

# **Canaan News Online**

## **April 2025**

### **Canaan Baptist Church**

**3011 New Castle Avenue**

**New Castle, DE 19720**

**Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor**

**2025 Theme:**

**What A Mighty God We Serve**  
**Psalm 121**

**Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock**

**Editor-in-Chief**

**Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones**

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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)

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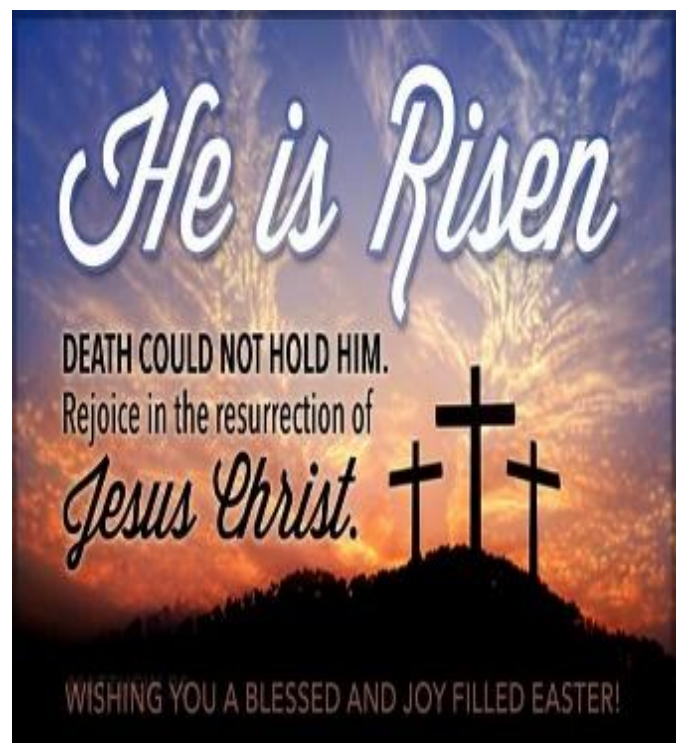
## WAYS TO GIVE

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
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[www.Paypalme.com/canaanbaptistde](http://www.Paypalme.com/canaanbaptistde)
5. Download and use the Givelify mobile app:



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



## Greetings from the Editor's Desk



### “HE IS RISEN!”

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 filled with 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 His Church. Thank you to our contributors, ministry leaders, ministry servants.

**PLEASE READ THE CANAAN NEWS IN ITS ENTIRETY. “What’s going on at Canaan? IT’S IN THE CANAAN NEWS!”**

Thanks to Bro. Alan Hicks, Contributor, and Bro. Derek Edwards, Photographer

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

**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.

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 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).



We will celebrate Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, 2025, with a slideshow presentation. Send a photo of your mother and your family to the editor to [CanaanNews3011@gmail.com](mailto:CanaanNews3011@gmail.com). **All photos MUST BE SUBMITTED BY May 1, 2025. PLEASE—NO TEXT MESSAGES!**



### CANAAN'S KIDS NURSERY:

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

The **MEDIA MINISTRY** is seeking volunteers to train and operate the church PA Sound System. If you are interested in training to serve in this vital church ministry, please contact Dr. Arvis or any member of the Media / Sound Team.

### Digital Media Specialist – Paid Summer Internship

Canaan seeks to enhance its media presence and overall marketing and communication strategy with the assistance of a dedicated Digital Media Specialist in a summer internship from June 1 – July 31, 2025. This role is crucial to effectively expanding Canaan's digital footprint, ensuring its message reaches and engages the congregation and the broader community. The ideal candidate is a college student and will bring significant experience in creating and maintaining social media content, website updates, video live stream production assistance, and event management support. Send resume to [DrDebBullock@outlook.com](mailto:DrDebBullock@outlook.com) if interested by April 30, 2025.

# ORDER OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

## 10:00 AM

### Call to Worship and Prayer

Ministry in Music  
Welcome of Visitors  
Church Announcements  
Giving of His Tithes and Our Offering  
Ministry in Music

### A Word from the Word

Invitation to New Life  
(First Sunday—Holy Communion)  
Closing Selection – "**Heal the Land**"  
Benediction

### "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!

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Easter – Resurrection Day**  
**Sunday, April 20, 2025**  
**Two Services**  
**7:45 AM and 10:00 AM**

# 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.





### THE CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

#### *References:*

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

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



## TITHING CALCULATOR

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

**The Tithing Calculator** is posted to help us better understand and determine what an actual 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.”  
John 3:16



# 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  
Faith-Based Substance Abuse Counseling  
Greeters  
Health  
Higher Ground Education  
Emma Bordley Hospitality  
International Cultural  
Marriage  
Membership  
Men of Canaan  
Music  
Office Staff  
Philippians/Pastor's Aid  
Regena Manley Missionary  
Rev. Dr. Paul Wilson GriefShare  
Security  
Sexton  
Sexton  
Singles  
Sisters of Canaan  
Social Justice  
Thomas L. Risher Veterans  
Trustees Ministry  
Ushers  
Next G/Youth/Young Adult Ministry

## LEADER

Deacon Jeremiah Carter  
Sis. Lynette Scott  
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  
Rev. Brenda Meades  
Rev. Robert Daniels  
Bro. Rodney & Sis. Eileen Davis  
Sis. Janice Grant  
Rev. Dr. Debbie Bullock  
Sis. Ingrid Bostic  
Sis. Jennifer Grace-Umoete  
Deacon Isaac/Sis. Lorraine Perry  
Deacon Henry Carroll  
Bro. Rodney Davis  
Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones  
Sis. Deb Piner  
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Dr. Sandi Hicks  
Dr. Phyllis Stewart  
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# April



## Calendar of Events

Month of April	Canaan's Ministry Leadership Appreciation Month	
Wednesday, April 2	Bible Study – Word on Wednesday – Hall of Faith <b>BIBLE STUDY – LIVE STREAMED</b>	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 3	Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan	6:30 PM
Saturday, April 5	Saturday Church School	9:00 – 10:30 AM
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday, April 6	Fifth Sunday of Lent Worship Service –Voices of Canaan	9:40 AM 10:00 AM
Monday, April 7	Next G Meeting – Conference Room	6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 9	Bible Study – Word on Wednesday – Hall of Faith <b>BIBLE STUDY – LIVE STREAMED</b>	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 10	Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	6:30 PM
Saturday, April 12	Saturday Church School New Members Class – Sanctuary Canaan For Life Ministry Meeting Junior Ushers Meeting	9:00 – 10:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday, April 13	PALM SUNDAY - Sixth Sunday of Lent Baptism Service / Worship Service – Men of Canaan First Lady Dr. Debbie Bullock – Simpson UM Church	9:40 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM
Tuesday, April 15	Rehearsal – MASS VOICES OF CANAAN	6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 16	Bible Study – Word on Wednesday – Hall of Faith <b>BIBLE STUDY – LIVE STREAMED</b>	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 17	Rehearsal – MASS VOICES OF CANAAN	6:30 PM
Friday, April 18	Good Friday Service – Seven Last Words” Shiloh Baptist Church - - Dr. Debbie Bullock--4 <sup>th</sup> Word	7:00 AM
Saturday, April 19	Saturday Church School	9:00 – 10:30 AM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday, April 20	RESURRECTION / EASTER SUNDAY – First Service Second Service Mass Voices of Canaan	7:45 AM 10:00 AM
Wednesday, April 23	Bible Study – Word on Wednesday Veterans Ministry Trip to Dover, Delaware <b>BIBLE STUDY – LIVE STREAMED</b>	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 24	Food Truck Delivery Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	9:00 AM 6:30 PM
Friday, April 25	Food Sorting Married Couples Ministry Fellowship	6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Saturday, April 26	Saturday Church School United in Faith Singles Ministry – Hall of Faith	9:00 – 10:30 AM 11:00 AM
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, April 27	Worship Service – Men of Canaan Food Distribution:	10:00 AM 11:30 AM
Wednesday, April 30	Bible Study – Word on Wednesday <b>CHURCHWIDE PRAYER SERVICE</b>	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM



**Black Faith Leaders  
to Corporations:  
Restore DEI or  
Lose Our Business**  
Tacuma Roeback  
Managing Editor  
March 14, 2025

*A coalition of Black  
faith leaders, led by Dr.*

*Willie Wilson, is calling on corporations to restore  
DEI commitments or risk losing support from  
millions of Black churchgoers, who collectively  
drive \$2 trillion in economic impact (Photo  
Credit: Tacuma Roeback).*

A coalition of national Black faith leaders has launched an effort to push back against corporations retreating from diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. Their message: Reverse course or risk losing the business of millions of churchgoers.

At the forefront of the movement is Chicago businessman and philanthropist Dr. Willie Wilson, who has been tapped to lead the initiative. Wilson says the goal is to engage corporate leaders in direct conversations about reinstating and strengthening DEI policies. If those talks fail, faith leaders will call on their congregations to take their business elsewhere.

“What that means to me is that we’re looking for these major corporations who have pushed back on DEI to step back up to the plate and do even more,” Wilson said. “That means contracts, the job market, churches, outreach programs, youth scholarships.”

Wilson, a former Chicago mayoral and U.S. Senate candidate, will spearhead discussions alongside a powerful group of Black faith leaders, including Rev. Boise Kimber, President of the National Baptist Convention USA; Rev. Samuel Tolbert Jr., President of the National Baptist Convention of America; Ethan B. Sheard of the Church of God in Christ; and Pastor Andre’ A.

McGhee, representing the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America.

### **A \$2 Trillion Economic Force**

Former Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin, one of the event’s organizers, framed the effort around the economic power of Black consumers.

“African Americans collectively spend about \$2 trillion in economic impact in this country,” Boykin said. “There are corporations that have announced they are rolling back their Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts. Well, we’ve got great faith-based leaders who’ve come together to stand as one and make sure African Americans are being represented and taken care of.”

The coalition represents more than 20 million predominantly Black churchgoers who have longstanding ties to corporations as employees, customers, and community partners. Their strategy is straightforward: First, request meetings with corporate leaders. If those discussions don’t lead to meaningful change, they will mobilize congregations to direct their dollars elsewhere.

### **Engagement Before Boycotts**

While some activists have called for immediate boycotts, the coalition is taking a different approach.

“We’ve come with a different strategy,” said Rev. Kimber. “We desire to sit, collaborate, and talk with corporations so we may come to some conclusion on how we can work together.”

The priority is dialogue. But if corporations refuse to engage, faith leaders say they are prepared to take action.

### **A Broader Push for Economic Empowerment**

For Wilson, this fight extends beyond DEI. It’s about economic empowerment.

“We’re talking about integrity, about principle,” Wilson said. “Nobody here is taking a check or selling out. We are asking corporations to do what’s right—invest in our communities, in jobs, in contracts, in education.”

He pointed to stark disparities in Black business ownership, particularly in Chicago.

“There is not one African American-owned gas station in the city of Chicago. Not one,” Wilson said. “There is not one major African American-owned building in downtown Chicago. We have to change that.”

The coalition also plans to promote Black entrepreneurship, pushing for investment in Black-owned businesses, trade schools, and professional development programs.

“It’s not just about jobs,” Wilson said. “It’s about ownership. If we create our own businesses, we create our own jobs. And those dollars stay in our community instead of flowing elsewhere.”

#### What’s Next?



*Dr. Willie Wilson  
(Photo Credit: Tacuma Roeback).*

The coalition’s next steps include sending letters to corporations, requesting meetings and outlining specific expectations. If companies refuse to engage, Wilson said the leaders will act.

“We will ask our members not to support those businesses that refuse to support us,” Wilson said. “If we spend \$2 trillion and get less than a fraction of that back in our communities, that cannot continue.”

While the coalition launched its effort in Chicago, the initiative is national. Faith leaders plan to take their message across the country, meeting with local pastors and community leaders to align on strategy.

“This is the first time all these denominations have come together with one voice,” Wilson said. “And after today, things will not be the same.”



#### About Post Author [Tacuma Roeback, Managing Editor](#)

Tacuma R. Roeback is the Managing Editor for the Chicago Defender. His journalism, non-fiction, and fiction have appeared in the Smithsonian Magazine, San Francisco Chronicle, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The Tennessean, South Florida Sun-Sentinel, Phoenix New Times, HipHopDX.com, Okayplayer.com, The Shadow League, SAGE: The Encyclopedia of Identity, Downstate Story, Tidal Basin Review, and Reverie: Midwest African American Literature. He is an alumnus of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, Chicago State University, and Florida A&M University.

<https://chicagodefender.com/black-faith-leaders-to-corporations-restore-dei-or-lose-our-business/>

## **Canaan Baptist Church**

**Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor**

**Wednesday Evening  
April 30, 2025 -- 6:30 PM**

**CHURCHWIDE  
PRAYER SERVICE  
IN THE SANCTUARY**

**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known unto God.  
Philippians 4:6**

## MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Valerie Hill, Dean and Ministry Leader

Rev. Pete Owen, Assistant Dean

Join us weekly for all of our Christian Education opportunities. Our lessons are engaging, interactive and the Word of God is transformative. Below is an overview of our upcoming lessons and opportunity times.

The Sunday School Spring Quarter's (March 2025-May 2025) theme of Worship, Sacrifices and Offering runs through the Scripture. Understanding the old covenant sacrifices and offerings is essential to understanding the New Testament's view of Christ's sacrifice.

### Unit II: "Christ's All-sufficient Sacrifice"

#### Lessons at a Glance

**Lesson 6 - April 6 - "It Only Takes One" (Hebrews 9:23-28; 10:1-4, 11-14, 19-25)**

**Lesson 7 - April 13 - "All You Need Is Love" (I John 2:1-6; 4:9-17)**

**Lesson 8 - April 20 - "They Couldn't Keep Him Down" (Matthew 27:39-40, 45-54; 28:1-10)**

**Lesson 9 - April 27 - "Sing a New Song" (Revelation 5:1-10)**

*Source: 2024-2025-Townsend Press, Sunday School Commentary based on the International Lessons Series, 104th edition. King James Version/New International Version.*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### *In Person Opportunities*

#### **WEDNESDAY MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY**

Noon- 1:00 PM in the Hall of Faith

#### **SATURDAY CHURCH SCHOOL** *for all ages, toddler to adult*

9:00 - 10:30 AM

w/continental breakfast served from 9-9:30 AM

Nursery available for ages 5 and under

### *Online Opportunities*

#### **ONLINE / VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesdays 6:30 PM via Facebook or YouTube

"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

**Deacons Ministry**  
**Deacon James Bonds, Ministry Leader**

*Welcome*  
 New Members

- Sis. Erin Coleman
- Sis. Alisa Elder
- Bro. Steve Elder
- Sis. Saniyah Harris
- Bro. Alexander Mullin
- Sis. Nevaeh Payne



**Baptism of Sis. Alisa Elder**

The Deacon Ordination Committee would like to recognize and thank Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones, the Voices of Canaan, and the Canaan Band for the spiritual and uplifting music provided during the Deacons Ordination Service last Sunday. Your gifts of music and song selections were so befitting and inspirational.



**Ordination Service of**  
**Deacon Ebony Mays**  
**Deacon Alix Jefferson, Sr.**  
**Deacon Anita Hawkes**  
**Deacon Correy Brown**  
**Sunday, March 30, 2025**



**In the kitchen**  
**with Chef**  
**Kenny Screven**  
**and Chef**  
**Deacon James**  
**“JB” Bonds**



April

MINISTRY



WELCOME TO THE  
**NEXT G**

**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

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal  
life.”

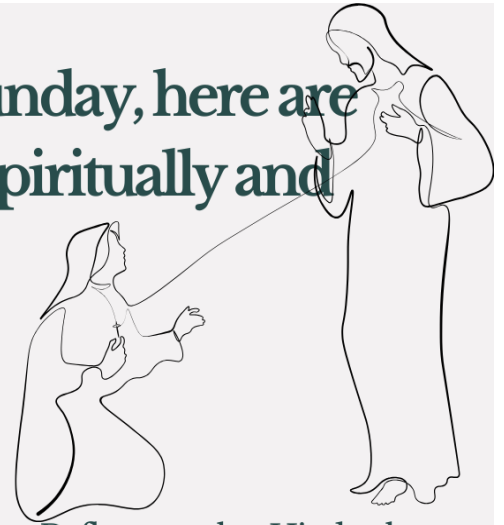
John 3:16 NIV



Canaan Baptist Church



As we prepare for Resurrection Sunday, here are five biblical steps to help us focus spiritually and grow in our faith:



**1. Reflect on Christ’s Sacrifice (Isaiah 53:5, Luke 22:19-20)**

Take time to read and meditate on Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. Reflect on what His death and resurrection mean personally. Journaling, praying, or even discussing it with others can deepen understanding.

**2. Repent and Renew (Acts 3:19, 1 John 1:9)**

Use this season to evaluate your spiritual life. Confess any sins, seek God’s forgiveness, and make a commitment to turn away from distractions that pull you away from Him.

**3. Fast and Pray (Matthew 6:16-18, Philippians 4:6-7)**

Consider fasting from social media, certain foods, or activities to spend more time in prayer. Use this time to draw closer to God, pray for others, and seek His will.

**4. Serve Others (Matthew 25:35-40, Galatians 5:13)**

Jesus came to serve, and we are called to do the same. Find ways to serve your community, whether through volunteering, acts of kindness, or reaching out to those in need.

**5. Celebrate with Joy and Gratitude (1 Corinthians 15:55-57, Psalm 118:24)**

Resurrection Sunday is a time of victory and hope! Celebrate Jesus’ resurrection with a heart full of gratitude. Worship, fellowship, and rejoice in the new life we have in Christ.

**NEXT G Youth & Young Adult**

**EASTER CELEBRATION**

(more details coming soon!)



**United in Faith Ministry**  
Rev. Vickie Gaines, Ministry Leader

All single adults are invited to join the Canaan Baptist Church **United in Faith Singles Ministry**. Our first meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 11:00 AM, in the Hall of Faith. Our goal is to foster an atmosphere of supportive spiritual cohesiveness for adult single men and women of Canaan Baptist Church.

Spiritual foundation - To enhance church growth to help fulfill the Great Commission/To help renew the vision and purpose of our congregation for the purpose of meeting the needs of single adults by being devoted to the Word of God, engaging in fellowship and social events, to provide opportunities to serve together, and create church culture that values single adults.

Theme: "Embracing God's Plan"

Core Value - Congregational Intimacy-(I Corinthians 13:13)

Scripture Reference - Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

God's plans are bigger than ours. His plans are for a community of people (single men and women) living in faith together, looking toward a future hope.

More information to follow!

Please contact Rev. Vickie Gaines, Ministry Leader, at [vgaines@gmail.com](mailto:vgaines@gmail.com) or (302) 310-0389



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

**Making Good Marriages Better** - Matthew 19:6



says, What God has joined together, let no man put asunder. Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Lorraine and I would like to thank God, Pastor Bullock and You, the

married couples for how the Married Couples Ministry is and continues to grow. We now have over 25 couples who have signed up for this ministry and the couples continue to come. The Married Couple's Ministry theme is, Making Good Marriages Better. We would like to encourage Married Couples, Engaged Couples and Couples who are contemplating marriage, to become a part of this ministry. Contact information forms can be found every Sunday on the tables in the Atrium, and in the Hall of Faith.

**Our next Married Couples Ministry Fellowship will be on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM.** We encourage you to come, expecting a blessing and to be a blessing. Eyes have not seen, no ears have heard, what The Lord has in store for The Married Couples Ministry of the Canaan Baptist Church. Please continue to keep all our ministries in prayer. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

**SENIOR USHERS MINISTRY**  
Sis. Kimburly Murray, Ministry Leader



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



**Canaan Baptist Church**  
**Dr. Christopher A. Bullock, Pastor**

### **2025 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 and 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 scholarship application documents:**
  - 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 and e-mailed to [DrDebBullock@outlook.com](mailto:DrDebBullock@outlook.com) by 12 PM on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 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 name), hereby certify that the information contained in this scholarship application and accompanying documents are complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I realize that if any information provided by me is not complete, true, and/or correct, or 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

## 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 Israelites crossed the Red Sea at night, not during the day. The Lord created a "pillar" of a cloud to provide light for the Israelites, while the Egyptians saw only darkness. (Exodus 14:19-22)

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

1. And when the day of \_\_\_\_\_ was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
  - Pentecost (Acts 2:1)
2. Study to shew thyself \_\_\_\_\_ unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
  - Approved (2 Timothy 2:15)
3. And I will pray the \_\_\_\_\_, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.
  - Father (John 14:16)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
  - Confess (James 5:16)
5. For the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.
  - Wrath (Romans 1:18)

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

1. I am \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
2. When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of his glory.
3. For the grace of God that bringeth \_\_\_\_\_ hath appeared to all men.
4. As it is written, There is none \_\_\_\_\_, no, not one.
5. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Thomas L. Risher Veterans Ministry

Bro. Al Grant – Ministry Leader

Sis Pam Cotman – Vice President

### Tour of Dover Air Force Base

- ❖ We are looking forward to hosting a trip to Dover Air Force Base on Wednesday April 23, 2025. The trip will consist of a tour of the Base. To gain entry to facility a valid ID is required and a sponsor, if you are not Active or Retired military.
- ❖ The tour will consist of a visit to the Air Terminal, Base Exchange, Housing & Rec areas including the Air Mobility Museum tour. Transportation will be provided from Canaan to and from the base.
- ❖ Please contact Sis. Pam Cotman (302 559-7650 no later than April 15, 2025, to sign up for the trip.

### ❖ Winter Coat Distribution

- ❖ During the past month the ministry received and donated 30 winter adult coats from NABVETS (National Association of Black Veterans). They were turned over to American Legion (Post 11, Wilmington, Delaware) for distribution to needy veterans and families.



## Arvis Strickling-Jones, Minister of Music



**CALLING ALL SINGERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN THE MASS VOICES OF CANAAN IN PREPARATION FOR RESURRECTION SUNDAY ALL AGES WELCOME**

Welcome to  
Sis. Viola Frisby  
and  
Sis. Beverly Grant –  
Now known as the  
**TAMBOURINE MINISTRY**

### Rehearsals:

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 6:30 PM  
Thursday, April 17, 2025, 6:30 PM  
Bring a family member or friend to join us!

The Canaan Music Ministry welcomes new and returning members to join this dynamic ministry. Gospel music, as described in Colossians 3:16—Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs, are prayerfully selected to edify the body of Christ, reach the heart, encourage and uplift the soul. Please note the rehearsal and singing schedule for **April 2025**.

### SINGING SCHEDULE:

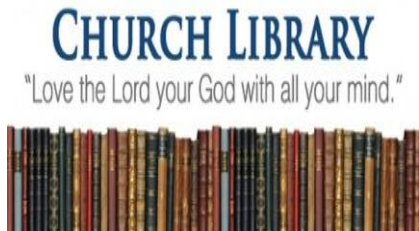
**1st Sunday, April 6**  
**Voices of Canaan**  
Rehearsal: Thursday, April 3  
6:30 PM

**2nd Sunday, April 13**  
**Men of Canaan**  
Rehearsal: Thursday, April 10  
6:30 PM

**3rd Sunday, April 20**  
**Mass Voices of Canaan**  
Rehearsals:  
Tuesday, April 15  
Thursday, April 17  
6:30 PM

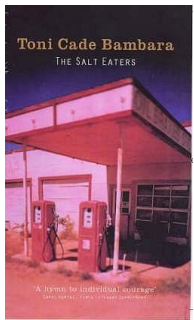
**4th Sunday, April 26**  
**Men of Canaan**  
Rehearsal: Thursday, April 24  
6:30 PM





Deacon Alix Jefferson, Sr.  
Virtual Librarian

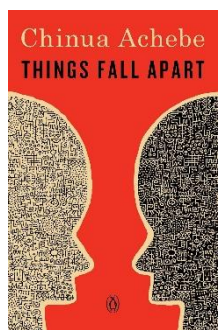
**The Salt Eaters** by Toni Cade Bambara



Velma Henry has always been a fighter, but she has fallen on hard times. Exhausted by her political struggles, she is undergoing healing in the Southwest Community Infirmary. Confronting her there is Minnie Ransom, spinster and fabled vehicle of the spirit world. Velma

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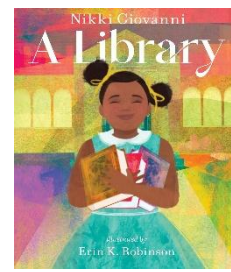
**Things Fall Apart** by Chinua Achebe



Things Fall Apart is the first of three novels in Chinua Achebe's critically acclaimed African Trilogy. It is a classic narrative about Africa's cataclysmic encounter with Europe as it establishes a colonial presence on the continent. Told through the fictional experiences of

Okonkwo, a wealthy and fearless Igbo warrior of Umuofia in the late 1800s, Things Fall Apart explores one man's futile resistance to the devaluing of his Igbo traditions by British political and religious forces and his despair as his community capitulates to the powerful new order. With more than 20 million copies sold and translated into fifty-seven languages, Things Fall Apart provides one of the most illuminating and permanent monuments to African experience. Achebe does not only capture life in a pre-colonial African village, he conveys the tragedy of the loss of that world while broadening our understanding of our contemporary realities.

**A Library** by Nikki Giovanni



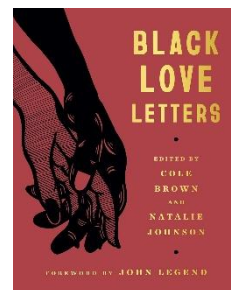
In this lyrical picture book, world-renowned poet, New York Times bestselling author, and Coretta Scott King Honor winner Nikki Giovanni and fine artist Erin Robinson craft an ode to the magic of a library as a place not only for

knowledge but also for imagination, exploration, and escape.

In what other place can a child "sail their dreams" and "surf the rainbow" without ever leaving the room? This ode to libraries is a celebration for everyone who loves stories, from seasoned readers to those just learning to love words, and it will have kids and parents alike imagining where their library can take them.

This inspiring read-aloud includes stunning illustrations and a note from Nikki Giovanni about the importance of libraries in her own childhood.

**Black Love Letters** by Cole Brown & Natalie Johnson



from celebrated Black writers, creators, and thinkers—and with a foreword by John Legend—comes a collection of letters and original illustrations on the subject of Black love, a powerful and heartfelt celebration of Blackness in all

its many forms.

In this exquisite anthology of letters and illustrations, Cole Brown and Natalie Johnson bring together a constellation of influential Black figures to write to the people, places, and moments that mean the most to them. With a foreword from John Legend and contributions from Brontez Purnell, Morgan Jerkins, Reverend Al Sharpton, and Dr. Imani Perry, among many others, Black Love Letters is an ode to a phenomenal community: a testament to the fact that where there has been pain and suffering, there has also always been immeasurable, irrepressible joy and love.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

**7<sup>last</sup> WORDS**

**APRIL 18TH 2025**  
**215 W 23RD ST, WILMINGTON, DE 19802**  
**7:45 AM**

REV. PEARL JOHNSON-PASTOR SIMPSON UNITED CHURCH	REV. DR. DEBBIE STICKLING-BULLOCK- EXECUTIVE PASTOR, CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH	REV. KEISHA R. DUKES, LEAD PASTOR CHRIST UMC SOUTHERN DC
REV. ALYCE HUSSER- ASSOCIATE MINISTER, SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH	REV. DR. NATALIE ALFORD- RT. PRESIDING ELDER, 1ST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT, AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH	REV. LAVINA SMITH- PASTOR, NEW MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

## BULLOCK FOOD PANTRY

Canaan Baptist Church

3011 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, Delaware 19720

Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor

Canaanbcde.org ~ (302) 654-8818

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Receive Food Truck / Sort Food

Friday, April 25, 2025, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Sort and Assemble Food Bags

Sunday, April 27, 2025, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Bag Distribution

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For more information, call (302) 654-8818

or email [DrKishBailey@gmail.com](mailto:DrKishBailey@gmail.com)

\*COMMUNITY SERVICE LETTERS AVAILABLE  
COMMUNITY PARTNERS







SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
JOIN US FOR  
**WOMEN'S DAY 2025**

**Cultivating Strength Through Unity**  
Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through  
the bond of peace. - Ephesians 4:3

**Sunday April 13th**

***10:30AM Praise & Worship  
featuring Evangelist Serena Ford***

**11:00AM Worship Service**



**Guest Preacher**

***Rev. Dr. Debbie Ardella Strickling-Bullock***



**Worship Leader**

***Dr. Doris L.P. Griffin, Ed.D.***

**REV. PEARL SCOTT JOHNSON, PASTOR**  
907 CENTERVILLE ROAD WILMINGTON, DE 19804 ~ 302.998.4222

**Canaan Baptist Church**  
**Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor**

PRESENTS

# 10-Day Pilgrimage to Ghana

Accra – Kumasi – Cape Coast

July 9 – 18, 2025



Rev. Drs. Christopher  
& Debbie Bullock



**PRICE \$5,998 per person**  
*based on double occupancy*



**\$100 discount for deposits in by  
December 1, 2024 or \$50 discount  
for deposits in by February 1, 2025**

**Included in the price:**

- Round trip nonstop flight Washington/Dulles Airport / Accra / Washington/Dulles Airport, economy class
- 8-night hotel accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily at the hotels
- Farewell dinner with local performance at a local restaurant
- Professional English-speaking Tour Guide
- Sightseeing, admissions and entrances as per itinerary
- Private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach throughout the tour
- Round trip airport transfer
- Porterage at airport and hotels, 1 bag per person in/out

**Not Included:**

- Meals not mentioned – lunches
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)
- Tipping and any kind of gratuities
- Yellow Fever Vaccination
- Ghana visa (under own arrangement)
- Single Supplement – \$950
- Any kind of personal expenses

**Contact:**

**Jennifer Grace-Umoete**

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**Mrs. Pauline H. Portlock**, age 97, passed away on Sunday, March 16, 2025. She is the mother-in-law of our member, Sis. Evon Portlock (Wayne). Cards and condolences may be sent to: Sis. Evon and Wayne Portlock, 6 Martin Drive, Newark, DE 19713.

**First Lady Nadine Shaw Abram**, age 57, passed away on Friday, March 14, 2025, in Staten Island, New York. She is the wife of Pastor Marvin Abram of Missionary Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York; the daughter-in-law of Sis. Janie Abram; sister-in-law to Sis. Connie Abram; sister-in-law to Bro. Anthony Abram (Melanie); aunt to Josiah, Shanna, and Sakiyna; and niece of Diane and Winston Byrd. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Sis. Janie Abram, 215 Werden Drive, New Castle, DE 19720.

### **Notes of Thanks...**

Dear Canaan Family, your thoughtfulness was appreciated more than you know. Thank you for the many acts of kindness during our two plus years of caregiving, until the beautiful homegoing service for Mother Caroline Congo. We thank the Lord for you, Pastor Bullock, for your ministry, your love for us, and for the good work He is doing in and through our church.

Sincerely,

**Sis. Latania Congo and Family**

Dear Pastor Bullock, Deacon Board and Church Members, thank you again for thinking of me. Your generous gift warms my heart and reminds me of how much I am loved by my church family. May you always have God's grace, peace and happiness. To God be the glory! Blessings always,  
**James O. Taylor**

Praise God for the celebration of 22 years of Pastor and People at Canaan Baptist Church. I pray that the spiritual foundation that has been laid will continue to be a Guiding Light for the Community, County and State. Please accept my offering and although late, be used to bless the Ministry of Canaan. Blessings, Peace and Hope,  
**Alice Y. Dansby**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Sis Sharyn Alston  
Bro. Alvin and Sis. Carol Amos  
Bro. Malcolm Brittingham  
Sis. Dywana Broadnax  
Sis. Alfreda Hope Brunson  
Sis. Eve-Lynn Butts  
Sis Terry Daniels  
Sis. Olistine Davis  
Sis. Sherry Douglas  
Sis Shereen Fields  
Ms. Renee Geddes  
Sis. Nettie Gates  
Sis. Lois Glover  
Bro. Ronald Gumby  
Ms. Connie Harris  
Rev. Johnny & Sis. Retha Hunter  
Bro. David Jackson  
Sis. Dorothy Jackson  
Bro. Jan Jackson, Jr.  
Sis. Louise Jamison  
Sis Kim Jennings  
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Mr. Munir Jones  
Sis. Ida Mae King  
Dr. Anna Krishnappa  
Sis. Dorothy Mays  
Mother Pinkie Melchor  
Dr. Mimi Melchor  
Mother Blanche Moore  
Sis. Phadrea Oates  
Sis Juanita Owen  
Sis. Joann Perry  
Mother Zella Polk  
Cayonna Ramos  
Ms. Ethelene Ringgold  
Deacon Richard & Sis. Virginia Ross  
Lamar Russell  
Sis. Pamela Scott  
Bro. Todd Small  
Deacon Shebra Stafford  
Bro. Joseph Stallings  
Sis. Mary Stewart  
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## 2025 NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

*\* Merit-based selection, financial assistance, mentorship, community networking \**

### ELIGIBILITY:

- High School or college student
- Proof of enrollment in college, a pre-licensure nursing (ADN or BSN), or an advanced nursing program for the 2025-2026 academic school year.
- Demonstrates Leadership
- Must be a minority student
- Must be a Delaware resident
- GPA of 3.0



*The best way to predict your future is to create one!*  
Abraham Lincoln

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Submit an application and letter of reference
- Must attend the Black Nurses Rock Delaware scholarship event/activity to be honored (dates, times, and location TBD)
- Award recipient must participate in 2 community events with Black Nurses Rock Delaware
- Must submit a 500-750 word essay to:

[BNRDEscholarship@yahoo.com](mailto:BNRDEscholarship@yahoo.com)

COLLEGE APPLICATION



Apply by April 30, 2025

*Black Nurses Rock Delaware is a dynamic group of diversified nurses who provide advocacy, education, vaccinations, mentoring, donations, and scholarships to striving high school and college nursing students to elevate the nursing profession.*

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION



## Be Part of the Future and not the past!

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



**Havard and Lisa Drumgoole  
Celebrate their 37th Anniversary  
On April 2**



**Carlton and Linda Moody  
Celebrate their  
2nd Anniversary on April 9**



**Deacon Robert and  
Rev. Mary Rivers  
Celebrate their 61st Anniversary  
on April 13**



**Rev. Robert and Terry Daniels  
Celebrate their 45th  
Anniversary on April 15**



**Bill and Karen Pride  
Celebrate their 28th  
Anniversary on April 16**



**Stephen and Nona Berry  
Celebrate their 28th Anniversary  
On April 26**



**David and Donna Smalls  
Celebrate their 24th  
anniversary on April 18**



**John and Arlene Monk  
celebrate their 21st  
Anniversary on April 27**



**Tyrone and Deborah Showell  
Celebrate their 35th Anniversary  
On April 29th**



# April Birthdays



**Sam Davis**  
April 1



**Curtis Clack**  
April 6



**Deborah Stevenson**  
April 9



**Judy Sullivan**  
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





PALM  
SUNDAY

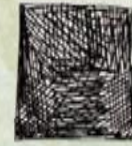


MAUNDY  
thursday

GOOD  
FRIDAY

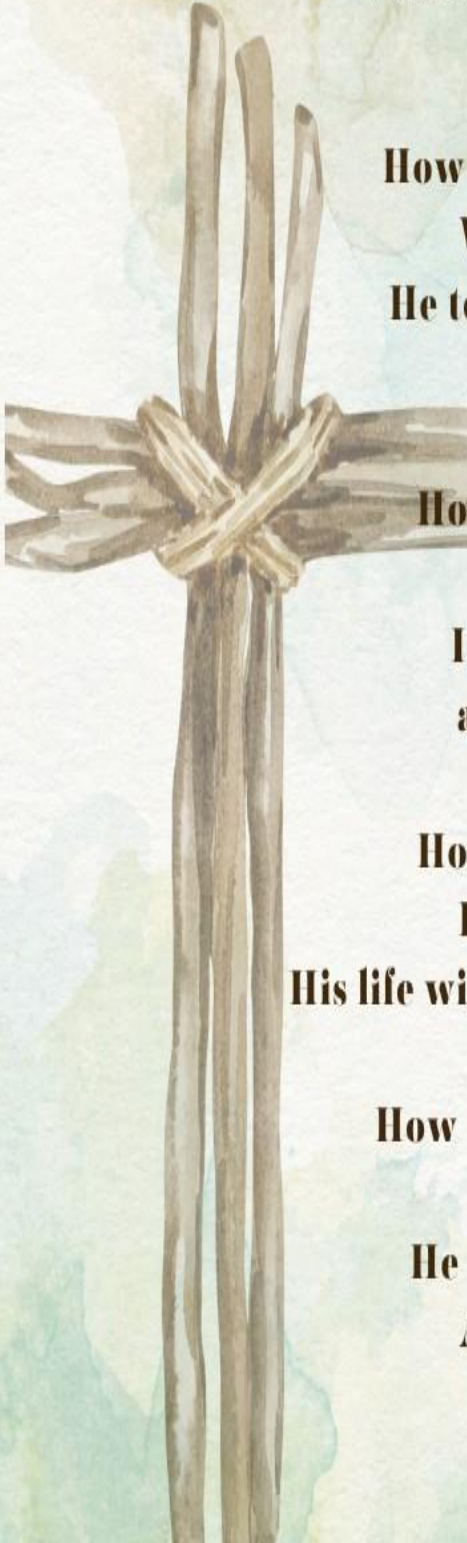


HE IS RISEN!



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**



# Easter Sunday Word Search and Heavenly Humor

Z R C U M V A E Y J H G D W O U N D E D  
 F B V B Z D F C R O W N O F T H O R N S  
 A M O D L F B C W B T U A Z Q Q S O D X  
 M J U G O E C A O V Q N O H S H Q M E C  
 I B B A X J S J S N N E W O U T F I T R  
 L T E Y T H J S S K G S H R L C R V V O  
 Y A H C H C E N E W E R P Q S Q O G B S  
 R D T R A S A A Z D F T E E F R X L S S  
 T E E T E U L L S B R A O G E K I N T K  
 T N S G H E S I V T Q E T S A C X F O N  
 L K O U P E P E Q A E J D X A T H K N Q  
 Z H S V R A C I H F R R E E V L I V E F  
 C E F E E R S R E E R Y E S E G C O T E  
 U L R W R R E T O C L M J G U M P T N A  
 Q I W W A M F C E S E I I Y G S E S A R  
 M V S S Z S O L T L S S V W S S R R W N  
 U E G W V U K N O I G Y U E B T K O W O  
 S S I U Y R G Z T W O V D I S J G W S T  
 I U C R D T H Q C U I N M K T D J Z A E  
 C A P A T T E N L E A T H E R S H O E S

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.**

**You think sanitizers and bleach work good? You should see what the blood of Jesus can clean up.**



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

When your wife starts a sentence with "When you get a chance..." Just go ahead and start putting your shoes on. She means now.



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Her children rise up and call her blessed.  
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~The Sisters of Canaan Women's Ministry~*