lunch. Our Purnell Senior Ministry volunteers set the tone, bringing their energy and warmth to every activity. You could see it on everyone's face—this was more than just a program; it was a new source of happiness.

Respite is a lifeline for caregivers. It lets them step away, whether to work, to rest, or simply to breathe. And when they returned, you could feel the relief and gratitude in the room. Nothing compares to seeing your loved one's face light up with genuine joy.

If you know a caregiver who could use a break— or if you'd like to join our growing team of volunteers— please spread the word about Together We Care. Respite grants are available, and every helping hand makes a difference. We're grateful for this ministry and for every person who makes it possible. To God be the Glory!



**TOGETHER
WE CARE**

Respite Ministry of
Canaan Baptist Church



OVERCOMERS MINISTRY

Rev. Robert Daniels, Director/Coordinator



Ministry Update--From the beginning of January 2025 through March 2026, the Substance Abuse Ministry celebrated 20 anniversaries starting at 2 years up to 35 years. Our ministers and facilitators are serious about carrying the message how the

Lord brought them out of the darkness of their dependency into His marvelous light.

The Apostle Paul's contrast between the old covenant (the law of Moses) and the new covenant (salvation through Jesus Christ). (2 Corinthians 3:6-16)

The new covenant that this scripture speaks of is also applicable to the recovery process. This spiritual glow you see on our faces is the beginning of a spiritual transformation; no longer worshipping the higher power of recovery, but allowing ourselves to be shaped, mended, and molded into the character of Jesus Christ who is the true God of recovery.

Clients who require a long-term inpatient program will be referred to a Christian or a secular treatment program. Most treatment programs require clients to schedule a physical with their primary care provider prior to entering a residential facility.

While waiting on the result of the physical, clients are required to receive counseling twice weekly. We will also, encourage them to attend our out-patient Zoom meetings, Relapse Prevention Self Help Group, Step Study Workshop, and Overcomers Groups, held every Tuesday and Thursday night from 7:00-8:30 PM. Once the program paperwork has been completed, Rev Daniels and another facilitator will transport the client to an in- or out-of-state program.

During the month of December 2025, to the present, The Overcomers Ministry has been informing unhoused families and individuals about The Hope Center emergency shelter. Canaan overcomers have been successful in housing three of our clients with children at the

Hope Center. If you know anyone in need of emergency shelter in the New Castle and Wilmington areas, please have them call 1-833-FIND-BED. They can also email intake@housingalliance.org. Centralized intake service is available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM during the week. The Housing Alliance staff can assist with locating available emergency shelters in all counties in the State of Delaware. Be encouraged!

Stolen or Weak Passwords

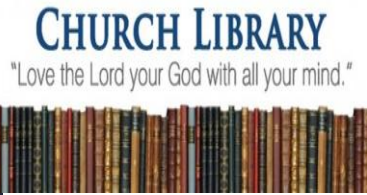


This month, April, we will talk about stolen or weak passwords. A password is the secret word or phrase you use to log in to your email, bank, or other accounts. A stolen password means someone else has taken that secret. A weak password is one that is easy to guess, like "password123" or your name and birthday.

This topic is very **significant** because once someone has your password, they can pretend to be you online and cause great harm. They can read your email, reset other accounts, or even move your money. If you use the same password on many websites, one stolen password can unlock everything. That is why we must add more protection than just a password.

Church members can protect themselves by using strong, long passwords with letters, numbers, and symbols. Do not reuse the same password on many sites. Turn on multi-factor authentication whenever you can, so a code from your phone is needed to log in. Never share your passwords with others, and do not write them where others can see them. Multi-factor authentication (MFA) adds an extra step to confirm it is really you. After you type your password, you also enter a code sent to your phone, use an app, or a fingerprint. This action is **significant** because even if someone learns your password, they still cannot get in without that second factor. Church members should turn on multi-factor authentication on email, banking, and social media accounts and encourage family and friends to do the same.

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



Deacon Alex Jefferson
Ministry Leader

Kin by Tayari Jones



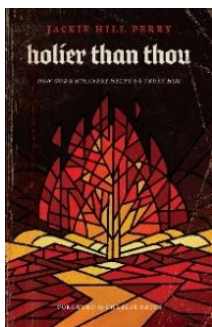
Vernice and Annie, two motherless daughters raised in Honeysuckle, Louisiana, have been best friends and neighbors since earliest childhood, but are fated to live starkly different lives. Raised by a fierce aunt determined to give her a stable home in the wake of her mother’s death, Vernice leaves Atlanta at

eighteen for Spelman College, where she joins a sisterhood of powerfully connected Black women and marries into an affluent family. Annie, abandoned by her dissolute mother as a child, and fixated on the idea of finding her and filling the bottomless hole left by her absence, sets off on a journey that will take her into a world of peril and adversity, as well as love and adventure, and culminate in a battle for her life.

A novel about mothers and daughters, about friendship and sisterhood, and the complexities of being a woman in the American South, *Kin* is an exuberant, emotionally rich, unforgettable work from one of the brightest and most irresistible voices in contemporary fiction.

Holier Than Thou by Jackie Hill Perry

We say we trust Him with our mouths, but often

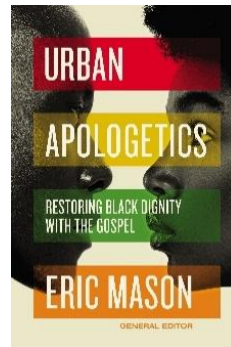


not with our lives. We live like God can’t be trusted. Like He doesn’t actually want what is best for us. Like He is just another person who, as Eve assumed in the Garden all those years ago, might hold out on us. Bestselling author Jackie Hill Perry, in

her much-anticipated follow-up to *Gay Girl, Good God*, helps us find the reason we don’t trust God—we misunderstand His holiness.

In *Holier Than Thou*, Jackie walks us through Scripture, shaking the dust off of “holy” as we’ve come to know it and revealing it for what it really is. In these pages, we will see that God is not like us. He is different. He is holy. And that’s exactly what makes Him trustworthy. As it turns out, God being “holier than thou” is actually the best news in the world, and it’s the key to trusting Him.

Urban Apologetics: Restoring Black Dignity with the Gospel by Eric Mason



Urban Apologetics examines the legitimate issues that Black communities have with Western Christianity and shows how the gospel of Jesus Christ—rather than popular, socioreligious alternatives—restores our identity. African Americans have long confronted the challenge of dignity destruction caused by

white supremacy. While many have found meaning and restoration of dignity in the black church, others have found it in ethnocentric socioreligious groups and philosophies. These ideologies have grown and developed deep traction in the black community and beyond. Revisionist history, conspiracy theories, and misinformation about Jesus and Christianity are the order of the day. Many young African Americans are disinterested in Christianity and others are leaving the church in search of what these false religious ideas appear to offer, a spirituality more indigenous to their history and ethnicity. Edited by Dr. Eric Mason and featuring a top-notch lineup of contributors, Urban Apologetics is the first book focused entirely on cults, religious groups, and ethnocentric ideologies prevalent in the black community. The book is divided into three main sections. Ultimately, Urban Apologetics applies the gospel to black identity to show that Jesus is the only one who can restore it. This is an essential resource to equip those doing the work of ministry and apology in urban communities with the best available information.

Canaan Business Network Directory

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Beauty	Annie Stanley	Mary Kay Cosmetics	Stanley_annie@comcast.net	484-431-6529
Beauty	Judy Sullivan	Nonny's Shea Butters	Naturalskin-care24@gmail.com	973-885-3889
Books	Dr. Carol B. Amos	H.O.P.E for the Alzheimer's Journey	carol1de@aol.com	610-999-5221
Books	Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock	A Charge to Keep	drdebullock@outlook.com	302-654-8818
Books	Dr. Debbie Strickling-Bullock	It's All Good: Every Round Goes Higher	drdebullock@outlook.com	302-750-4761
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Waste Management	Karen Randolph	KRC Waste Management		302-448-8630
				302-999-9276

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:

Jesus ate a piece of broiled fish and of an honeycomb following the resurrection (John 24:42)

Bible Trivia:

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

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.
 - Birth (Matthew 1:18)
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.
 - One (Galatians 3:28)
3. Lay not up for yourselves _____ upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.
 - Treasures (Matthew 6:19)
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.
 - Moses (Exodus 3:14)
5. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the _____.
 - Judgment (Hebrews 9:27)

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

1. No man has seen _____ at any time, the only begotten Son, which is the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.
2. I therefore, the _____ of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.
3. Moreover if thy _____ shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, though hast gained thy brother.
4. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that _____ may abound?

Pastor Bullock and Deacons, many thanks for the



blessings of your generous Christmas gift. So grateful for Canaan Baptist Church. Thank you.

Sandra R. Turner

Rev. Christopher A. Bullock and Canaan Baptist Church, Thank you so much for your generous gifts during our difficult times recently! Love,
Kevin and Beverly Parks and the Wilmer Family

To Pastor Bullock and the Canaan Church Family, thank you so much for being a church led by God. I am deeply grateful for a faith-filled community that comes together in prayer, praise and genuine support for one another. Your continued love and encouragement for me and my family over the years mean more than words can express. Although I miss seeing everyone, please know that I am constantly praying for my Pastor, his family and my entire Church family. I am thankful for the many kind words, cards and the visits from the Pastoral Care Team. They have lifted my spirits! As the songwriter reminds us, "this battle is not yours; it belongs to the Lord." I thank God for my Canaan family who stand with me as a source of strength, prayer and protection—my additional armor during this journey I am going through now. May God continue to bless you all.

Love,

David Jackson and Family



Canaan's Nurses Ministry Corner

Sis. Janice Grant, Ministry Leader

Stress Awareness and Mental Health

Scripture: "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

Education

April is Stress Awareness Month, a time to focus on emotional and mental well-being. Stress can affect the heart, immune system, sleep, digestion, and mood.

In today's world, many people experience stress from daily responsibilities, health concerns, financial pressures, and the constant flow of news and events. These stressors can weigh heavily on our minds if we do not find healthy ways to manage them.

God invites us to bring our burdens to Him. Through prayer, supportive relationships, healthy habits, and professional guidance when needed, we can care for both our mental and physical health.

Talking with a trusted friend, prayer partner, pastor, or mental health professional can provide support and encouragement during difficult seasons.

Cancer Awareness Note

April is also Testicular Cancer Awareness Month, reminding men—especially younger men—to be aware of changes in their bodies and speak with their healthcare provider about any concerns.

Self-Care and Stress Management

Self-care is an important part of maintaining good health. Taking time to care for your body, mind, and spirit can help reduce stress and restore balance.

Healthy self-care may include:

- Getting adequate rest and sleep
- Spending quiet time in prayer or reflection
- Taking breaks during busy days
- Enjoying fresh air and physical activity
- Connecting with family, friends, or a prayer partner

Even small moments of self-care can renew your energy and strengthen your ability to handle life's challenges.

Try This This Month

- Take a 10–20 minute walk several days each week
- Practice gentle stretching, yoga, or deep breathing
- Spend time in daily prayer or devotion
- Read a short scripture for encouragement
- Talk with a trusted friend or prayer partner
- Keep a gratitude or prayer journal
- Schedule regular self-care time

Simple Stress-Relief Activity

Faith and Fresh Air Walk

Take a short walk outdoors, breathe deeply, notice God's creation, and spend a few moments in quiet prayer or reflection. Walking regularly can help reduce stress, improve mood, and support heart health.

Reflect and Respond

1. What situations have been causing me stress recently? _____
2. When will I commit to daily prayer or quiet time this month? _____
3. Who can I reach out to for support or prayer?

4. What self-care activity will I practice this week? _____

Delaware Resources

- ChristianaCare Behavioral Health Services
- 988 Mental Health & Crisis Line
- Local counselors and faith-based support groups
- Local parks and walking trails

Nurse's Note

Caring for your mental and emotional health is part of honoring the body God has given you.

Through prayer, self-care, movement, rest, and supportive relationships, we can find peace and strength even during stressful times.

Blessings,
Kelli McClendon-Brown, MSN,RN
Health Ministry Team



AUTISM AWARENESS

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental condition that affects how the brain grows and functions. It influences how a person understands others, communicates, and interacts socially. People with ASD may also show restricted or repetitive patterns of behavior. The word “spectrum” reflects the wide range of symptoms and how differently they can affect each individual.

ASD usually begins in early childhood. Some children appear to develop typically during their first year but then, between 18 and 24 months, may lose certain skills and begin to show signs of autism. Although there is no cure for autism spectrum disorder, early intervention—especially during the preschool years, can greatly improve outcomes.

Signs of ASD can appear in infancy. For example, a child may make little eye contact, not respond to their name, or show little interest in caregivers. In some cases, a child may suddenly become withdrawn, show aggressive behavior, or lose previously learned language skills. Symptoms are often noticeable by ages 2 to 3.

In other cases, a diagnosis may not occur until later in childhood, when social and communication demands increase. Some

individuals are even diagnosed in adulthood, although symptoms were typically present earlier in life.

Children with ASD vary widely in their abilities. Some may have difficulty learning or show signs of lower-than-average intelligence. Others may have average or above-average intelligence and learn quickly, but still struggle with communication, applying knowledge in daily life, and adapting to social situations. Because each child has a unique combination of symptoms, the severity of ASD can be difficult to determine.

Common signs and behaviors may include:

- Not responding to their name or seeming not to hear at times
- Avoiding physical affection and preferring to play alone
- Limited eye contact and facial expressions
- Delayed speech, loss of language skills, or not speaking at all
- Difficulty starting or maintaining conversations
- Unusual speech patterns, such as a singsong or robotic tone
- Repeating words or phrases without understanding how to use them
- Trouble understanding simple questions or instructions
- Limited expression of emotions or difficulty understanding others’ feelings
- Not pointing to or sharing interests with others
- Being passive, aggressive, or disruptive in social interactions
- Difficulty interpreting facial expressions, body language, or tone of voice
- Repetitive movements, such as rocking, spinning, or hand-flapping
- Self-harming behaviors, like biting or headbanging
- Strong attachment to routines and distress over small changes
- Poor coordination or unusual movement patterns, such as walking on toes
- Unusual or exaggerated body language

- Intense focus on small details of objects rather than their purpose
- Sensitivity to light, sound, or touch, or unusual responses to pain or temperature
- Limited imitation or pretend play
- Fixation on specific objects or activities
- Strong preferences for certain foods or textures

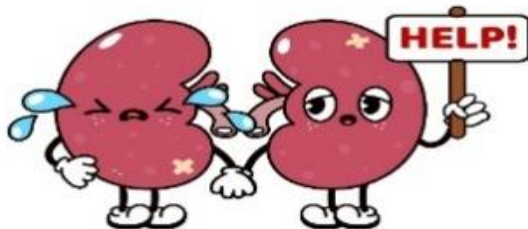
When to see a doctor:

Children develop at different rates, and not all follow typical developmental timelines. However, children with ASD often show signs of delayed development—especially in language and social skills—before age 3. If you notice these signs, it's important to consult a healthcare professional for evaluation.

John 9:1-3 - Jesus teaches that disabilities can serve a greater purpose in God's plan.

Peace and Blessings!
The Health Ministry

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



Take Time to Learn About Your Kidneys — Your Health Depends on It

🔍 Did You Know?

- Your kidneys are **fist-sized, bean-shaped**, and filter your blood **about 25 times a day**.
- **9 out of 10 people** with kidney disease don't know they have it.
- People of color are at significantly **higher risk**.

💡 Why Your Kidneys Matter

Your kidneys help:

- Regulate fluid levels
- Remove waste and toxins
- Control blood pressure

- Activate Vitamin D for healthy bones
- Support many vital body functions

High-risk factors:

- Diabetes • High Blood Pressure • Family History • Obesity

⚠️ Signs & Symptoms of Kidney Disease

- Swelling in face, hands, abdomen, or feet
- Foamy or bloody urine
- Puffy eyes
- Painful or difficult urination
- Increased thirst
- Fatigue

Kidney disease causes **57,000+ deaths each year**, but **early detection saves lives**.

♥ Health Disparities in the African American Community

A Serious Concern

Black Americans are:

- **3x more likely** to develop kidney failure
- **35% of African Americans are dialysis patients**, despite being 13.5% of the population
- More likely to have diabetes, hypertension, and the high-risk **APOL1 gene variant**

Barriers That Impact Health

- Limited access to high-quality care
- Socioeconomic disparities
- Longer wait times for kidney transplants
- Lower transplant access and survival rates

Regular screening and early detection are crucial.

✅ Prevention & Management Tips for Everyone

1. Get Screened Regularly

Especially if you have diabetes, high blood pressure, or family history.

2. Eat a Kidney-Friendly Diet

Choose: fruits • vegetables • whole grains • lean proteins

Limit: salt • processed foods • sugary drinks

3. **Stay Hydrated**
4. **Control Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure**
5. **Use NSAIDs Sparingly**
Limit ibuprofen and naproxen. Use Tylenol when appropriate.
6. **Live a Healthy Lifestyle**
 - Exercise • Quit or decrease smoking • Quit or decrease drinking • Manage stress
7. **Prioritize Sleep**
Aim for 7–8 hours each night.

♥ **Protect Your Kidneys. Protect Your Health.**
Early detection and healthy habits can make all the difference.

Every organ in our bodies, including our kidneys, plays a crucial role in our body functions. These scriptures remind us that we are uniquely made.

Jeremiah 30:17

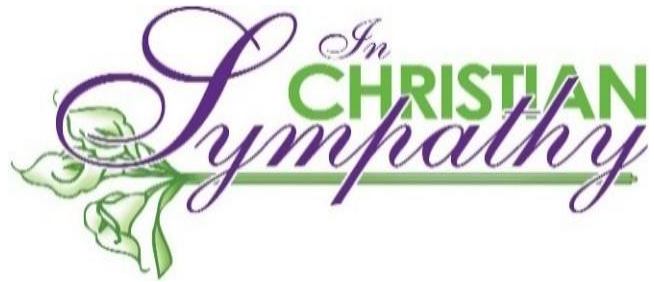
- “For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal.”

James 5:14

“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”

Peace and Blessings!
The Health Ministry
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**Special thanks to
our Health Ministry
for sharing these
friendly reminders**



Mrs. Margaret Upshur-Scott passed away on Monday, March 16, 2026. She is the sister of our member, Bro. Aubrey Upshur. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Bro. Aubrey Upshur 112 Goldsberry Drive, New Castle, DE 19720

Our Canaan member, **Sis. Doris McKinzie**, passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. She is the mother of Latice McKinzie. Cards and Condolences can be sent to: Foster Funeral Home, 1100 Kerlin Street, Chester, PA 19013.

Mr. Howard Donzell Jones passed away on Saturday, March 21, 2026. He is the husband of Sis. Sandra Hicks-Jones and son-in-law of Mother Maebelle Hicks, members of Canaan. Cards and Condolences can be sent to: Sis. Sandra Hicks Jones, 208 Morrison Road, New Castle, DE 19720

Ms. Carol Ivory passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. She is the sister of our member, Sis. Bettye Williams. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Bettye Williams, 329 Tranquility Way, Middletown, DE 19709.

In the event of the death of a Canaan member or family member, please call:
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Remember *in* Prayer

Ms. Donna Acey
Bro. Arthur and Sis. Felicia Allen
Sis. Sharon Alston
Sis. Barbara Anthony
Mr. Ronnie Brinkley –War Zone of Kuwait
Mr. Tommy Brown
Sis. Viola Brunson
Sis. Eve-Lynn Butts
Mr. Carlise Clark
Sis. Paulette Cooper
Sis. Iris Craighead
Sis. Sherry Douglas
Bro. Keith Drafts
Sis. Shereen Fields
Mrs. Erika Fitzgerald
Ms. Renee Geddes
Sis. Nettie Gates
Bro. James and Sis. Bertha Gourdine
Bro. James Gulley
Sis. Connie Harris
Mr. Jan Jackson Sr.
Sis. Dorothy Jackson
Sis. Louise Jamison
Mr. Edwin Johnson
Sis. Jocelyn Johnson
Deacon Mike and Sis. Arvis Jones
Mr. Munir Jones
Dr. Anna Krishnappa

Bro. Moses and Sis. Inez Malloy
Bro. Kenneth Mathis
Sis. Patricia Mathis
Mother Blanche Moore
Sis. Phaedra Oates
Sis. Thelma Onakoya
Sis. Juanita Owen
Deacon Richard & Sis. Virginia Ross
Mr. Lamar Russell
Bro. Donald Ryle
Ms. Jean Sanders
Mr. Tom Schumpert
Sis. Pamela Scott
Bro. Todd Small
Dis. Donna Smalls
Sis. Pat Hurley
Mrs. Francis Smith
Bro. Irvin Smith
Mr. Zion Smith
Mr. John Stokes Jr.
Bro. Joseph Stallings
Sis. Mary Stewart
Mother Ann Strickling
Sis. Vivienne Taylor
Marcos Villanueva
Sis. Elaine Wescott
Sis. Carolyn Williams
Sis. Earlene Williams
Sis. Bettye and Bro. Arthur Williams
Sis. Idel Wilson
Sis. Toni Winchester
Sis. Lillie Winkler

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



**Havard and Lisa Drumgoole
Celebrate their 38th Anniversary
On April 2**



**Carlton and Linda Moody
Celebrate their
3rd Anniversary on April 9**



**Rev. Robert and Terry Daniels
Celebrate their 46th
Anniversary on April 15**



**Stephen and Nona Berry
Celebrate their 29th
Anniversary On April 26**



**Sam and Lynda Kirby
Celebrate their
6th Anniversary on April 11**



**Bill and Karen Pride
Celebrate their 29th
Anniversary on April 16**



**John and Arlene Monk
celebrate their 22nd
Anniversary on April 27**



**Deacon Robert and
Rev. Mary Rivers
Celebrate their 62nd Anniversary
on April 13**



**David and Donna Smalls
Celebrate their 25th
anniversary on April 18**



**Tyrone and Deborah Showell
Celebrate their 37th Anniversary
On April 29th**

April Birthdays



Sam Davis
April 1



Curtis Clack
April 6



Deborah Stevenson
April 9



Judy Sullivan
April 11



Tamara Lewis
April 11



Ingrid Bostic
April 11



Yolanda Wilcox
April 16



Courtney Brown
April 17



Debra Easter-Haskett
April 20



Arvis Strickling-Jones
April 20



Betty Wilkins
April 25



Vanessa Tuck-Jackson
April 30

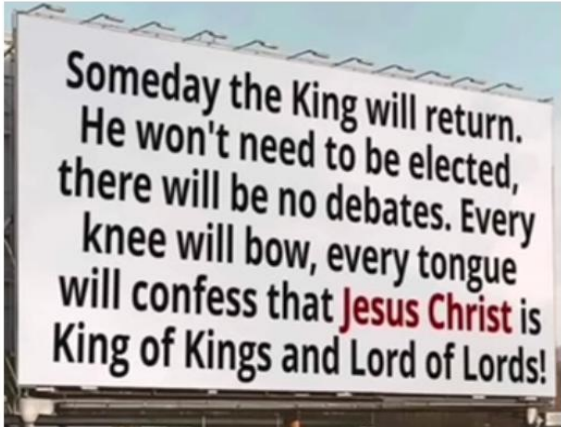
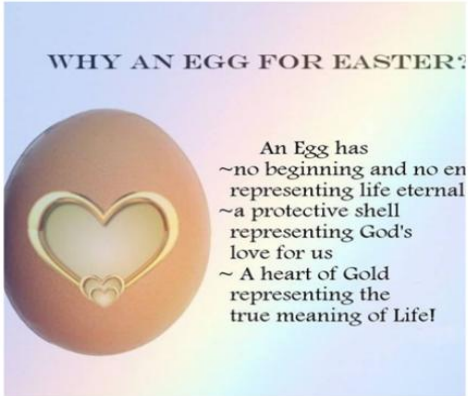


Easter Sunday Word Search and Heavenly Humor

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- At Calvary
- At The Cross
- Basket
- Because He Lives
- Blessed Redeemer
- Congregation
- Cross
- Crown of Thorns
- Easter Eggs
- Family
- Fear Not
- He Lives
- Jesus Rose
- Music
- New Outfit
- Overflow
- Pastel
- Patten Leather Shoes
- Resurrection
- Sermon
- Speech
- Stone
- Three-piece Suit
- Wounded

EVERYTHING HAS GONE UP IN PRICE EXCEPT SALVATION. IT IS STILL A FREE GIFT. PAID IN FULL BY JESUS.



The moment was bittersweet when the bunny realized Easter was not about him.

Gas so high the mailman working from home. He called me yesterday and read my bills to me

Canaan Baptist Church Easter Resurrection Sunday

APRIL 5 2026

**SUNDAY GATHERING FILLED WITH WORSHIP,
FELLOWSHIP, PREACHING, AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**

7:30 AM
Worship Service

8:45 AM
Easter Breakfast in
the Hall of Faith

10:00 AM
Worship Service

**Resurrection Message
delivered by our Pastor,
Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock**

**Music Provided by the
Mass Voices of Canaan**

