



**CANAAN NEWS  
ONLINE  
December 2024**

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**Theme:  
YES GOD IS ABLE  
JUDE 24 - 25**

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

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

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

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

### Canaan's Mission Statement

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

### Canaan's Core Values

Congregational Intimacy (I 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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notifications when Canaan Baptist Church is going "**LIVE**", "**Like**" and "**Follow**" us on the "Canaan Baptist Church of Delaware" Facebook page and "Subscribe" to our YouTube Channel Canaanbcvideo

### WAYS TO GIVE

**Several options to give of His Tithes and our Offerings:**

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



“And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.”  
St. Luke 2:10-11

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you. As we enter this Advent season celebrating the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us reflect on the many ways God has blessed us. It's been a challenging year for many of us, but we still give God praise for His goodness, kindness, and mercy toward us, most of all, **THE GIFT OF HIS PRECIOUS SON, JESUS THE CHRIST!**

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

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## 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>** of each month to: [CanaanNews3011@gmail.com](mailto:CanaanNews3011@gmail.com).

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.

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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](mailto:CanaanNews3011@gmail.com)

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## Service Start Time: 9:40 AM

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, December 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, December 8

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, December 15

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, December 22



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

**“JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”**

**Verse 1**

Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
“Glory to the new-born King,” Jesus, the Light of the world.

**Verse 2**

Joyful, all ye nations rise, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the Light of the world.

**Verse 3**

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord, Jesus, the Light of the World.

**Verse 4**

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the Light of the world.

**Refrain**

We’ll walk in the light, beautiful light  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright  
Shine all around us by day and by night  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

## What We Believe

### The Articles of Faith in the Baptist Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## THE CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

### *References:*

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

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



## TITHING CALCULATOR

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

**The Tithing Calculator** is posted to help us better understand and determine what an actual 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  
Charles Kirksey Prison Outreach  
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  
Thomas L. Risher Veterans  
Trustees Ministry  
Ushers  
Next G/Youth/Young Adult Ministry

## LEADER

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Sis. Lynette Scott  
Sis. Julie White  
Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones  
Sis. Linda Wells  
Sis. Nancy Pearsall  
Dean Valerie Hill  
Dr. Nakishia Bailey  
Deacon James Bonds  
Bro. Montgomery Byrd  
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Bro. Rodney and Eileen Davis  
Sis. Janice Grant  
Rev. Dr. Debbie Bullock  
Sis. Ingrid Bostic  
Sis. Jennifer Grace-Umoete  
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Deacon Henry Carroll  
Bro. Rodney Davis  
Dr. Arvis Strickling-Jones  
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# DECEMBER *Events*




# Calendar *of Events*

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, December 1</b>	<b>Advent Liturgy Service</b> <b>Worship Service-Communion - Voices of Canaan</b>	<b>9:40 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>
Thursday, December 5	Food Truck Delivery – Hall of Faith Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	9:00 AM 6:30 PM
Saturday, December 7	Junior Ushers Meeting - Sanctuary	11:00 AM
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, December 8</b>	<b>Advent Liturgy Service</b> <b>Worship Service – Men of Canaan</b>	<b>9:40 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>
Thursday, December 12	Food Truck Delivery Angel Tree Decoration – Hall of Faith	9:00 AM 6:30 PM
Friday, December 13	Food Sorting – Hall of Faith	6:00 PM
Saturday, December 14	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast – Hall of Faith Christian Education Meeting – Conference Room	9:00 AM 11:00 AM
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, December 15</b>	<b>Advent Liturgy Service</b> <b>Worship Service – Voices of Canaan</b> <b>Angel Tree and Food Distribution – Hall of Faith</b>	<b>9:40 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>11:30 AM</b>
Thursday, December 19	Rehearsal – Next G/Y YA Choir	6:30 PM
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, December 22</b>	<b>Advent Liturgy Service</b> <b>Worship Service–Next G/Youth/Young Adult Choir</b> <b>Sisters of Canaan Holiday Re-Gifting Fellowship</b> <b>International Cultural Ministry Fellowship –</b>	<b>9:40 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>11:30 AM</b>
Wednesday-Friday, December 25 - 28	All Church Offices Closed / No Meetings	
Saturday, December 28	Saturday Church School	9:00 – 10:30 AM
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, December 29</b>	<b>Worship Service – Men of Canaan</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 31</b>	<b>NEW YEAR’S EVE - WATCH NIGHT SERVICE</b> <b>Voices of Canaan</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>



## Canaan's Kids **NURSERY**

**Sis. Linda Wells, Ministry Leader**

<b>Saturday Church School</b> 9:30 – 10:30 AM Ages 2 – 5	<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> Ages 5 and under 8:45 – 11:45 AM
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## MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Valerie Hill, Dean and Ministry Leader

Rev. Pete Owen, Assistant Dean

**Wednesday Bible Study and Saturday Church School will be on Winter Break for the month of December. We will reconvene on Saturday, January 4, 2025.**



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.

### **December 2024 - Unit I: “Jesus, The Heir of David”**

#### **Lessons at a Glance**

#### **Lesson 1 - December 1 - “The Ancestry of King David” (Ruth 4:9-17; Luke 3:23, 31b-32)**

People belong to families that extend across generations. Jesus’ and King David’s family tree features an unlikely marriage between Boaz and Ruth, serving as a testimony to the wideness of God’s grace to effect divine purposes.

#### **Lesson 2 - December 8 - “God’s Promise to David” (2 Samuel 7:4-17)**

People value permanence and seek to build structures that will outlast themselves. When David wanted to build a house for God, God promised to build a “house” for David— a never-ending kingdom!

#### **Lesson 3 - December 15 - “The Prophet Who Prepares The Way” (Luke 1:67-80)**

In times of trouble, people require rescue. Who can save us in such times? Zechariah prophesied that his son, John would prepare the way for the coming Savior who would redeem Israel.

#### **Lesson 4 - December 22 - “Born In The City of David” (Luke 2:1-16)**

Everyone likes to hear good news. God announced the Good News of Jesus’ birth to shepherds who were amazed at hearing it.

#### **Lesson 5 - December 29 - “The Merciful Son of David” (Luke 18:35-43)**

People who ask for help are sometimes silenced. When the crowds tried to silence the cries of a man who called out, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped to ask the man what He could do for him.

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

## **December Bible Reading**

### **Christmas Presence**

Day 1: Gift One - A Savior, Gold: The King’s Gift - Isaiah 9:6

Day 2: Gift Two - Peace - Philippians 4:7

Day 3: Gift Three - Forgiveness - Isaiah 1:18; Micah 7:18-19

Day 4: Gift Four - Love - I John 4:19

Day 5: Gift Five - Family - I Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 4:2-3

Day 6: Life - John 3:16

Day 7: Gift Seven - Strength - Isaiah 40:31

Day 8: Gift Eight - Joy - Psalm 16:11

Day 9: Gift Nine - Freedom - 2 Corinthians 3:17; John 8:36

Day 10: Gift Ten - Purpose - Proverbs 16:9

Day 11: Gift Eleven - Grace - Ephesians 2:4-5; II Timothy 1:9

Day 12: Gift Twelve - Faith - Matthew 17:20

### **The Gift of Christmas**

Day 13: The Presence of Angels - Luke 2:8-14

Day 14: The Presence of the Star - Matthew 2:1-13; Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 15: The Presence of a Savior - Matthew 1:22-23; John 1:1-4

Day 16 - His Presence Transforms - Luke 2:1-7

### **Christmas Devotional**

Day 17: Advent - Matthew 2:6

Day 18: Preparation - Matthew 3:1-2

Day 19: Mary - Luke 1:38

Day 20: Joy - Luke 2:8-11

Day 21: Sweet - Luke 1:46-49

Day 22: Hope - Isaiah 9:2-6  
 Day 23: Immanuel - Matthew 1:23  
 Day 24: Singing - Isaiah 12:1-4  
 Day 25: **JESUS IS BORN** - Matthew 1:18-25, 2:1-23; Luke 1, Luke 2, John 1  
 Day 26: Manger - Luke 2:7  
 Day 27: Worship - Matthew 2:2  
 Day 28: Faith - Luke 1:45  
 Day 29: Wise Men - Matthew 2:10-11  
 Day 30: Savior - Matthew 1:21  
 Day 31: Peace - Isaiah 9:6-7  
 Source: Bible Reading Plan. YouVersion Bible App . Version 10.15

**DECEMBER 2024**  
**Wednesday Midday / Evening Bible Study**



The Christian Education Ministry thanks everyone that have supported the Wednesday Mid-day and Evening Bible Study sessions and the congregational prayer meetings. We enjoyed a very productive year and experienced the highs and lows of walking by faith. Over the past year we have studied the Beatitudes, the Lord's prayer, Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, and the "I am" sayings of Jesus closing this year with the Shepherd Psalms.

January we will focus on studying strategies for effective Spiritual Warfare using for our text the book, "Breaking Strongholds in the African American Family" by Dr. Clarence Walker Ph.D. drawing from biblical characters such as Nimrod, Jezebel, and Tamar. Looking at various types of strongholds that imprison black men, women and children focusing on our spiritual weapons and effective spiritual warfare strategies.

**Resuming in January 2025**, please join us at 12:00-1:00 PM or 6:30-7:30 PM every Wednesday so we can continue to allow God's word to search our hearts, stretch our minds and strengthen our spiritual walk of faith.  
*2 Timothy 2:15*

Thank you, Pastor Bullock, Sister Piner, Dean Hill and the Canaan Sexton ministry for your

encouragement and administrative support. Thank you for supporting the Canaan Christian Education ministry and stepping up (Rev Alice Husser) and helping when needed.

**Rev. Pete Owen**

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

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

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Lorraine and I would like to thank



all the married couples who came to our Married Couples meal and session on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. We also want to thank the ladies for setting and decorating the tables. Special thanks to Sis Frances for supplying the decorations, and the Culinary Team for the delicious meal. From the feedback and response that we received, a good time was had by all.

The ministry will not meet during December due to the Christmas holidays. We will resume in January 2025. The date will be announced. The topic for the January session will be a continuation about family and how they can and will, if we let them, come between our marriage. Scripture text: Matthew 19:6, "What God has joined together, let no man put asunder."

**The Married Couples Ministry is open to married, engaged couples, or couples contemplating marriage.** The invitation is to your family members, neighbors and friends. Lorraine, and I wish each and every one of you, a safe and healthy Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Always remember the reason for the season. It's all about Jesus. Eyes have not seen, no ears have heard, what the Lord has in store for the Married Couples Ministry of Canaan Baptist Church. To God be the glory!



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



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 **December**. Singers will minister for Advent services each week through December 22 and prepare special music for the Christmas season.

**CHOIRS OF CANAAN:**

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

**DECEMBER SINGING SCHEDULE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, December 1** – Voices of Canaan (Call time – 8:30 AM) – Attire: White/Purple Accent
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, December 8** – Men of Canaan (Call time – 8:30 AM)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, December 15** - Voices of Canaan – Attire: Red/Black (Call time – 8:30 AM)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, December 22** – Next G/Youth and Young Adults (Call time - 8:30 AM)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, December 29** – Men of Canaan (Call time – 8:30 AM)

**Rehearsal Dates – 6:30 PM**

- Thursday, December 5 – Men of Canaan
- Thursday, December 12 -- Voices of Canaan
- Thursday, December 19 – Next G/YA

**MUSIC MINISTRY/SEXTONS/AUDIO-VISUAL/MEDIA MINISTRIES**

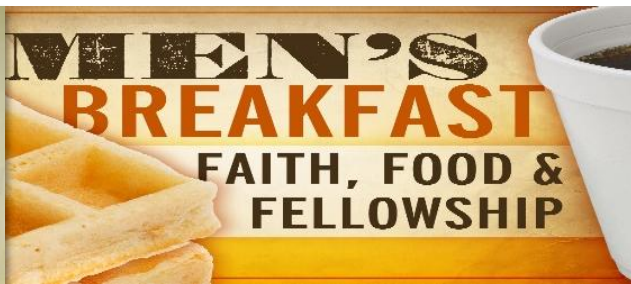
**Christmas Fellowship**

**Friday, December 20, 2024, 6:00 – 9:00 PM – Hall of Faith**

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

**MEN’S MINISTRY**

Bro. Rodney Davis, Ministry Leader



**Saturday**  
**December 14, 2024**  
9:00 AM -1:00 PM  
In the Hall of Faith  
Canaan Baptist Church

**Special Guest:**

Dr. Michael Mulligan  
DPCC (Delaware Prostate Cancer Coalition)

All men of Canaan are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

# HOLIDAY RE-GIFTING FELLOWSHIP



# 22

## DECEMBER

FROM 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

PLEASE BRING AN UNUSED,  
WRAPPED GIFT OF HEARTFELT  
SIGNIFICANCE AS WE COME  
TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE JESUS, THE  
TRUE REASON FOR THE SEASON.

THE HALL OF FAITH  
CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

**IDEAS FOR REGIFT:** New with tags, unopened and unused clothing, handbags, scarves, jewelry, fragrances, household goods (kitchen gadgets, throws, home decor, novelties), bath products, gift baskets, candles, boxed candy, gift cards, books, and 2025 calendars.



December

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



*“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”*

*Isaiah 7:14 (KJV)*



Canaan Baptist Church





# COMING SOON



*Angel Tree Decorating*

Thursday, December 12, 2024

6:30 p.m. Hall of Faith



# CALLING ALL NEXT G MEMBERS!!!



**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!**

**Join us for rehearsal on Thursday, December 19th at**

**6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary!**

Please contact Sis. Chelsia Douglas with any questions:

[civdouglas@outlook.com](mailto:civdouglas@outlook.com)

**NEXT G will be singing on Sunday, December 22, 2024**



**SAVE the DATE!**

**Parent Chat n Chew**

January 12, 2025

Immediately following church service in the  
Hall of Faith.



Next G Ministry

## EVANGELISM MINISTRY OUTREACH

It is a blessing to greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.



On Saturday, November 23, 2024, the Canaan Baptist Church Evangelism Outreach Ministry blessed the community with a clothing giveaway. Our theme was "Christ and Clothes for All of God's People" Mathew 25:14-30

This event took place on Canaan's parking lot where the Holy Spirit showed up and showed out! Through the generosity of Canaan's members and friends, over 500 bags of clean, new and gently used clothes were distributed. Over 250 pairs of shoes were given away.



Thanks to the culinary skills of Brother Kenny Screven and his staff, 300 saints dined on sandwiches, savory chili and hot chicken noodle and bean soup.



I pray God's peace and blessings over all who donated and all who volunteered their time and energy. My heart is full of love and gratitude to God for His bounty, to Pastor Bullock and Dr. Debbie for their unwavering support, and to all who prayed for the success of this endeavor.

Doing work for the Master,  
Deacon Shebra Stafford





**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
- Portorage 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:**

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# DDJB Angel Tree Ministry

Please return gift/toy no later than 12/12



PRISON FELLOWSHIP  
**ANGEL TREE**



## Share God's love this Christmas



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### Canaan Baptist Church

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

Rev. Dr. Christopher A. Bullock, Pastor

Dr. Nakishia W. Bailey, Ministry Leader

It is Angel Tree time at Canaan Baptist Church Delaware! Please click on the link

<https://bit.ly/2024CanaanAngelTree> to choose your angel or scan QR Code in flyer. Each child can be chosen twice for two (2) gifts/toys. All gifts/toys can be

returned to the church office Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM, and Sundays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Please return no later than December 12, 2024. Please call (302) 354-9570 or email [CanaanAngelTree@gmail.com](mailto:CanaanAngelTree@gmail.com) for information.



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## **BULLOCK FOOD PANTRY - DECEMBER DATES**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 12, 2024**

RECEIVE TRUCK - 9AM - 12PM

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 13, 2024**

SORT/ASSEMBLE FOOD BAGS AND TOYS - 6PM - 9PM

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024**

DISTRIBUTION 12PM  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Call 302.654.8818 or email  
[CanaanAngelTree@gmail.com](mailto:CanaanAngelTree@gmail.com)

\*COMMUNITY SERVICE LETTERS AVAILABLE  
COMMUNITY PARTNERS



**Bullock Food Pantry**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**UNLOAD DOT FOODS TRUCK**

**DECEMBER 5, 2024**  
**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Canaan Baptist Church**  
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Rev. Dr. Christopher A. Bullock, Pastor  
Dr. Nakishia W. Bailey, Ministry Leader



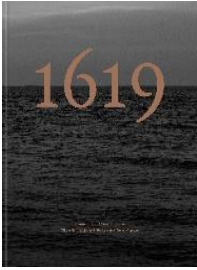
## CHURCH LIBRARY

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



Deacon-In-Training  
Alix Jefferson  
Virtual Librarian

### The 1619 Project: A Visual Experience by Nikole Hannah-Jones



Curated by the editors of The New York Times Magazine, led by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones, this illustrated edition of The 1619 Project features seven chapters from the original book

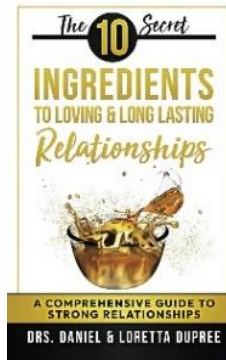
that lend themselves to beautiful, engaging visuals, deepening the experience of the content. The 1619 Project: A Visual Experience offers the same revolutionary idea as the original book, an argument for a new national origin story that begins in late August of 1619, when a cargo ship of people stolen from Africa arrived on the shores of Point Comfort, Virginia. Only by reckoning with this difficult history and understanding its powerful influence on our present can we prepare ourselves for a more just future.

Filled with original art by thirteen Black artists like Carrie Mae Weems, Calida Rawles, Vitus Shell, Xaviera Simmons, on the themes of resistance and freedom, a brand-new photo essay about slave auction sites, vivid photos of Black Americans celebrating their own forms of patriotism, and a collection of archival images of Black families by Black photographers, this gorgeous volume offers readers a dynamic new way of experiencing the impact of The 1619 Project.

Complete with many of the powerful essays and vignettes from the original edition, written by some of the most brilliant journalists, scholars, and thinkers of our time, The 1619 Project: A Visual Experience brings to life a fuller, more comprehensive understanding of American history and culture.

### The 10 Secret Ingredients to Loving, Long-Lasting Relationships by

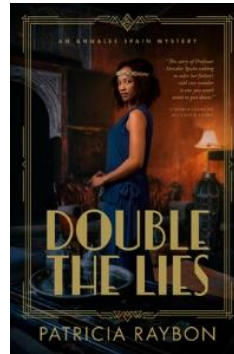
Drs. Daniel and Loretta Dupree



In a world where love seems fleeting, The 10 Secrets Ingredients unveils the timeless principles that form the foundation of enduring relationships. Delving into the essence of true love, this book reveals the elusive secrets that have stood the test of time, guiding readers on a transformative journey

toward deeper connections and lasting intimacy. Readers discover how these 10 simple secret ingredients can nurture and sustain love in the modern world and offer a roadmap for creating a love that endures through all of life's twists and turns.

### Double the Lies by Patricia Raybon



In the second installment of Patricia Raybon's critically acclaimed mystery series, amateur detective Annalee Spain races the clock to solve the murder of a barnstorming White stunt pilot before she is framed by the Colorado Klan for the crime. But when the victim's

dashing twin falls head over heels for the young Black sleuth, can she solve the crime as it tests both her sleuthing and her recently promised heart?

On a cold spring night in 1924, Annalee Spain offers her new fancy lace handkerchief--a gift from her pastor boyfriend Jack Blake--to a young woman crying in a Denver public library. But later that night, when police find the handkerchief next to the body of the young woman's murdered husband, Annalee becomes the number one suspect, and her panic doubles when she learns that Jack has gone missing.

With just days to solve the murder before the city's Klan-run police frame her for the crime, Annalee finds herself hunting for clues in the Colorado mountain town of Estes Park. She questions the victim's wife and her uncle, a

wealthy Denver banker, at their mountain lodge, desperate for leads. Instead, she finds a household full of suspects and even more burning questions. Who keeps threatening her, why can't she find Jack, and will a dangerous flirtation be her undoing? Her answers plumb the depths of the human heart, including her own, exploring long-buried secrets, family lies, even city politics--all of which could cost the young detective her fledgling love .and perhaps even her life.

## 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:** Heaven and Earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. (Matthew 24:35)

### Bible Trivia:

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

### Bible Trivia:

1. For by \_\_\_\_\_ are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

**Grace (Ephesians 2:8)**

2. Go ye therefore, and teach all \_\_\_\_\_, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

**Nations (Matthew 28:19)**

3. But as many as received him, so to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that \_\_\_\_\_ on his name.

**Believe (John 1:12)**

4. And we know that all things work together for \_\_\_\_\_ to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

**Good (Romans 5:8)**

5. 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)**

### January Bible Trivia:

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

1. That was the true \_\_\_\_\_, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
2. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your \_\_\_\_\_ a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
3. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet \_\_\_\_\_, Christ died for us.
4. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All \_\_\_\_\_ is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
5. Therefore being justified by \_\_\_\_\_, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.





**INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL MINISTRY**

Sis. Jennifer Grace-Umoete  
Ministry Leader



ICM would like to wish each and every one a Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanzaa. Remember to keep the faith, give thanks and be grateful for the coming new year. We also wish you and your family a **Happy Kwanzaa**, an annual celebration of African American culture held from December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day. Kwanzaa is an African American and Pan-African holiday, created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga and was first celebrated in 1966 with seven (7) principles to follow each day.



**Sis. Sylvia Mae Sampson** passed away on Monday, November 18, 2024. She is the sister of Sis. Jane Baylor and aunt of Sis. Tammy Baylor Smith. Please send cards and condolences to: Sis. Jane Baylor, 754 Javelin Way, Bear, DE 19701 and Tammy Baylor Smith, 430 Wynthorpe Road, New Castle, DE 19720

**Mr. Clarence E. Thomas** passed away on Sunday, November 17, 2024. He is the father of our member, Sis. Kim Thomas-Odom (Audwin). Please send cards and condolences to: Kim and Audwin Odom, 4502 Fielding Road, Wilmington, DE 19802



These principles are represented by the lighting of a candle each day:

Umoja (oo-MOH-jah): Unity.

Kujichagulia (koo-jee-chah-goo-LEE-ah): Self-Determination.

Ujima (oo-JEE-mah): Collective work and Responsibility.

Ujamaa (oo-jah-MAH): Collective Economics.  
Nia (NEE-ah): Purpose.

Kuumba (koo-OOM-bah): Creativity.

Imani (ee-MAH-nee): Faith.

**Kwanzaa will be celebrated in the Hall of Faith on Sunday, December 22 immediately after service with ICM and the Women's Ministry with drums and lighting of the candles.**

To Canaan Baptist Church Family,  
The family of **Deacon James Strickling, Jr.**, wish to thank you for all of the beautiful cards, heartfelt condolences, love gifts, and all the precious expressions of kindness shown to us during the passing and homegoing of our dear brother. The Canaan family is truly a family of love and thoughtfulness. Your kindness is appreciated and will be long remembered. We love you!

**Deacon Mike and Arvis Strickling-Jones  
Dr. Christopher Alan and Dr. Debbie Strickling-Bullock**

Dear Pastor Bullock,  
With unwavering devotion and compassion, you guide spiritual journeys and transform lives in extraordinary ways. Every day, we witness the incredible impact you have on those you serve. Your care and commitment touch hearts, strengthen communities, and inspire hope. Thank you for your selfless dedication and for all the ways you continue to inspire and uplift those around you.

**Rocky Lewis, Givelify**

## My Faith Journey With Breast Cancer Deacon Mary D. Hegazy



“Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction.” Mark 5:34 NKJV

### Healing Scriptures

*A selection of scriptures I used for strength. (NKJV used)*

Psalm 119:50,

Philippians 4:19, James 5:14, Revelation 21:4, Isaiah 53:5, Psalm 91,

Psalm 41: 3, Luke 6:19, Jeremiah 17:14, Romans 5: 3-5

### War Cries

Healing Running Through My Veins – as sung by Jeannette Bayardelle; The Goodness of God – as sung by CeCe Winans; Because of the Blood – as sung by Ricky Dillard; It is Well with My Soul; We’ve come this far by Faith

“Mary, you have 2 malignant lesions in your left breast with lymph node involvement.” These are the words that changed my life and began my journey with Breast Cancer on August 23, 2023. As I heard these words, I closed my eyes, took a deep breath and called on the Lord to please help me. The radiologist, a believer, was very comforting and reassuring as I was slowly unraveling in her office. My mind was going in about 50 different directions; what are my options? How will I work and support myself? Who will help me in my care with my mother and husband both gone? Will there be pain? What is my prognosis?” I prayed for strength and received comfort in knowing the Lord has brought me this far and He will never leave me. My answer in prayer was a resounding “Faith”. I began the journey of faith with God leading the way.

How did we get here? In November 2022, I discovered a large hematoma in my left breast after an incident where a patient had trapped me between the desk and stretcher. In time, the

hematoma subsided so I thought that was it. Later in May 2023, I received an injury to the same breast area when I was lifting boxes while moving. This time the lump did not go away but got larger. I had to find a PCP and sought medical advice. As soon as she examined my breast, I could tell by the look on her face that something was not right. She sent me for a diagnostic mammogram at Crozer Medical Center. I kept reviewing my healing bible verses and kept my war cries in my heart as I was waiting for results from several mammograms and ultrasounds. Yes, I was preparing for the Medical Professionals’ reports. Ultimately, I was depending on the word from my Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ....the Healer.

I was diagnosed with HER2 positive (L) breast invasive ductal carcinoma, Grade II, staged at 1B. Grade II is early breast cancer but has moved into other breast areas or lymph nodes. My tumor was staged at 1b due to lymph node involvement and the size of the tumors. Genetic testing was negative for the hereditary BRCA mutation.

It was explained to me that HER2 is a breast protein that controls how fast the cells grow and divide. When this occurs too quickly, uncontrolled growths and tumors can develop. Positive means that although HER2 is an aggressive form of breast cancer, my cancer cells are responsive to many types of hormones and should be easier for treatment. (Praise God!)

I chose Fox Chase at Brinton Lake as my cancer treatment center. As a nurse, I worked with Dr. Rousch, the Medical-Oncologist and Dr. Gilday, the Breast Cancer Surgeon. Their work was outstanding, so I felt comfortable, which is extremely important on this journey. Dr. Rousch sent me for further MRIs, where my allergy to MRI contrast was discovered. I also went for PET Scan, CT scan of Abdomen and Pelvis, EKG, Echocardiogram and Bone Scan. My scans revealed no lesions or areas of concern outside of the breast and I was grateful to God (a God sighting!).

My team also presented my case before the tumor board which included Oncology teams from Sloan-Kettering and the Mayo Clinic. This procedure can alleviate the precious time

arranging for second opinions. The Team and I agreed to a round of chemotherapy before partial mastectomy, radiation therapy, plastic surgery evaluation and finishing adjunctive treatment. They estimated 1.5 years active treatment, and possible 2–5 years hormone treatment. My first chemotherapy began on November 1, 2023, with Her2 positive medication course of IV infusions of Pertuzumab/Trastuzumab/Taxotere/Carboplatin and Phesgo once every 3 weeks. I was also given Nyvepria to make more WBCs.

Well, I developed severe side effects to the medications. I experienced uncontrollable bouts of nausea, vomiting and diarrhea for two months. Additionally, I developed thrush and difficulty swallowing. I had several medications to address these side effects, but they were slow working. I became so weak that I couldn't walk distances (few steps) without becoming short of breath. My condition was now severe, and I became disabled from work and suffered many falls. My Echocardiogram revealed decreasing cardiac function.

I depended more and more on God. The daily scripture lessons from Rev. Owen and the Canaan for Life Ministry of the Word gave me comfort and strength. Sometimes when I heard the morning message alert notification, I praised God for another day and grateful to have made it through the night. There was a book of prayers, One-Minute Prayers for Women with Cancer that helped me draw closer to God. Also, I would read from a pamphlet, What Cancer Can't Do, along with healing bible verses and listen to my War Cries during treatment. From womensday.com, I turned to a "Prophetic Prayer for Healing – Dear Jesus, be near me in my time of weakness and pain; sustain me by your grace, that my strength and courage may not fail. "

I remember one episode that I was grateful to know Jesus as my Savior. While in bed, my mind was consumed with ruminating thoughts. We are taking so many different medications; it is hard to know what effect they are having on our mental wellness. I heard a voice berating me and speaking "you're almost dead anyway, you might as well just go ahead and die!" Well, it happened so fast I screamed out "Jesus help me", grabbed

the Bible from the bedside table and began to read the Word out loud. As I read Ephesians 6:10-18, my life scripture, the air cleared as if my ears were becoming unclogged, and the evil speak stopped. Hallelujah Lord Jesus. I kept reading the scripture until the air cleared. I praised God and reanointed my home with oil. I was also grateful that our Cancer Center had a mental health wellness group for guidance.

My team readjusted my medication regimen and that helped me. I was finally able to complete the round of chemotherapy in preparation for surgery. Under the direction of Dr. Gilday, Surgeon and Dr. Fernandez, Plastic Surgeon, I had a (L) breast invasive carcinoma – resection. During the surgery, Dr. Fernandez, performed lympho-venous anastomosis to reduce the incidence of lymphedema. Surgery lasted 4.5 hours. The Pathology report showed that of the 24 lymph nodes removed, only 6 had involvement. No new margins and invasive carcinoma were not present. Report showed positive response to chemotherapy. (God sighting! Thank you Lord)

My next step was radiation therapy while receiving the 2nd round of chemotherapy. Dr. Lamond was my Radiation Oncologist. I received 7 weeks of radiation/5 days a week M-F while receiving chemotherapy once every 3 weeks. My reaction to this round of chemotherapy was harsh. I developed severe dehydration leading to electrolyte imbalance and acute kidney injury. My church members were able to give me rides to the chemo center for daily IV fluids, medications and electrolyte therapy.

I continued with morning meditations and so grateful to God to get through the night hours when I had the most difficulty. One night, I remember becoming so weak falling out on the bathroom floor and being unable to move or walk to get to help. I completely surrendered it all to God because I could not vomit or anything else one more time. So weak, I repented to God and forgave myself. I released to God that it was well with me if I returned to Him now or if God decided for me to remain on Earth. I felt a feeling of release and woke up 4 hours later, still on the floor. As I awakened, I could hear a Pastor

emphatically preaching about the Power of the Holy Spirit on YouTube on the TV. As I listened, I could feel power filling my body and I was able to crawl to the phone and reach out to the chemo center. (God sighting!) My church member gave me a cane and took me to the clinic. I received emergency treatment, and the team adjusted my treatment regimen.

It is important to mention that the complexity of cancer treatment can significantly impact one's financial situation. As I was on extended leave from work, I lost my medical insurance in the middle of treatment and thank God for the Affordable Care Act. Several of my disability checks from work never came or were delayed, so I depleted my savings. I am grateful to my co-workers who gave me a donation that helped during this period. Praise God for Canaan Baptist Church Benevolence Ministry and the Bringing Hope Home Foundation that provided me with assistance to prevent eviction. Always grateful to my Deacon who took me to the Social Security Administration and helped me to apply for my retirement benefits so I would have an income. That check was direct deposit the next day. (A God sighting, thank You Lord.) I praise God for countless church members who gave me individual donations, care, gifts and blessings to help me through. God is a provider, and He sends ministering angels to keep us. Yes, we are not alone.

If it had not been for my Canaan Baptist Church members during this period, I would have become destitute. So grateful for Pastor Bullock's sermon series of guidance and encouragement. I have often reviewed points from the "Repeat Performance" sermon; my faith in God's Power to change my circumstance will determine my outcome. So grateful to first lady, Rev. Dr. Debbie, who took time to lay hands on me as she walked by me as she was preparing for her ordination service. My church family members who rescued me when my car was repossessed, I will ever thank God for you. The Deacons, Missionaries and Health/Nurses Ministries have looked after me and given me gifts and meals. The Canaan for Life Ministry who provided me with resource information as

well as companionship and welcomed me. My church member drove me to Brinton Lake and waited with me when I was sick as we didn't know if I would have to go to the hospital. I was worried but she told me, "I won't leave you". My church family, my heart has been touched by your outpourings of love, cards, hugs and smiles. Yes, Canaan Baptist Church membership has its privileges and benefits.

Well, this journey continues. I'm currently in adjuvant therapy chemotherapy with Kadcylla IV infusion and oral Arimidex. I will be on Kadcylla until February 2025 and then the plan is to have my porta Cath removed. I shouted for joy when the team, my Radiation Oncologist, Medical Oncologist and Plastic Surgeon who joined by FaceTime assembled when I completed radiation therapy to tell me they got all the cancer, outside areas are clear and positive response to chemotherapy and radiation therapy. My repeat PET Scan was clear. Praise God, I rang the bell! (A God sighting).

I'm encouraged that this journey has afforded me the opportunity to grow closer to God. I have faced God providing for me and He has taught me that He is control of all things. We have a silent prayer group at the Chemo Center, and I am glad to serve with them. We are assigned a topic, and we pray on our own silently for the time identified. It is a blessing. We can share a praise report if the Holy Spirit leads.

I cannot imagine moving through this season without knowing how to turn and trust in Jesus. Thank you for this opportunity to share my story. If by chance you are reading this and you don't know Jesus Christ as Savior, try Jesus while we are trying everything else. He will come through. My heart is uplifted by the goodness of God to keep me. As CeCe Winans sings to "The Goodness of God"—"All my life You have been faithful, and all my life You have been so, so good; with every breath that I am able, oh, I will sing of the goodness of God." Hallelujah and Amen.



# Remember *in* Prayer

Sis Shereen Abrams

Sis Sharyn Alston

Dr. Alvin Amos

Bro. Steve and Sis. Nona Berry and Family

Bro. Malcolm Brittingham

Rev. Selina Cherry

Mother Caroline Congo

Bro. Joel Coppadge

Sis Terry Daniels

Sis. Olistine Davis

Sis. Sherry Douglas

Sis Shereen Fields

Sis. Nettie Gates

Bro. James Gourdine

Deacon Mary Hegazy

Sis. Dorothy Jackson

Sis. Louise Jamison

Sis Kim Jennings

Sis. Ida Mae King (*Mother of Sis Linda Wells*)

Sis. Dorothy Mays

Mother Blanche Moore

Sis. Jean Nichols

Sis Phadrea Oates

Sis Juanita Owen (*Mother of Rev. Peter Owen*)

Sis. Joann Perry

Ms. Ethelene Ringgold (*Mother of Sis Ann Johnson*)

Sis Mary Stewart

Bro. Charles Stewart

Sis. Carolyn Williams

Sis. Earlene Leslie Williams

In the event of the death of a Canaan member or family member, please call:

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Pastor Bullock - (302) 654-8240

Deacon James Bonds

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**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 SACRED GROUNDS MINISTRY is looking for a few Willing Workers** - If you love to work in the garden, the Sacred Grounds Ministry is looking for you! This ministry works to provide a space where faith-based communities can care for our environment and create a serene place to enjoy nature. If you are interested in joining this ministry, contact Sis. Stephanie Collins at: [scollins608@yahoo.com](mailto:scollins608@yahoo.com).

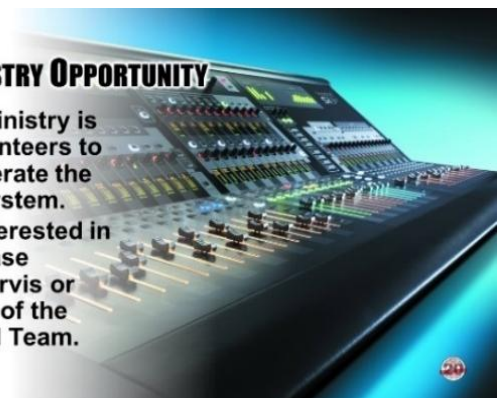
### JOIN THE MARKETING / PR MINISTRY

Are you passionate about graphic design, marketing strategies, or public relations? Do you possess a gift for creativity and communication? If so, we invite you to be part of the vibrant and dynamic Marketing and Public Relations Ministry at Canaan Baptist Church! As we continue to spread the message of God's love and grace to our community and beyond, we are seeking skilled and talented individuals to join our team. Whether you're an experienced graphic artist, a marketing and social media guru, website designer, or a savvy communicator, your talents can play a vital role in enhancing our outreach efforts. Please send your name and contact information to Dr. Debbie at [DrDebBullock@outlook.com](mailto:DrDebBullock@outlook.com).

### 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.



# Health is on its way.



## **Canaan Baptist Church**

3011 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, DE 19720

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Sponsored by the Purnell Seniors Ministry ~ Sis. Patricia Risher, Leader

Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor

For more information, call (302) 283-7190

### **Free Mobile Health Care Clinic**

**No appointment needed.**

**Insurance accepted but not necessary.**

**Certified translators are available.**

- COVID-19 Vaccination
- HIV Testing, Counseling, & Referrals
- Diabetes Testing & Referrals
- Cholesterol Testing & Referrals
- Blood Pressure Screenings & Referrals
- Smoking & Vaping Cessation Referrals
- Lead Testing
- Seasonal Flu Shot
- Clinical & Community Resource Referrals
- Educational Materials
- FREE Male/Female Condoms  
(while supplies last)

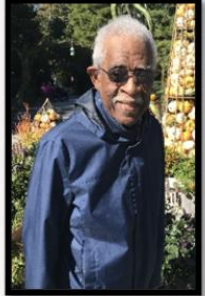
# December BIRTHDAYS



Evan W. Smith  
December 1



Carol Overton  
December 4



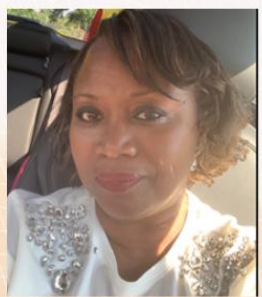
Dr. Alvin Amos  
December 8



Deborah Showell  
December 10



Tabetha Boyd  
December 11



Jennifer Grace-Umoete  
December 13



Patricia Reid  
December 15



Rev. Elayne Jefferson  
December 15



Edwina Bell  
December 16



Miles Wilson  
December 18



Terry Childs  
December 20



Deacon Sylvia Bailey  
December 25  
80 Years



Carolyn Green  
December 26



Iris Craighead  
December 27



Rev. Dr. Linda Green Gumbly  
December 31



Alix and Elayne Jefferson  
Celebrate their 25th  
wedding anniversary on December 12

*Celebrating  
an  
Anniversary  
this Month*



Michael and Sandra Dupree  
Celebrate their 3rd  
wedding anniversary on December 12

# Christmas Word Find

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

JESUS  
 MARY  
 JOSEPH  
 WISEMEN  
 MANGER  
 NATIVITY  
 BETHLEHEM  
 CAMEL  
 DONKEY  
 STAR  
 HAY  
 ANGEL  
 FAITH  
 HOPE  
 FRANKINCENSE  
 MYRRH  
 SILENTNIGHT  
 LORD  
 SAVIOR  
 CHRISTMAS



- Christmas To-Do List*
- <sup>Be</sup> ~~Buy~~ Presents
  - Wrap ~~Gifts~~ <sup>Someone in a hug</sup>
  - Send ~~Gifts~~ <sup>Peace</sup>
  - <sup>Donate</sup> ~~Shop~~ for Food
  - <sup>Be</sup> ~~See~~ the Lights

This is not the year to get everything you **want**.  
 This is the year to appreciate everything you **have**.



Visited my Doctor today. He told me my sugar was too high..  
 So I came home & moved it to a lower shelf.

*Unto Us  
 a Child is Born*







## The Season of Advent

*"For everything its season and for every activity under heaven its time."—Ecclesiastes 3:1*  
*"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth;"—Isaiah 43:19*

Christians throughout history have marked major events in the life of Christ, the church, and God's people. The Baptist church has two significant celebrations, Christmas and Easter. Canaan is doing a new thing by embracing a liturgical calendar year in the African American culture and Baptist church tradition. To stimulate the senses of where we are spiritually, as a church family, at various times throughout the year, we aim to make the gospel more meaningful and applicable to our Christian life. Because we live in a world that moves through seasons, we can adjust by having different expectations and finding different hopes in each season. With Pastor Bullock's guidance, the Holy Bible, and other relevant sources, a customized Christian calendar has been developed for the Canaan Church. The 2024-2025 liturgical year begins with the Advent season marking the preparation for and anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ based on Luke 1-24. On Sunday, December 1, we kick off the Advent season.

What is Advent? Advent means the arrival of Jesus of Nazareth. Furthermore, the Advent season is a time of celebration and thankfulness as we prepare spiritually for the anniversary of Christ's birth or Christmas day. The Advent wreath is on display in the Canaan sanctuary. Its circular shape represents the eternity of God – there is no beginning or end to His love. This wreath is made up of evergreens representing everlasting life and the love we find in Jesus. The candles represent Jesus as He is the Light of the World and God's promise of salvation through Christ. Their colors are purple, rose/pink, and white. On the four Sundays of Advent, we light a candle, each having a theme – hope, peace, joy, and love. On Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, we will light a white candle that represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior. Be sure to join us each Sunday in December for the Advent Liturgy starting at 9:40 AM. May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace as we trust in Him so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Submitted By: Rev. Dr. Debbie Strickling-Bullock, Executive Pastor*



## **CHRISTMAS REMINDERS**

**May the Christmas presents remind you  
Of God's greatest gift—His Only Begotten Son.**

**May the Christmas candles remind you  
Of Him who is the light of the world.**

**May the Christmas tree remind you  
Of another tree on which He died for you.**

**May the Christmas cheer remind you  
Of Him who said, "Be of good cheer."**

**May the Christmas feast remind you  
Of Him who is the bread of life.**

**May the Christmas snow remind you  
Of the cleansing power of Christ.**

**May the Christmas bells remind you  
Of the glorious proclamation of His birth.**

**May the Christmas carols remind you  
Of His glad tidings which we are to  
proclaim to all mankind.**

**May the Christmas season remind you  
In every way of Jesus Christ your King.**

