

The background of the entire page is a painting of a white church with a steeple. In the foreground, there is a group of people, some in white robes and some in more colorful, patterned clothing, standing in front of the church entrance. The painting style is somewhat impressionistic with visible brushstrokes.

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**CANAAN NEWS
ONLINE
FEBRUARY 2025**

**THEME:
WHAT A MIGHTY GOD
WE SERVE
Psalm 121**

**Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock
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Managing Editor**



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

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

Canaan is "family," and all of us are saved sinners working out our soul salvation under 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

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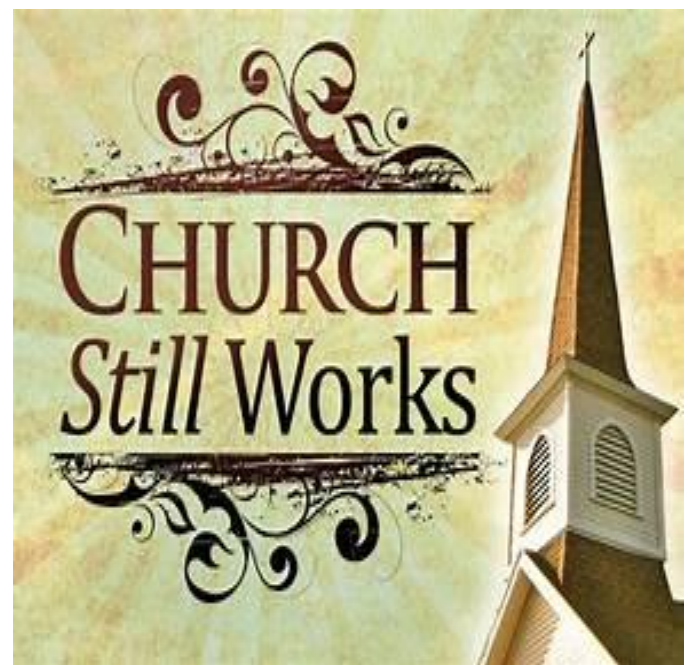
WAYS TO GIVE

Several options to give of His Tithes and our offerings:

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



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

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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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

Please make sure the **Membership Ministry and Church Office** has your current and up-to-date contact information: Formal Name, Email Address, Cell Phone Number, Residence or Mailing Address.



The **Canaan News Ministry** is looking for volunteers to share your gifts in the area of news publication using today's software to produce a quality product each month. If

you are interested in serving on this ministry, please contact Arvis Strickling-Jones, CanaanNews3011@gmail.com or call or text (302) 981-4908.

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 20th of each month to: CanaanNews3011@gmail.com.



**Sis. Karen Eason
January 16**

ORDER OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

Call to Worship and Prayer

Ministry in Music

Welcome of Visitors

Church Announcements

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offering

Ministry in Music

A Word from the Word

Invitation to New Life

(First Sunday—Holy Communion)

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

Benediction

Morning Hymn: **STAND BY ME**

When the storms of life are raging, Stand by me
When the storms of life are raging, Stand by me
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea
Thou who rulest wind and water, Stand by me.

In the midst of tribulations, Stand by me
In the midst of tribulations, Stand by me
When the hosts of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail
Thou who never lost a battle, Stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, Stand by me
In the midst of faults and failures, Stand by me
When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand
Thou who knowest all about me, Stand by me.

In the midst of persecution, Stand by me
In the midst of persecution, Stand by me
When my foes in war array, undertake to stop my way
Thou who saved Paul and Silas, Stand by me.

When I'm growing old and feeble, Stand by me
When I'm growing old and feeble, Stand by me
When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan
O Thou "Lily of the Valley," Stand by me.

What We Believe

The Articles of Faith in the Baptist Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Canaan is a member church of the National Baptist Convention USA Inc.
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:

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TITHING CALCULATOR

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

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

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

If you are not yet a committed part of our “tithing community”, we encourage you to prayerfully trust God today, pray and begin surrendering your life to His will in this and every area of your life.

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

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



Canaan Baptist Church - Ministries



MINISTRY

Benevolence
Canaan Business Network
Canaan For Life
Canaan News
Canaan's Kids Nursery
Christian Education
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
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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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February



Calendar of Events

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| Saturday, February 1 | Saturday Church School | 9:00 – 10:30 AM |
| 1st Sunday, February 2 | Worship Service –Voices of Canaan | 10:00 AM |
| Wednesday, February 5 | Bible Study – Word on Wednesday – Hall of Faith BIBLE STUDY – LIVE STREAMED | 12:00 Noon 6:30 PM |
| Thursday, February 6 | Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan | 6:30 PM |
| Friday, February 7 | Delaware State Ushers Meeting – Hall of Faith | 7:00 PM |
| Saturday, February 8 | Saturday Church School Canaan For Life Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith Men’s Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith | 9:00 – 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM |
| 2nd Sunday, February 9 | Worship Service – Men of Canaan | 10:00 AM |
| Wednesday, February 12 | Bible Study – Word on Wednesday BIBLE STUDY – LIVE STREAMED | 12:00 Noon 6:30 PM |
| Thursday, February 13 | Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan | 6:30 AM |
| Friday, February 14 | Marriage Ministry –Valentine’s Date Night – Hall of Faith | 6:00 PM |
| Saturday, February 15 | Saturday Church School Funeral Service – Mr. James Rascoe | 9:00 – 10:30 AM 1:00 PM |
| 3rd Sunday, February 16 | Worship Service–Voices of Canaan | 10:00 AM |
| Monday, February 17 | Presidents Day– Offices closed | |
| Wednesday, February 19 | Bible Study – Word on Wednesday BIBLE STUDY – LIVE STREAMED | 12:00 Noon 6:30 PM |
| Thursday, February 20 | Food Truck Delivery Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan | 9:00 AM 6:30 PM |
| Friday, February 21 | Food Sorting | 6:00 PM |
| Saturday, Friday 22 | Saturday Church School | 9:00 – 10:30 AM |
| 4th Sunday, February 23 | Worship Service – Men of Canaan Food Distribution: | 10:00 AM 11:30 AM |
| Wednesday, February 26 | Bible Study – Word on Wednesday CHURCHWIDE PRAYER SERVICE | 12:00 Noon 6:30 PM |
| Thursday, February 27 | Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan | 6:30 PM |



Canaan's Kids NURSERY

Sis. Linda Wells, Ministry Leader

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

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



22nd Church Anniversary Sunday, March 16, 2025

Guest Preacher for the 22nd Church Anniversary



Reverend Dr. Carl L. Washington, Jr.

Cultivating the Christ in Christians

Reverend Dr. Carl L. Washington, Jr. is the beloved Pastor of the New Mount Zion Baptist Church in Harlem, New York. For the last 25 years he has lead the congregation to be a beacon for Christ in the Harlem community, the state of New York, and across the nation. Under Dr. Washington's charismatic leadership, The New Mount Zion Baptist Church has grown extensively numerically, financially, and most importantly spiritually. As a powerful preacher, teacher, author (*"Divine Directives for the Dysfunctional Church"* and *"Fit for the Fight"*), and lecturer, Dr. Washington travels across the nation to encourage and strengthen the faith of people. Through Dr. Washington's dynamic preaching method and devotion to Christian discipleship, he continues to raise the standard of Pastoral Leadership in the 21st Century.

Dr. Washington's commitment to the advancement of the Gospel extends beyond the walls of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Like Jesus, His ministry is to those who sit at the margins of society. He has operated as a liaison for those in the community who need employment, health care, and assistance with reintegrating into society after incarceration. He is a part of numerous community organizations that seek to improve socio-economic status, health options and the advancement of all people such as; Health Initiative, Board Member of the Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, Inc. (HCCI), Youth Outreach, Board Member of C.O.P.W.A. (Children of Parents with AIDS), and is Chairman of the Board for MPAC (Mobilizing Preacher's & Communities, a nonprofit Civil Rights and Faith based organization). He's constantly consulted by politicians from across the state of New York for his understanding of community affairs and the needs of all people. He stands strong in the fight against racism, sexism and civil rights.

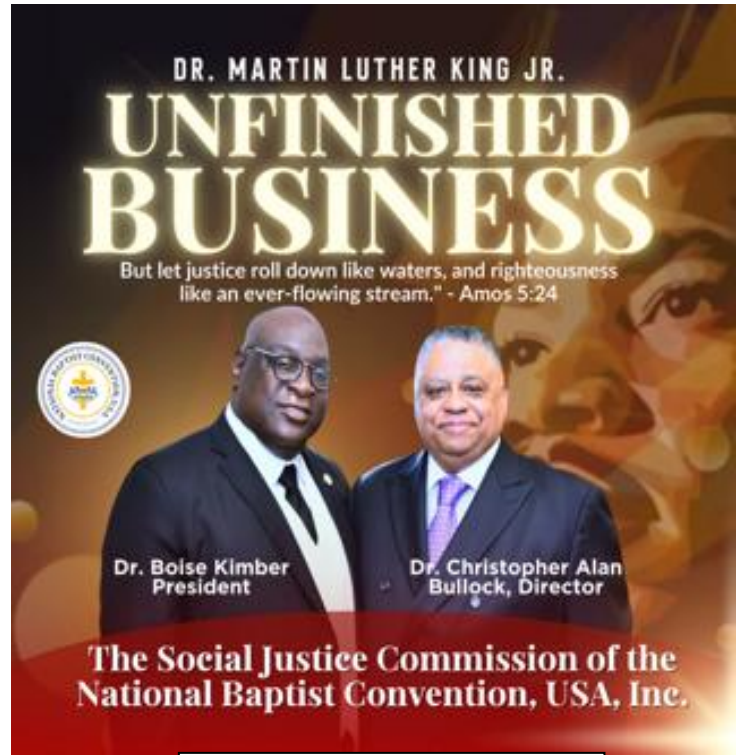
Dr. Washington's dedication to Christian Education and Discipleship is made evident in his work throughout the state and national conventions. For many years, Dr. Washington served as an instructor and Assistant Dean for the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. He also served as the President of the Congress of Christian Education for the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention of New York Inc. Because God saw his faithfulness over a few things God has elevated Dr. Washington to become a preeminent leader. He now serves as the Dean of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Congress of Christian Education; President of the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention of New York Inc., and is a Chaplain for the City of Mt. Vernon Fire Department.

Dr. Washington is a magna cum laude graduate of LaSalle University, and a graduate of Hartford Theological Seminary. He received a Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Virginia at Lynchburg and a Doctorate of Ministry from Eastern Theological Seminary.

Dr. Washington's greatest success and satisfaction has come as the husband of his wife, Bernita; and the father of their six children, daughters: Kristen, Carla, Chandle and Caura; and sons, Carl III and Carson. In addition, he has two son-in-laws; two daughter-in-laws; and sixteen beautiful grandchildren and One Great Grandson.



Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Director, Social Justice Commission of the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc celebrates the annual Dr. MLK, Jr. event sponsored by the Delaware Bar Association.



Unfinished Business
Amos 5:24



DR. BOISE KIMBER
CONVENTION PRESIDENT

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****STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION USA, INC. REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA (USA) WILDFIRES****

In this difficult moment, our hearts and prayers are with all those impacted by the wildfires in California. The devastation has been heartbreaking, and we stand in solidarity with those who have lost homes, possessions, and loved ones. The National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., believes in the power of community and faith to heal even the most painful wounds.

In the coming days, we will be sending 10 truckloads of supplies to aid in the recovery efforts, a small but meaningful step to bring comfort and support to those in need. Let us come together in prayer and action, knowing that with God's grace, hope will rise from the ashes, and we will rebuild stronger, united in faith and love.

Reverend Dr. Boise Kimber

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President
National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.



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For Immediate Release

PRESS STATEMENT

National Baptist Convention USA Assails President Trump's Dismantling of Federal Diversity Programs; Urges Churches to Act

President Donald Trump's Executive Order dismantling federal diversity, equity and inclusion programs is unwise and takes our country backwards," said President Boise Kimber. I am calling on all NBCUSA member churches to begin holding roundtable discussions around the importance of DEI. We welcome your suggestions and solutions to preserve programs that lead to equal opportunity. Since African Americans were brought to America in slave ships, we have been fighting for freedom and equality. After 246 years of legalized slavery and 100 years of Jim Crow laws—President Trump suggests African Americans and other marginalized groups have reached the point of equality.

President Trump and others must be reminded that African Americans still face systemic barriers to achieving that colorblind society based solely on merit. Racial disparities in wealth, health, housing, education, and the criminal justice system necessitate DEI programs to create an equal distribution of opportunities. We are seeking to make real the promises written in the Constitution and Declaration of Independence--"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Now is the time to make real that commitment to all citizens.

Equal opportunity helps to move us all forward. Diversity is good for government, businesses, and communities. Diverse voices allow for greater collaboration and innovation. There is a real value associated with diversity. According to Nielsen, Black Americans' buying power will reach \$1.98 trillion this year and Latinos' is projected to reach \$2.6 trillion.

President Trump's actions will slow the progress that African Americans have made during the last 60 years. It is insulting that he would choose Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s holiday to sign his Executive Order. President Kimber stated: "We will not go back to the days of Jim Crow and we are prepared to support those who support us. America cannot reach her full potential until all of her children have a seat at the table of opportunity and equity."

The National Baptist Convention, USA founded in 1895, is the nation's oldest and largest African American religious convention with over 31,000 churches and 7.5 million members.

Because of Christ,

Dr. Boise Kimber

Reverend Dr. Boise Kimber, President
National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

Changing The Course, But Not Our Conviction; The Gospel Still Works

Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock - Director, Social Justice Commission

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH
& REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER ALAN BULLOCK, PASTOR
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WEDNESDAY



BIBLE STUDY

LIVE STREAMED
EVERY WEDNESDAY
@ 6:30 PM



Led by
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Associate Minister



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Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor



CHURCHWIDE PRAYER SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

**Wednesday Evening
February 26, 2025
6:30 PM**

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

Last Wednesday of Every Month

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Valerie Hill, Dean and Ministry Leader

Rev. Pete Owen, Assistant Dean



We hope you will Join us weekly for Saturday Church School beginning at 9:00 am with continental breakfast followed by biblical lesson study at 9:30 am for the entire family (toddler thru adult) concluding at 10:30

am. The lessons are engaging, interactive and the Word of God is transformative.

The Sunday School Winter Quarter (December 2024-February 2025) entitled “*A King Forever and Ever*” explores the broad sweep of biblical teaching about God’s reign and connects to Jesus as the earthly exhibition of the divine kingdom.

February 2025 - Unit III: “Life in God’s Kingdom”

Lessons at a Glance

Lesson 10 - February 2

“Too Much Debt”

(Matthew 6:5-15)

Many people struggle to achieve sustainable lives in a world of debt and obligation. Jesus teaches us to pray for the forgiveness of debts, which is a hallmark of God’s reign.

Lesson 11 - February 9 –

“Stand Up”

(Matthew 11)

Some people tend to resist changes that affect them. What resistance might we expect when we stand up for changes that are good and right?

Lesson 12 - February 16 –

“What More Do I Have to Do?”

(Matthew 19:16-30)

Many people seek to acquire wealth and possessions. How might the pursuit of wealth stand in the way of a purposeful life?

Lesson 13 - February 23

“Don’t Be a Goat”

(Matthew 25)

We are often judged based on known and unknown criteria. Whose (or what) standards should matter to us the most? Matthew 25 tells us that the criterion for the Son of Man's final judgment of responsible kingdom living will be based on service to the “least of these.”

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

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL MINISTRY

Sis. Jennifer Umoete, Ministry Leader



The International Cultural Ministry invites you to a performance of **DanceAfrica** at the Brooklyn Academy of Music and African Street Festival in Brooklyn, New York, on **Saturday, May 24, 2025**. Please reach out to the ministry for registration and details for this Afrocentric day trip.



CHURCH OUTING

Pastor Bullock and the Canaan Church Family will fellowship with the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 100 Bracken Avenue, Wilmington, DE, Rev. Lawrence W. Wright, Pastor, on **Sunday afternoon, March 2, 2025, at 3:00 PM**. The **Voices of Canaan** will minister in song.



The Marriage Ministry

*Valentine's Day ** Night of Elegance*



February 14, 2025 ** 6:00 PM
Canaan Baptist Church
Hall of Faith

Join us for a beautiful evening of
Dinner ~ Entertainment
Photographs - Dancing ~ DJ

\$50.00
per couple

Please see Deacon Isaac
and Sis. Lorraine Perry
Ministry Leaders

Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor



February

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

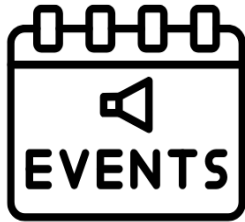
EMPOWERMENT-II TIMOTHY 1:7

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

""NO WEAPON FORGED AGAINST YOU WILL PREVAIL, AND YOU WILL REFUTE EVERY TONGUE THAT ACCUSES YOU . THIS IS THE HERITAGE OF THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD, AND THIS IS THEIR VINDICATION FROM ME, DECLARES THE LORD"

ISAIAH 54:17 NIV





BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION CALLING ALL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS. **!!!!**

PRACTICE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

(SANCTUARY/HOF)

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH SCHOOL

BHM PRESENTATION: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

(DURING CHURCH SERVICE)

Celebrate
Black
HISTORY
month



HIGHER GROUND EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

Call for High School and College Students

Please submit the following information for active Canaan members, age 26 or younger, who are graduating from high school or college in Spring 2025, as well as for students currently enrolled in higher education institutions. This information will be used for acknowledgment, recognition, and scholarship consideration.



- First and Last Name
- E-mail address
- Cell Phone number
- School/College
- Grade/Level
- Anticipated graduation date:
- Future Career Goals
- College Acceptance for Fall 2025

Send all submissions to DrDebBullock@outlook.com by March 1, 2025

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



**SCHOLARSHIP
DONATION**



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



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 February 2025.

CHOIRS OF CANAAN:

- **Voices of Canaan** — Anthems, hymns, spirituals, traditional and contemporary gospel music.
- **Men of Canaan** – Bro. Wayne Jefferson, Director
- **YYA/Next G Choir** - Ages 6-39

Rehearsal Dates – 6:30 PM

Thursday, February 6 – Men of Canaan
 Thursday, February 13 -- Voices of Canaan
 Thursday, February 20 – Men of Canaan
 Thursday, February 27 – Voices of Canaan

FEBRUARY SINGING SCHEDULE

1st Sunday, February 2 – Voices of Canaan
 (Call time – 8:30 AM) – Attire: White/Red Accent

2nd Sunday, February 9 – Men of Canaan
 (Call time – 8:30 AM)

3rd Sunday, February 16 - Voices of Canaan –
 Attire: Black/Fall Color (Call time – 8:30 AM)

4th Sunday, February 23 – Men of Canaan
 (Call time – 8:30 AM)

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sis Shereen Abrams and Family
 Sis Sharyn Alston
 Bro. Alvin and Sis. Carol Amos
 Rev. Joseph Blue and Family
 Bro. Malcolm Brittingham
 Rev. Selina Cherry
 Mother Caroline Congo
 Sis Terry Daniels
 Bro. Michael and Sis. Denise Davis
 Sis. Olistine Davis
 Sis. Sherry Douglas
 Sis Shereen Fields
 Sis. Nettie Gates
 Sis. Lois Glover
 Rev. Johnny and Sis. Retha Hunter
 Sis. Dorothy Jackson
 Bro. Jan Jackson, Jr.
 Sis. Louise Jamison
 Sis Kim Jennings
 Mr. Howard and Sandra Hicks Jones
 Sis. Ida Mae King (mother of Sis. Linda Wells)
 Sis. Dorothy Mays
 Mother Pinkie Melchor
 Dr. Mimi Melchor
 Mother Blanche Moore
 Sis. Phadrea Oates
 Sis Juanita Owen (Mother of Rev. Peter Owen)
 Sis. Joy Benford-Pyles
 Sis. Joann Perry
 Cayonna Ramos
 Sis. Karen Randolph
 Ms. Ethelene Ringgold
 Deacon Richard and Sis. Virginia Ross
 Lamar Russell
 Bro. Todd Small
 Deacon Shebra Stafford and Family
 Sis. Mary Stewart
 Bro. Charles Stewart
 Mother Ann Strickling – Sacramento, CA
 Sis. Brenda Villaneuva
 Sis. Elaine Wescott
 Sis. Carolyn Williams
 Sis. Earlene Leslie Williams
 Sis. Shirley Williams (San Francisco, CA)
 Sis. Idel Wilson



***Canaan Baptist Church Men's Ministry
Presents***

NEW BEGINNINGS

***Saturday, February 8th, 2025
11 am - 1 pm***

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

**We welcome all Canaan men
to our 2025 Men's Ministry
kickoff and Meet and Greet**

A light lunch will be provided

**Rodney Davis - Men's Ministry Leader
Robert Sullivan- Co-Leader
Dwayne Adams- Co-Leader**

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



Canaan Baptist Church Presents

MISSIONARY SEMINAR

"Women Like Us Have The Heart of a Missionary"
~ Isaiah 6:8

March 8, 2025 12 pm - 3 pm

R.S.V.P. TO 302-654-8818 BY FEBRUARY 15, 2025

Guest Speakers



REV. DR. SARAH BROWN
EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
WILMINGTON, DE



REV. DR. LORINA MARSHALL-BLAKE
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**Rev. Drs. Christopher
& Debbie Bullock**

PRESENTS
10-Day Pilgrimage to Ghana

Accra – Kumasi – Cape Coast

July 9 – 18, 2025



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

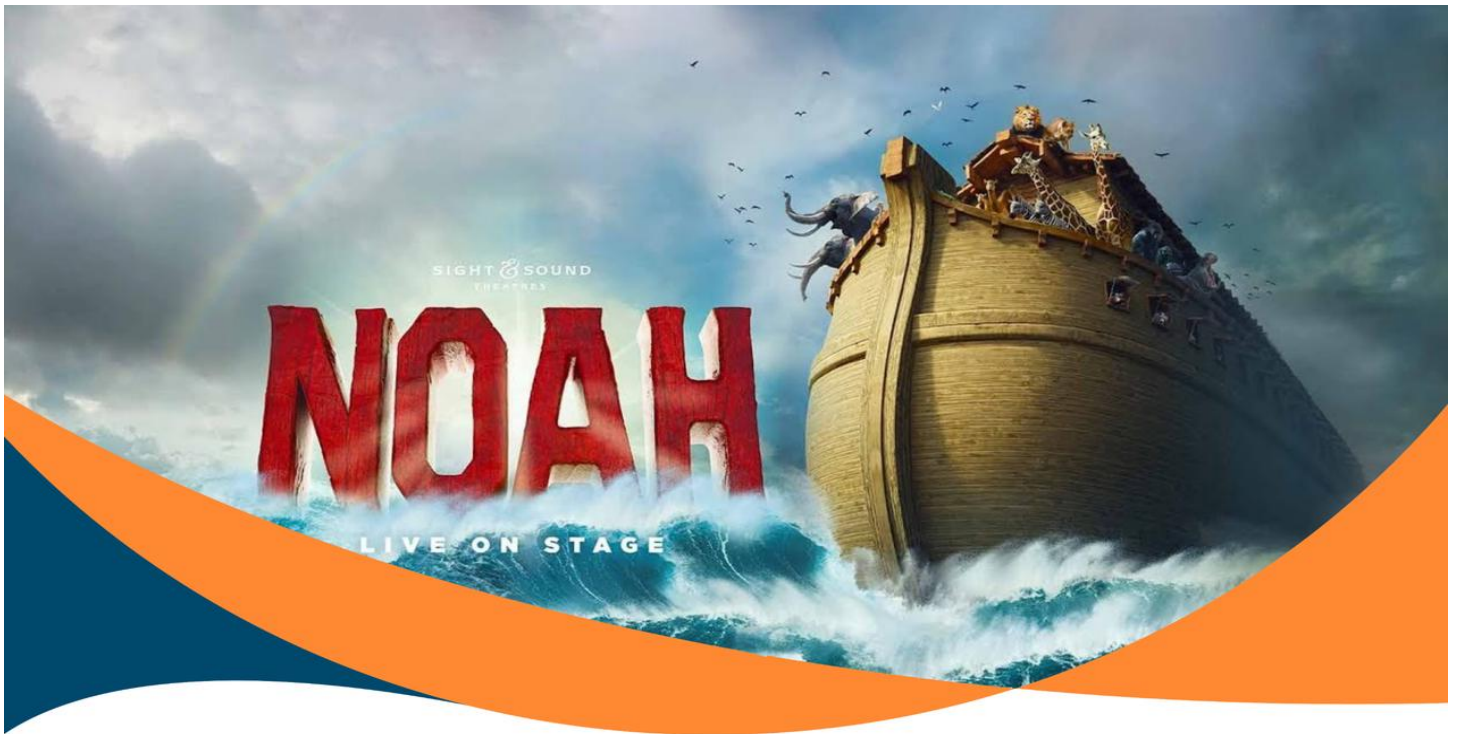
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Join the Canaan Seniors and Married Couples Ministries for a trip to Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see the stage production of NOAH.

Live On Stage

Returning for one season only, this landmark production takes you on board one of the world's best-known voyages as live animals fill the stage and aisles, Set sail inside the enormous ark as this extraordinary biblical story comes to life in this special 30th anniversary season!

DATE: July 12, 2025

Trip Includes

- Bus Transportation to and from the venue
- Ticket to the Sight & Sound Theater
- Reserved seating
- Lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord following the play

COST \$180

- \$50 DEPOSIT due 1/26/2025 (non-refundable)
- Balance is due 5/25/2025
- Checks should be made payable to: Canaan Baptist Church

For More Information Contact

Pat Risher
(317)518-9942

Lorraine Perry
(302)659-0127

Sandi Hicks
(302)326-1812



Sponsored by Canaan Baptist Church Seniors Ministry and Married Couples Ministry
Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor

Prepare for VA's sign-in changes

We're moving to a more modern online sign-in experience — to simplify your options and continue to protect your identity and benefits.



Here's what's changing for VA websites and mobile apps:

- After January 31, 2025, we'll remove the option to sign in with a My HealtheVet user ID and password.
- After September 30, 2025, we'll remove the option to sign in with a DS Logon username and password.
- You'll then have two sign-in account options: **Login.gov** or **ID.me**.

Note: Your health portal isn't going away. We're just changing the way you sign in.

Create your account now

Learn why we're making these changes — and how to create your Login.gov or ID.me account.



www.va.gov/sign-in-changes

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Appointment Check in and request Travel Pay* with your smartphone.

If you haven't received a text message from VA, follow the steps below.

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Text 'CHECK IN' to 53079.
2. You will get a text with link.
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You can create a travel claim during on-line check in.
4. You will receive a text message with your claim submission status.



*Do you qualify for Travel Pay?
Now you can apply on your smartphone!



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VA



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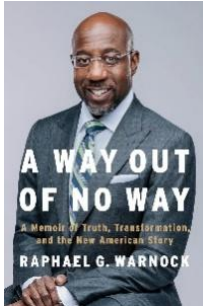
"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Deacon-In-Training
Alix Jefferson
Virtual Librarian

A Way Out Of No Way

by Raphael G. Warnock



Senator Reverend Raphael G. Warnock occupies a singular place in American life. As senior pastor of Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, and now as a senator from Georgia, he is the rare voice who can call out the uncomfortable truths that shape contemporary American life and, at a time of division, summon us all to a higher moral ground.

Senator Warnock grew up in the Kayton Homes housing projects in Savannah, the eleventh of twelve children. His dad was a World War II veteran, and as a teenager his mom picked tobacco and cotton in rural Georgia. Both were Pentecostal preachers. After graduating from Morehouse College, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s alma mater, Senator Warnock studied for a decade at Union Theological Seminary while serving at Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church. At thirty-five, he became the senior pastor at Ebenezer, where Dr. King had preached and served.

In January 2021, Senator Warnock won a runoff election that flipped control of the Senate at one of the most pivotal moments in recent American history. He is the first Black senator from Georgia, only the eleventh Black senator in American history, and just the second Black senator from the South since Reconstruction. As he said in his maiden speech from the well of the senate, Senator Warnock's improbable journey reflects the ongoing toggle between the pain and promise of the American story.

A powerful preacher and a leading voice for voting rights and democracy, Senator Warnock has a once-in-a-generation gift to inspire and lead

us forward. *A Way Out of No Way* tells his remarkable story for the first time.

Upon Waking: 60 Daily Reflections to Discover Ourselves and the God We Were Made For

by Jackie Hill Perry



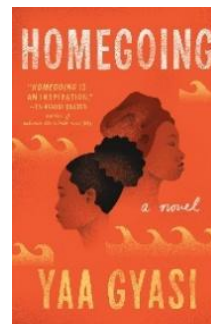
What do you wake up to each day? What do you discover once your eyes have opened and you put your feet to the floor? A mountain of notifications? An endless feed of headlines that make you angry? A flood of tasks that you can't possibly get done in the next twenty-four hours?

What if you could wake up each day to discover something so much bigger—and so much better for you—than all that chaos? What if you could discover God? What if you could discover yourself in light of that God? What if your eyes could be opened to the things that really mattered? What if, in one simple devotional a day, you could glean principles from timeless wisdom to sharpen you for each day's inevitable challenges?

In her lyrical, compelling, and poignant voice, bestselling author and Bible teacher Jackie Hill Perry offers sixty short, daily reflections on specific passages from Scripture to help you awaken to the God you were made for, the life you were made for, and the person you were made to be.

Homegoing

by Yaa Gyasi



One of Oprah's Best Books of the Year, *Homegoing* follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their descendants through eight generations: from the Gold Coast to the plantations of Mississippi, from the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem. Yaa Gyasi's extraordinary novel

illuminates slavery's troubled legacy both for those who were taken and those who stayed—and shows how the memory of captivity has been inscribed on the soul of our nation.

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, who promises to "come quickly" in the second coming, issues the final promise in the Bible (Revelation: 22:20)

Bible Trivia:

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

1. Neither is there _____ in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
 - Salvation (Acts 4:12)
2. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in _____.
 - Prayers (Acts: 2:42)
3. For I know the thoughts that I think forward to you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and

not of _____, to give you an expected end.

- Evil (Jeremiah 29:11)
4. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he _____ us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.
 - Saved (Titus 3:5)
 5. Let this _____ be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.
 - Mind (Philippians 2:5)

February Bible Trivia:

Key Verses (Fill in the missing word and provide the correct verse)

1. But the fruit of the _____ is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.
2. Therefore if any man be in _____, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
3. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be _____
4. A new _____ I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
5. Be careful for _____; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Social Justice Ministry

Deacon Dwight Holden, Ministry Leader



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BULLOCK FOOD PANTRY - FEBRUARY DATES

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2025

RECEIVE TRUCK - 9AM -12PM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2025

SORT/ASSEMBLE FOOD BAGS 6PM - 9PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

DISTRIBUTION 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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LOST & FOUND

If you have misplaced your bible, cell phone, scarf, jewelry, gloves, keys- or whatever, check with the Ushers Ministry Lost and Found to see if your item was left here at the church.

WE HAVE MANY ITEMS- *One of which could be yours!*



DEACONS MINISTRY

Deacon James Bonds, Ministry Leader

Bro. Ronald Stevens was baptized on
Sunday, 19, 2025



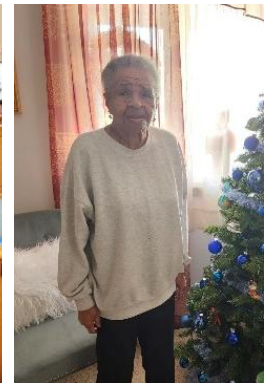
Welcome

New Members

Right Hand of Fellowship
Sunday, January 26, 2025

Sis. Sylvonnia Covert
Sis. Juliet Galloway
Sis. Elaine Harris
Sis. Susan Harris-McGovern
Sis. Delores McLamb
Sis. Thelma OnaKoya
Elder George S. Patrick
Sis. Thelma Patrick
Sis. Carol Southall
Bro. Wesley Southall
Bro. Ronald Stevens
Sis. Vivienne Taylor
Bro. Bobby Temple
Sis. Sheila Temple

SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER Blessing our Seniors 80 and up



A Special THANK YOU

Thank you so much to the Canaan Baptist Church for helping us through such a difficult time. Pastor Bullock, Sis. Arvis Strickling-Jones and the entire Canaan staff, you're truly a blessing. Your heartfelt kindness was truly appreciated. With Sincere Thanks,

Sis. Crystal Ellerbe and Family

Greetings Pastor, Rev Debbie, Deacons and congregation, it's so miraculous that your gift arrived at the most needed time. God continuously performs small miracles on time. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Rev. Fae Robinson

Pastor Bullock, Board of Deacons and the Canaan Membership, I want to thank each of you for the Christmas gift this year. It is a wonderful experience to be remembered by your church family. I enjoyed my visit and conversation with DIT Anita Hawkes. I remember her from bringing her grandfather, Deacon Henry, to church. I also want to thank Deacon Nancy Coleman and Deacon Mary Hegazy for their visit and giving my daughter, son-in-law and myself communion. I enjoyed our conversation and catching up with what's going on at Canaan. I enjoy watching the different services on YouTube, especially the Sunday services, but I miss being there in person. I pray that God will continue to bless me and keep His healing hands on my body. I wish the best for Canaan and that our heavenly Father continues to bless your good work. Yours in Christian love,

Sis. Jean M. Nichols

Pastor and Congregation, the kindness you showed means so much more than you could ever imagine. A special "thank you" for the gift and prayers.

Mary H. Harvey

Dear Pastor Bullock and Canaan Baptist Church family, thank you so much. I appreciate my monetary gift, gift cards and visits. May God continue to bless you all.

Mother Caroline Congo & Sis. Latania Congo

It is such a blessing to be a member of Canaan Baptist Church where seniors are respected for our past struggles and our triumphs. Virginia and I would like to take this moment to thank Pastor and Rev. Debbie, the entire Diaconate, Trustee and other ministries involved for the monetary gifts this Christmas to us and other members 80 years of age and above. Ideally what we in our golden years look forward to is a reasonable portion of health, safety, shelter and to be treated fairly and equally by our fellow men. We too have the same obligation to others, as God has blessed us, regardless of our stations in life. We find ourselves today reminded of how hatred has permeated the most sacred haven which God has predestined for us. His Church. Bigots have twisted the Word to turn some churches into pulpits of hatred. Thank God for Canaan and other churches blessed by the blood of Jesus! The generosity of this church has measured up to the yardstick Christ set forth for us when He said, "For when I was Hungry you gave me food; when I was thirsty you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you received me into your homes." Matthew 25:35 Virginia and I would be remiss if we failed to reiterate how the Canaan Newsletter continues to keep visitors, subscribers, new members, and of course, active members informed, engaged and amused. Kudos! Blessings to all throughout 2025!

Deacon Richard and Sis. Virginia Ross

Dear Rev. Bullock, First Lady, Deacons Ministry, and Church Family, I hope this note finds all of you well and filled with the joy of this Christmas season. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the gift you gave me and the other seniors with 80+ years of wisdom. Your generosity truly warmed my heart and has been a beautiful reminder of the love and support I feel from my church family all year long. Thank you for sharing the true spirit of Christmas and for being such a blessing in my life. May God bless you all abundantly this season and in the year to come. With sincere gratitude,

Sis. Lizzy Mathis

Dear Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie, Deacons and my Canaan family, thank you so much for the monetary gift you gave during the Christmas holiday. May you be blessed.

Sis. Ora Belcher

Pastor and First Lady Bullock, and the Diaconate Ministry, For me and millions of others, Christmas is the season when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is also a time for giving and celebrating love in so many ways that bring us contentment and peace. And so, with a grateful heart, I thank you, and I thank God *for you*. In their service to Canaan Baptist, Deacons Cathy Broadway and Mattie Helms hand-delivered your generous gift that I used very wisely. Their visit was an inspirational and heart-warming blessing also. For my Canaan family in general, you continue to remind me of why I am proud to call Canaan my "Church Home," and why "the blessing of the Lord makes a person rich. (Proverbs 10:23). Your gift cards, Christmas cards, other holiday wishes, and phone calls are so very much appreciated. God bless you Canaan for your love, and remember, I love you back!

Mother Zella Polk

Pastor Christopher A. Bullock, First Lady Dr. Debbie, Deacons and church family, thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Hope you know how very much you are appreciated and what a difference you make.

Sis. Rose Cohen



Our member, **Bro. Alvin Barner**, age 67, passed away on January 13, 2025. He is the brother of Rev. Brenda Meades, and uncle to Keith and Irving Barner. Cards and condolences may be sent to: Rev. Brenda Meades, 1110 W. 5th Street,

Wilmington, DE 19805.

Mr. Kenny Lewis, Sr., age 60, passed away. He is the brother of our Canaan members, Sis. Denise Davis (Michael). A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the Jelacic Funeral Home, Milwaukee, WI 53218. Cards and condolences may be sent to: Sis. Denise Davis, 166 Pearce Creek Drive, Earleville, MD 21919.

Mr. James Stewart Rascoe, Jr., age 40, passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. He is the son of Deacon Shebra Stafford, and nephew of Deacon Nancy Coleman. Funeral services will be held on **Saturday, February 15, 2025**, at Canaan Baptist Church; viewing at 1:00 PM, service will begin at 2:00 PM. A repast will immediately follow the service in the Hall of Faith. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Deacon Shebra Stafford, 216 Hillview Avenue, New Castle, DE 19720. Services are entrusted to Evan W. Smith Funeral Services.

Ms. Ruby Leona Norris passed away on Saturday, December 28, 2024. She is the sister of our member, Sis. Shereen Abrams. Please send cards and condolences to: Shereen Abrams, 448 Robinson Drive, New Castle, DE 19720.



VAN DRIVERS NEEDED to join the Transportation Ministry. For more information, please contact Sis. Stephanie Collins.

CANAAN'S KIDS NURSERY:

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

MEDIA MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Media Ministry is seeking volunteers to train and operate the PA Sound System.

If you are interested in training, please contact Dr. Arvis or any member of the Media/Sound Team.



BLACK BUSINESS EXCELLENCE



DOLLARS AND DIRECTION OF FUNDING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

IN-PERSON PANEL DISCUSSION EVENT



FEBRUARY 27TH, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH | 3011 New Castle Ave, New Castle, DE 19720

REGISTER HERE: [DELAWARESBDC.ORG/EVENTS](https://delawaresbdc.org/events)

The DE SBDC is excited to invite you to attend the upcoming 3rd Annual Black Business Excellence Event:

Looking for tips on sourcing and allocating funds for your small business? Attend Black Business Excellence on February 27th for important discussions on the current funding landscape and how to ensure long-term sustainability.

The event will include the following:

- Diving into funding opportunities and learning financial strategies for 2025 and beyond.
- Connecting with Delaware's resource partners, financial institutions and community organizations, who will be on site to provide information on their services.
- Collaborating, Connecting and Celebrating our Small Business Community!

Event Details:

Canaan Baptist Church, In-person Event, 3011 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, DE 19720

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DOLLARS AND DIRECTION OF FUNDING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Session 1: Where's The Money

Finding legitimate small business funding, with a focus on Delaware resources and SBDC support

Session 2: Got the Money, Now What

Entrepreneurs share strategies for planning and using funds to ensure long-term sustainability

Session 3: The Climate of Funding and How to Maneuver

Lenders discuss the funding landscape and best practices for navigating opportunities

Session 4: Guided Q&A

Recap and Q&A on "Finding, Funding, and Fueling" small businesses with capital

REGISTER TODAY!

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Sis. Lynette Scott, Ministry Leader

ATTENTION ENTREPRENEURS!



When you join the Business Network Ministry you will have access to free advertisement, financial assistance, business resources, mentoring, and seminars.

Call Lynette Scott at (302) 530-6928 for additional information.

Please be sure to sign up for the **BLACK BUSINESS EXCELLENCE EVENT** on February 27, 2025

CONTRACTOR NEEDED!!!

A member of Canaan Baptist Church is looking for a painter to hire. If you are a licensed contractor who is a painter, please call Lynette Scott, Chair- Canaan Business Network Ministry



Celebrating
FEBRUARY
Birthdays

Phadrea Oates
 February 4



Sis. Vivian Mims
 February 2



Mother
 Doris Badson
 February 6 - 91 years



Quentin James
 February 7



Mother
 Caroline Congo
 February 12



Sis. Katrina Brown
 February 14



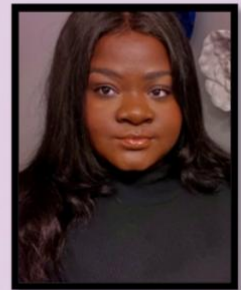
Sis. Carmen Henderson
 February 16



Sis. Sabrina Allen
 February 16



Adriana Jefferson
 February 17



Sis. Ariel Jefferson
 February 18



Bro. Joe Hodges
 February 18



Sis. Deb Piner
 February 19



Bro. David Bailey
 February 19



Sis. Patricia Stallings
 February 22



Sis. Kelli McClendon
 February 25



Sis. Viola Frisby
 February 26



Sis. Terry Daniels
 February 26



Deacon
 Shebra Stafford
 February 27



Sis. Diane Taylor
 February 27

Interesting Black History Month Facts



In honor of Black History Month, here are some facts about Black history in America that even history buffs may not know. Each

February, the United States observes Black History Month, a monthlong celebration that honors the contributions made by Black Americans. During this time, people support Black-owned businesses, share powerful Black History Month quotes and research **Black History Month facts** to educate themselves on groundbreaking people, places and events.

A historian helped establish Black History Month -



Here's a [Black American](#) you may not have learned about in school: Historian Carter G. Woodson, the creator of

what we presently know as Black History Month, worked passionately to establish the event in an effort to provide an education on the origins, struggles and achievements of African Americans in United States history. Originally, it existed as seven days of commemoration, first established in 1926 and called "Negro History Week." Woodson penned more than a dozen books, including 1933's, *The Mis-Education of the Negro*.

Black History Month is observed during different months around the world

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



Black History Month has been nationally recognized since 1976 -

Despite its forerunner, Negro History Week, originating all the way back in 1926, Black History Month as we know it today didn't become nationally recognized until the 1970s. Black students and educators at Kent State first [celebrated Black History Month](#) in January and February of 1970.

Other educational institutions started following suit, and for the United States Bicentennial, President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month, as has every president since.



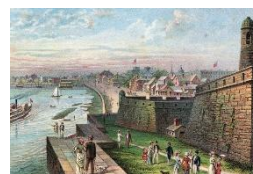
The founding of the NAACP coincides with Black History Month -

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



The practice of vaccination in America has interesting roots -

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



Fort Mose is an important town in Black history -

Of all the cities you learned about in school that no longer exist, Fort Mose (pronounced "Mo-say") is one of the most important. Here's one of the little-known Black history facts: More than 250 years ago, when people who had escaped their enslavement made their way to St. Augustine, Florida, they were welcomed by the Spanish, who valued their skills and contributions. In 1738, the governor rewarded them by establishing the town that went on to become known as Fort Mose. It was the first officially sanctioned town for freed Black men in what is now the United States, with a population of about 100. In 1763, the Fort was ceded to the British under the Treaty of Paris, and the free

Black residents were evacuated to Cuba with the Spanish. The British then destroyed the site during the War of 1812. Today, it is a Historic State Park, making it one of the wonderful [American landmarks that celebrates Black culture](#).

The first state to abolish slavery was in New England - Considering [President Abraham](#)



[Lincoln](#) hailed from Illinois and was the president who would eventually abolish slavery, you might expect that the first state to do away

with the practice was his Midwestern state of origin. However, it was Vermont that led the way, in 1777.

James McCune Smith was the first African American doctor - James



McCune Smith was the first African American to hold a medical degree and the first

African American to run a pharmacy. Because no American university was willing to admit him, he was forced to travel to Scotland to earn his degree from the University of Glasgow. After graduating in 1837, he practiced medicine for nearly two decades at the Colored Orphan Asylum in Manhattan, contributed papers to scholarly journals and was widely respected as an intellectual. He was an abolitionist who helped enslaved people escape and find their way to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Despite his accomplishments, Smith was never admitted into the American Medical Association.

The first public high school for African Americans opened in 1870 - The first public



high school for African Americans, Paul Laurence Dunbar High, opened in

Washington, DC, in 1870, just five years after the end of the Civil War. Named after Dunbar, the acclaimed Black writer, the school graduated many luminaries, including the first Black Army General, the first Black presidential cabinet member and the first Black graduate of the Naval Academy. Many high schools, including Dunbar

Vocational High School in Chicago (pictured), have also adopted Dunbar's name.



Black men had a strong presence in the Wild West - You'd be hard-

pressed to find much diversity in old-time Western films; however,

according to *Smithsonian Magazine*, one in four cowboys was Black. In fact, it's believed that the fictional character of the Lone Ranger was based on Bass Reeves. Reeves was born into slavery, but he fled westward during the Civil War. In time, he became a Deputy U.S. Marshal.

George Edwin Taylor ran for president in 1904



Long before Barack Obama became the first Black president of the United States, George Edwin Taylor ran for president in 1904 as a member of the National Negro Liberty Party.

Though the journalist and newspaper editor received only 2,000 votes, Taylor deserves to be remembered for his groundbreaking political run.



Jackie Robinson broke baseball barriers - On

April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson played in his first game as one of the Brooklyn

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

Charlotta Bass paved the way for Kamala



Harris - A major glass ceiling and racial milestone was broken in November 2020 when [Kamala Harris](#), the daughter of Jamaican and

Indian immigrants, was elected as America's first Black vice president (as well as the first woman and South Asian American to hold the office!). She was not the first Black woman to run for that office, however. In 1948, a journalist named Charlotta Bass became the vice-presidential

nominee of the Progressive Party, with Vincent Hallinan as her running mate. She was also from Harris's home state of California!



Sister Rosetta Tharpe knew how to rock - When it comes to rock 'n' roll, the boys seem to get all the credit—but Sister Rosetta

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



Quincy Jones, the Grammy-nominated music man, made history - Quincy Jones hits the history books as the most nominated artist in

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

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



people learn about Rosa Parks fighting for desegregation on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus, but they may not know this Black

history fact: Claudette Colvin, a young girl, did it before Parks. In 1955, at just 15 years old, she stayed seated and refused to move to the back of the bus for a white passenger. She was subsequently arrested. According to NPR, Colvin had learned about the plight of Harriet Tubman and other early activists in school before her arrest.



Wilma Rudolph was a pioneering Olympian and activist - Wilma Rudolph was an African American athlete who became the [first woman](#)

[to win](#) three medals at the Summer Olympics in 1960. Having achieved her dream, she returned home and refused to participate in a celebratory

parade if it was segregated. As a result, the parade and banquet thrown in her honor were the first events to be integrated in her hometown of Clarksville, Tennessee.



Interracial marriage was banned in the U.S. until 1967 - Way back in 1664, marriage between races was banned in the United States.

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

Civil rights solidarity in sports has deep roots



Many years before Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the national anthem, two other athletes sent a powerful message about

their unity with Black America. During the 1968 Olympic games in Mexico City, competitors Tommie Smith and John Carlos wore black gloves and gave a [Black power salute during the anthem](#).



The National Civil Rights Museum is in a somber location - Everyone should visit the National Civil Rights Museum in

Memphis, Tennessee, an immersive experience, steeped in history and emotion. The museum itself is located on the former site of the Lorraine Motel, where [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) was tragically assassinated. The facade is still there to remind visitors of what happened that day.



Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination coincided with an icon's birthday - It was on [Maya Angelou's](#) 40th birthday, April 4, 1968, that her friend, civil rights activist Martin

Luther King Jr., was assassinated. After this heinous act, Angelou stopped celebrating her birthday. However, she sent flowers to King's wife, Coretta Scott King, on that date until Mrs. King passed in 2006.



Students had a big impact on the Civil Rights Movement - When we think of the heroes of the Civil Rights Movement, we

usually think of towering figures like Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr., but the movement also comprised ordinary young people who wanted to change the world by fighting injustice.



The first African American woman was elected to the House of Representatives in 1968 - Paving the way for

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

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HEAVENLY HUMOR

I posted a photo of myself at the gym, and it was flagged and removed as "Fake News." 🙄

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do, it's because I missed my exit.

I'm having a garage sale today! Please don't come if I've ever borrowed anything from you.

Them: Why is your entire Bible neon yellow? Every single word? Me: I was highlighting the important parts.

You'll never truly feel connected to a church until you begin to serve in it. Attending helps you grow spiritually, but serving allows you to fulfill your God-given purpose.

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

I think all these scam calls we get are God's punishment for all those prank calls we made as a kid.

People wait all day for 5pm.
All week for Friday.
All summer for winter.
All winter for summer.
& all of life for happiness.
Don't let the pursuit of tomorrow diminish the joy of today.

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22nd Church Anniversary Celebration

‘WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE’ Psalm 121



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Harlem, New York
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