



**CANAAN NEWS  
ONLINE  
JANUARY 2025**

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

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



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

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

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

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

### Canaan's Mission Statement

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

### Canaan's Core Values

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

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### WAYS TO GIVE

Several options to give of His Tithes and our offerings:

1. Deposit your offering 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](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



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I do not know what still awaits, or what the morrow brings; but with the glad salute of faith, I hail its opening wings!

For this I know—that in my Lord shall all my needs be met; And I can trust the heart of Him who has not failed me yet!

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.

## 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).

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](mailto:CanaanNews3011@gmail.com) or call or text (302) 981-4908.



## Calendar of Recognition, Celebration and Events January 2025

- **Liturgical Season: Christmas** (ends January 5)  
Epiphany (begins January 6)
- **New Year's Day**, Wednesday, January 1
- **Global Family Day**: Wednesday, January 1
- **National Blood Donor Month**
- **National Mentoring Month**
- **NBC, USA, Inc. Mid-Winter Board Meeting**: January 13-17, Birmingham, AL
- **National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day**: Thursday, January 9
- **Baptism of the Lord**: Sunday, January 12
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**: January 18–25
- **CBC Good News Marketing Ministry Meeting**: Sunday, January 26
- **Federal Holiday: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**: Monday, January 20
- **National Day of Service**: Monday, January 20

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

**Sunday, January 5, 2025, 10:00 AM**

**Pastor Bullock's 2025 State of the Church**

**WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE**

**Psalm 121**

**HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND**

Verse 1

Time is filled with swift transition, Naught on earth unmoved can stand  
Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold on, you can make it.

Verse 2

Trust in Him who will not leave you, whatsoever years may bring  
If my earthly friends forsaken, still more closely to Him cling.

Verse 3

Covet not this world's vain riches, that so rapidly decay;  
Seek to gain the heavn'ly treasures, they will never pass away.

Verse 4

When your journey is completed, if to God you have been true  
Fair and bright the home in glory, your enraptured soul will view.

Hold---to God's unchanging hand! Hold---to God's unchanging hand!  
Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God's unchanging hand!

# **Canaan Baptist Church**

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



## **CHURCHWIDE PRAYER SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY**

**Wednesday Evening  
January 29, 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**

# What We Believe

## The Articles of Faith in the Baptist Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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and the  
American Baptist Churches USA.







### THE CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

#### *References:*

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

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

## TITHING CALCULATOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Canaan Baptist Church - Ministries



## MINISTRY

Benevolence  
 Canaan Business Network  
 Canaan For Life  
 Canaan News  
 Canaan's Kids Nursery  
 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  
 Sexton  
 Singles  
 Sisters of Canaan  
 Thomas L. Risher Veterans  
 Trustees Ministry  
 Ushers  
 Next G/Youth/Young Adult Ministry

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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  
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 Sis. Patricia Risher  
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 Rev. Dr. Debbie Bullock  
 Sis. Ingrid Bostic  
 Sis. Jennifer Grace-Umoete  
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 Deacon Henry Carroll  
 Bro. Rodney Davis  
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 Sis. Deb Piner  
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# JANUARY



## Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR – Church offices closed	
Saturday, January 4	Saturday Church School	9:00 – 10:30 AM
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, January 5</b>	<b>Worship Service –Voices of Canaan</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Tuesday, January 7	Funeral Services for Bro. Keith Fisher	11:00 AM
Wednesday, January 8	Bible Study – Word on Wednesday	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, January 9	Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	6:30 PM
Friday, January 10	Birthday Celebration for Pastor Bullock Hall of Faith - Reservations required	6:30 PM
Saturday, January 11	Saturday Church School Canaan For Life Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith Memorial Service for Baby Prince chase Ellerbe	9:00 – 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 pm
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, January 12</b>	<b>Worship Service – Men of Canaan</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Wednesday, January 15	Bible Study – Word on Wednesday	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, January 16	Food Truck Delivery Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan	9:00 AM 6:30 AM
Friday, January 17	Food Sorting and Bagging	6:00 PM
Saturday, January 18	Saturday Church School	9:00 – 10:30 AM
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, January 19</b>	<b>Worship Service–Voices of Canaan</b> <b>Food Giveaway – Hall of Faith</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b> <b>11:30 AM</b>
Monday, January 20	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Offices closed	
Wednesday, January 22	Bible Study – Word on Wednesday	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM
Thursday, January 23	Purnell Seniors Ministry Meeting – Hall of Faith Choir Rehearsal – Men of Canaan	11:00 AM 6:30 PM
Friday, January 24	Marriage Ministry Fellowship	6:00 PM
Saturday, January 25	Saturday Church School	9:00 – 10:30 AM
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, January 26</b>	<b>Worship Service – Men of Canaan</b> Good News Marketing Ministry Meeting:	<b>10:00 AM</b> 11:30 AM
Wednesday, January 29	Bible Study – Word on Wednesday <b>CHURCHWIDE PRAYER SERVICE</b>	12:00 Noon <b>6:30 PM</b>
Thursday, January 30	Choir Rehearsal – Voices of Canaan	6:30 PM



**Canaan's Kids**

Sis. Linda Wells, Ministry Leader

**NURSERY**

**Saturday Church School**

9:30 – 10:30 AM / Ages 2 – 5

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Ages 5 and under / 8:45 – 11:45 AM

**MINISTRY OF  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Valerie Hill, Dean and Ministry Leader  
Rev. Pete Owen, Assistant Dean



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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.

**January 2025 - Unit II:  
“Our God Reigns”**

**Lessons at a Glance**

**Lesson 6 - January 5 - “The Lord Is King”  
(Psalm 10:12-18)**

Many people are greatly troubled by overwhelming violence, injustice and oppression. The psalmist appealed to God to arise as King and Ruler and restore justice to the defenseless who suffer under the attack of the wicked.

**Lesson 7 - January 12 - “The Lord is Robed  
in Majesty” (Psalm 93:1-5)**

Throughout the world, we find chaos and disorder. Who can restore order and peace? Psalm 93 proclaims God as the Almighty and creative power whose reign stands firm amidst crisis and unrest.

**Lesson 8 - January 19 - “The Lord’s  
Throne is Established” (Psalm 103:1-13)**

Good and fair leadership engenders confidence and peace. Psalm 103 offers praise and thanksgiving to the Lord Almighty.

**Lesson 9 - January 26 - “My God, The  
King” (Psalm 45:1, 10-21)**

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

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

**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 for your attendance and continued support.

**Rev. Pete Owen**

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

## MARRIED COUPLES MINISTRY

Deacon Isaac and Sis. Lorraine Perry  
Ministry Leaders

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior

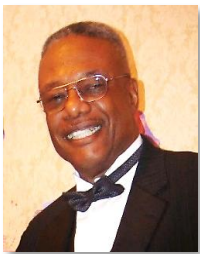


Jesus Christ. First of all, Lorraine and I would like to thank GOD for allowing all of us to enter into a New Year. We pray that God will truly bless each and every one of you, the Married Couples Ministry and all of

the ministries at Canaan Baptist Church. We thank God for what He has already done, and with great expectations of what He is going to do in the life of our Church in this New Year. We solicit your prayers as always. Our next Married Couples Ministry session will be on **Friday, January 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM** in the Hall of Faith. A meal will be served before the session begins. A \$10.00 donation is requested by Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>; please see Lorraine or me before or after service each Sunday. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact information forms can be found in the atrium and the Hall of Faith. We will resume our discussion about how family can and will, if we let them, come into our marriage. Matthew 19: 6, “What God has joined together, let no man put asunder.” The Married Couples Ministry is open to married couples, engaged couples and couples contemplating marriage. This invitation is also extended to your family, neighbors and friends. Eyes have not seen, no ears have heard, what The Lord has in store for the Married Couples Ministry. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

## THOMAS L. RISHER VETERANS MINISTRY

Bro. Albert Grant, Ministry Leader



turnout. Again, thank you.

The Canaan Veteran’s Ministry wants to express our gratitude and appreciation for your support and participation in celebrating our veterans. This was our first program since the pandemic to honor our Veterans and we were excited by the



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 January 2025.

### CHOIRS OF CANAAN:

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

### Rehearsal Dates – 6:30 PM

Thursday, January 9 – Men of Canaan  
Thursday, January 16 -- Voices of Canaan  
Thursday, January 23 – Men of Canaan  
Thursday, January 30 – Voices of Canaan

### JANUARY SINGING SCHEDULE

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, January 5** – Voices of Canaan  
(Call time – 8:30 AM) – Attire: White/Red Accent

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, January 12** – Men of Canaan  
(Call time – 8:30 AM)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, January 19** - Voices of Canaan –  
Attire: Black/Fall Color (Call time – 8:30 AM)

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, January 26** – Men of Canaan  
(Call time – 8:30 AM)

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



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### Lovely One by Ketanji Brown Jackson



With this unflinching account, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson invites readers into her life and world, tracing her family's ascent from segregation to her confirmation on America's highest court within the span of one generation.

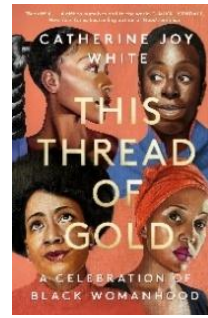
Named "Ketanji Onyika," meaning "Lovely One," based on a suggestion from her aunt, a Peace Corps worker stationed in West Africa, Justice Jackson learned from her educator parents to take pride in her heritage since birth. She describes her resolve as a young girl to honor this legacy and realize her dreams: from hearing stories of her grandparents and parents breaking barriers in the segregated South, to honing her voice in high school as an oratory champion and student body president, to graduating *magna cum laude* from Harvard, where she performed in musical theater and improv and participated in pivotal student organizations.

Here, Justice Jackson pulls back the curtain, marrying the public record of her life with what is less known. She reveals what it takes to advance in the legal profession when most people in power don't look like you, and to reconcile a demanding career with the joys and sacrifices of marriage and motherhood.

Through trials and triumphs, Justice Jackson's journey will resonate with dreamers everywhere, especially those who nourish outsized ambitions and refuse to be turned aside. This moving, open-hearted tale will spread hope for a more just world, for generations to come.

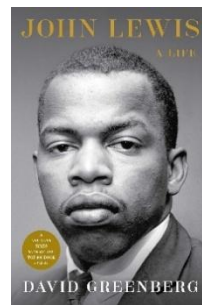
### This Thread of Gold: A Celebration of Black Womanhood by Catherine Joy White

This immersive and empowering read blends history, reporting, and personal stories to weave a gorgeous tapestry from the resilience of Black women. As White writes, "Black women are not victims. Black women are alchemists, spinning gold from a life of hardship... This book is dedicated solely to Black women surviving, thriving, and glowing."



White's book features revolutionary women from across time and space, liberating them from reductive stereotypes like "the strong Black woman," and allowing space for emotional nuance, individual motivation, and richness of expression. White offers fresh insights into the work of Beyoncé and Nina Simone, Shirley Chisholm and Meghan Markle, as well as the work of those who resisted in secret—in kitchens, in churches, and through trusted networks. By weaving these women together, White reveals new ways to understand Black womanhood and she is sure to inspire new generations of readers.

### John Lewis: A Life by David Greenberg



Born into poverty in rural Alabama, Lewis would become second only to Martin Luther King, Jr. in his contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. He was a Freedom Rider who helped to integrate bus stations in the South, a leader of the Nashville sit-in movement, the youngest speaker at the 1963 March on Washington, and the chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which he made into one of the major civil rights organizations. He may be best remembered as the victim of a vicious beating by Alabama state troopers at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, where he nearly died.

Greenberg’s biography traces Lewis’s life through the post-Civil Rights years, when he headed the Voter Education Project, which enrolled millions of African American voters across the South. The book reveals the little-known story of his political ascent first locally in Atlanta, and then as a member of Congress. Tapped to be a part of the Democratic leadership in Congress, he earned respect on both sides of the aisle for the sacrifices he had made on behalf of nonviolent integration in the South and came to be known as the “conscience of the Congress.”

Thoroughly researched and dramatically told, Greenberg’s biography captures John Lewis’s influential career through documents from dozens of archives, interviews with hundreds of people who knew Lewis, and long-lost footage of Lewis himself speaking to reporters from his hospital bed following his severe beating on “Bloody Sunday” in Selma. With new details about his personal and professional relationships, *John Lewis: A Life* is the definitive biography of a man whose heroism during the Civil Rights movement helped to bring America a new birth of freedom.

## 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 December’s Trivia? Below are the verses and answers:

1. That was the true \_\_\_\_\_, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.  
**Light (John 1:9)**
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.  
**Bodies (Romans 12:1)**
3. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet \_\_\_\_\_, Christ died for us.  
**Sinners (Romans 5:8)**
4. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All \_\_\_\_\_ is given unto me in heaven and in earth.  
**Power (Matthew 28:18)**
5. Therefore being justified by \_\_\_\_\_, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Faith (Romans (5:1)**

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

1. Neither is there \_\_\_\_\_ in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
2. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of \_\_\_\_\_, to give you an expected end.
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.
5. Let this \_\_\_\_\_ be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.



## MEN'S MINISTRY

Bro. Rodney Davis, Ministry Leader



Become the man God intended you to be...a better man, better husband, better father, pure in heart, pure in mind, a disciple, a mentor, a Man of God!

Hey brothers, This New Year 2025 gives us a gift of more than 525,600 minutes. Many of us say we “don’t have enough time”, but for this new year, as with all other ones, we all get the same amount of time. What we do with the gift of these minutes determines the quality of our life, the level of our happiness, the value of the memories we create and the difference we can make in the world.

It is our prayer that we will be a stimulus in raising up a generation of men who will say, “For the sake of the Kingdom, for the sake of my family, for the sake of God’s church, and for the sake of our nation, we will become Men of God.”

## DEACONS MINISTRY

Deacon James Bonds, Ministry Leader

*Welcome*  
New Members

Sis. Pandora Finney  
Sis. Octavia Golden  
Sis. Felicia Hopkins  
Sis. Lynda Waller-Kirby  
Bro. Samuel Kirby  
Bro. Joshua Roane



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MINISTRY

Dr. Nakishia Bailey, Ministry Leader

## BULLOCK FOOD PANTRY 2025

Please see the dates below for 2025 for the Bullock Food Pantry and DDJB Angel Tree. We usually serve the third weekend of the month. This changes to the fourth in March (Church Anniversary) and September (Pastoral Anniversary). In November and December, the date may change based on the Turkey delivery date assigned by the Food Bank of Delaware. On Thursdays we receive a truck from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Fridays sort/assemble, 6:00 – 9:00 PM and distribute after service on Sunday.

January 16, 17, 19  
February 20, 21, 23  
March 20, 21, 23  
April 17, 18, 20  
May 15, 16, 18  
June 19, 20, 22  
July 17, 18, 20  
August 14, 15, 17  
September 25, 26, 28  
October 16, 17, 19  
November 20, 21, 23  
December 18, 19, 21

## 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!***



**Membership Ministry  
2024 Yearly Contributions Statements  
Are Coming**

*“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*

*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

The Membership Ministry will be preparing to send out the yearly contributions statements in January 2025. These statements will be distributed via email to contributors that have given **\$250** or more throughout year 2024.

If your email address and/or home address has changed, please send an email to [membership@canaanbcde.org](mailto:membership@canaanbcde.org) by **January 10, 2025**.

If your phone number has changed or you have NOT received important messages, please send the phone number by email to [membership@canaanbcde.org](mailto:membership@canaanbcde.org) or call the church at 302-654-8818 and leave a message by **January 10, 2025**.

Also, if you have contacted the Membership Ministry to continue to have your contribution statement mailed, it will be mailed to your last known address on file.

Please note, all changes will be updated in the church’s database for the Pastor and Ministry Leaders to relay important messages and information as needed throughout the year.

The Membership Ministry thanks everyone in advance for their patience and assistance. May you have a blessed, joyous, and prosperous New Year!

**Membership Ministry Team** - Deacon Henry Carroll, Deacon Nancy Coleman, Deacon Shebra Stafford, Sis. Deirdre Crew, Sis. Katrina Brown, and Sis. Ila Slappy.



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  
Sis. Dorothy Jackson  
Sis. Louise Jamison  
Mr. Howard Jones  
Sandra Hicks-Jones  
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  
Sis. Idel Wilson



# 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)*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2025



MINISTRY

WELCOME TO THE **NEXT G**



Mission:

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

II Timothy 1:6

**YOUTH MINISTRY PLEDGE**

**ENGAGEMENT- I TIMOTHY 4:12**

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

**ENCOURAGEMENT-I PETER 2:9**

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

**EMPOWERMENT-II TIMOTHY 1:7**

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

“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS FOR WELFARE AND NOT FOR EVIL, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE.”  
~ JEREMIAH 29:11



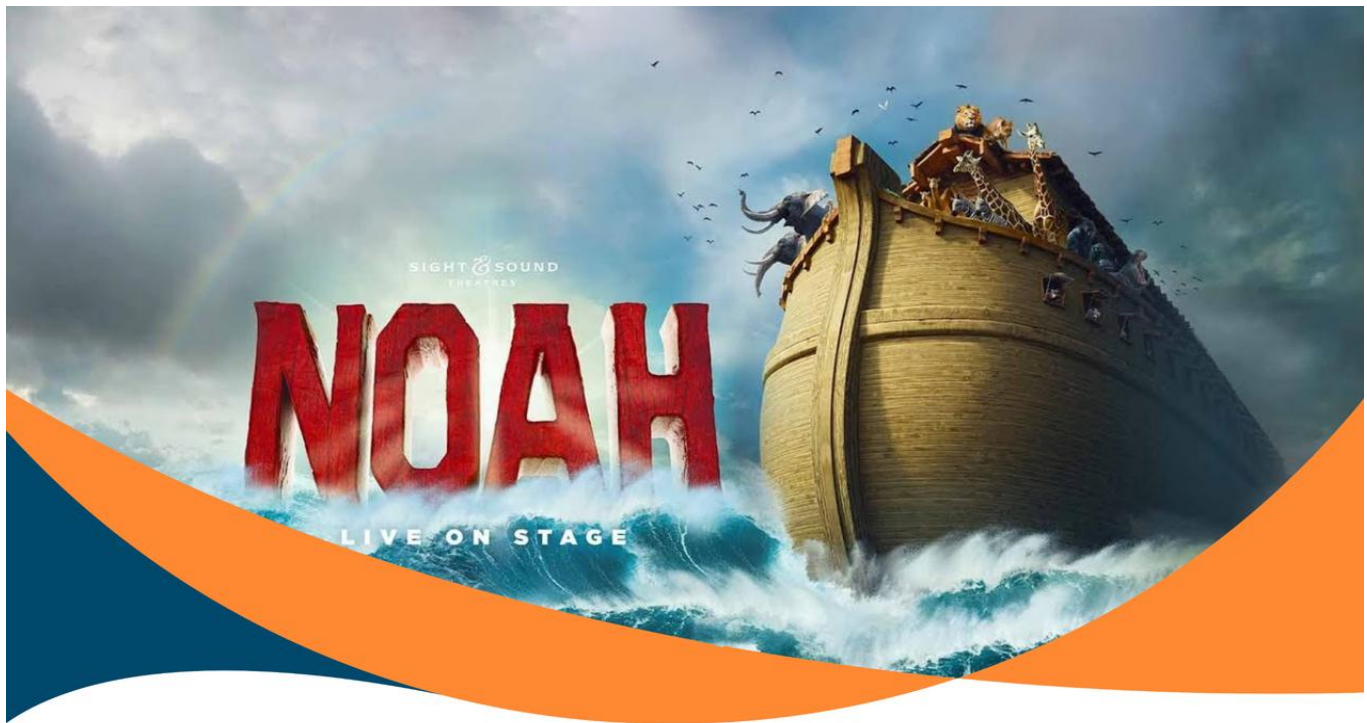
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**SAVE the DATE!**  
**Parent Chat and Chew**  
**January 12, 2025**



Immediately following church service in the Hall of Faith.





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

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



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**

302-521-0276 or [mnigerjen@comcast.net](mailto:mnigerjen@comcast.net)

**Dr. Debbie Bullock** • [DrDebBullock@gmail.com](mailto:DrDebBullock@gmail.com)

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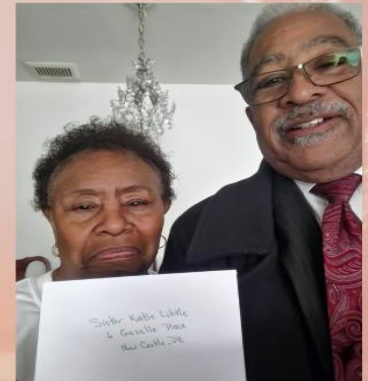


**If so, please send your name, email address, and phone  
number to: [DrDebBullock@outlook.com](mailto:DrDebBullock@outlook.com).**

**Join us for a virtual information session on  
Monday, January 27, 2025 - 8:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 828 6869 6050  
Passcode: 975778**



# Spreading Christmas Cheer...



**Merry Christmas to our Seniors 80 years and up!  
Pastor and First Lady Bullock  
and the Deacons Ministry**

**Substance Abuse Ministry**  
**Project M.O.O.D.**  
**Multi-Culture Opioid Outreach Deliverers**

Through the Behavioral Health Consortium, under the leadership of Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long, Canaan Baptist Church was awarded monies from the Federal Opioid Settlement Fund, designed to reduce the growing epidemic of opioid overdose in the State of Delaware. Project M.O.O.D., under the leadership of Rev. Robert W. Daniels, Project Director, accomplished the following goals to reduce opioid overdose starting in September 2023:

- Distributed over 1,500 Narcan kits throughout Delaware received from DHSS
- Trained over 1,000 youth (6-17) and adults throughout Delaware
- Reached out to and shared information with over 250+ service-providing agencies
- Established partnerships with sixteen (16) organizations that hosted training sessions for Project M.O.O.D.:
  - 1212 Corporation, Inc.
  - Crestview Senior Apartments
  - DE Adolescent Pregnancy Inc. (DAPI) in all counties
  - Divine Light, Inc.
  - Exodus Church
  - Ezion Fair Baptist Church
  - Friendship House
  - Home Life Management Center
  - House of Joseph
  - Mother Mary of Hope Houses
  - Pearl Center for Veterans
  - Sojourners, Inc.
  - Veterans Transitional Houses
  - William Hicks Anderson Community Center
  - Wilmington Job Corps
  - Wilmington Police Athletic League

**Evaluations and Comments**

We received 900+ evaluations from trained participants, with an average score of 4.5 (5 being the highest). Here are just a few of their comments:

“Never knew about how people overdosed; I’m glad I learned how to save a person if it happened around me. Great information!” Youth/Wilm Job Corp

“I’m so glad I decided to come because the information was useful, helpful, and informative!”  
Wm Hicks Adult

“The facilitator's energy was electrifying. She kept the discussion interesting and humorous regarding this serious problem in our city.”  
Youth/WPAL

“This was one of the best training sessions I have ever attended because of the presentation of vital information. The statistics were alarming; however, they demonstrated how severe this epidemic is worldwide.”  
Senior/Crestview

“I knew about overdose because a family member did it at my house. It was terrifying because no one knew what to do. Because of this training, I now know how to save a family member or a friend from an overdose.”  
12 yr old/WPAL

“The story about the 5-year-old who saved his mother’s life after attending a Narcan training was truly amazing and enlightening. It proved that anyone could save a life at any age – even a 5-year-old.”  
Presenter/Facilitator

“The presenters provided a wealth of information I did not know existed. All of it made sense when presented in a PowerPoint format. I enjoyed it and learned a lot. It was not too short or too long.”  
Adult/HLMC

**In-class Testimonials:**

“I was able to save my friend’s life because we had a similar training earlier in the school year, and we had Narcan Kits readily available. It was scary, but I am glad I remembered how to put that spray up his nose.”

“Thank you, Canaan, for having your team come to our agency to share this knowledge. You won’t believe this! We had the training on a Thursday,

and two of three members of the Transitional Houses overdosed on the back porch! I immediately went upstairs and grabbed the Narcan kit and was able to give it to both of them while the ambulance was on the way. Thank God I was able to help save my friend's life."

"There was a young lady on my backyard's step who was dying from an overdose. I had Narcan kits in my house that I received a few months ago, and my husband and I helped bring her back to life!"

"I went to the bathroom to get a couple of Tylenol because I had menstrual cramps. I locked the door behind me. After taking two Tylenol, I remember feeling dizzy and began to tremble. I collapsed on the bathroom floor, not remembering what had happened. I suddenly was in the arms of a family member who pushed through the door because I was taking too long. It was discovered I had an overdose because my brother had coated the Tylenol pills with fentanyl."

**Special thanks to the following individuals:**

Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock, Pastor of Canaan  
Trustee Stephanie Collins, Financial Advisor  
Rev. Robert Daniels, Project Director  
Rev. Vickie Gaines, Assistant Project Director

**Consultants**

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Ranlin Sanders, Technical, Video, and Website Consultant  
The Late Linwood Dixon, Photographer

**Certified Facilitators (Trainer Quoi of DHSS):**

Kerwin Ashe  
Veronica Davis  
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Tojuana Greene  
Edward Robinson  
Kareem Jabbar-Bey  
Marion Jackson  
David Moody  
Tammy Moody  
Scheine Purnell  
Abdul Wadud

Submitted by: Sis. Edwina Bell

**CANAAN FOR LIFE CANCER MINISTRY**

Sis. Julie White, Ministry Leader

The Canaan for Life Cancer Ministry is seeking dedicated men who has been affected by any form of cancer to join our mission. We are looking to expand our outreach in 2025. Join us in making a meaningful difference. Together we can provide love, support, and hope to our community as well as our members. See Sis. Sister Julie Moore if you are interested in joining the ministry.



**CANCER COLOR JANUARY 2025**

Cervical Cancer - Cervical cancer affects the entrance to the womb. It may not cause any symptoms in the early stages. More than 4,200 women in the U.S. will die from cervical cancer this year.



Human papillomavirus (HPV) causes most cervical cancer cases. The HPV vaccine successfully prevents HPV. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) initially recommended the vaccine for all people aged 9–26 years. However, the CDC now advise that the vaccine is also available for all women and men aged 26–45 years who did receive the vaccine as a preteen. Cervical cancer treatment options include surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy, or combinations of these. Deciding on the kind of treatment depends on several factors, such as the stage of the cancer, as well as age and overall state of health. Treatment for early-stage cervical cancer, when the cancer remains within the cervix, has a good success rate. The further a cancer spreads from its original area, the lower the success rate tends to be.

Submitted by Sis. Brenda James

ACS (American Cancer Society and the Medical News Today journal. 2024



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Canaan Baptist Church  
301 1 New Castle Avenue  
New Castle, DE 19720

Dear Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock,

On behalf of McCullough Middle School, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you and the entire congregation of Canaan Baptist Church for your generous holiday donation. Your thoughtful contribution has made a significant difference in the lives of our students and their families, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

Your kindness will help ensure that our students have the resources they need to thrive, especially during the holiday season when many families are facing extra challenges. Thanks to your donation, we are able to provide essential supplies, meals, and assistance to those in need within our school community.

We are truly blessed to have such a compassionate and supportive partner in our mission to serve and educate our students. Your generosity reflects the spirit of giving and community, and we are inspired by your commitment to making a positive impact.

Please know that your donation is making a lasting difference, and we are honored to be able to share in the work of caring for our children and families together. We wish you and your congregation a joyful holiday season filled with peace, love, and blessings.

With warm regards and sincere thank  
thanks,

Mrs. Hyacinth A. Lewis, M.Ed  
Principal

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## URBANPROMISE WILMINGTON

Dear Pastor Bullock and Canaan Baptist Church,

On behalf of our students, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your incredible generosity in providing angel tree donations. We know that this contribution of generosity and kindness has a profound impact, brightening the lives of our students and bringing joy to their hearts.

These gifts are more than just items—they symbolize hope, support, and the reminder that there is a community that deeply cares for them. Thanks to you and Canaan Baptist Church, this season will be a bit brighter and more special for those in need.

UrbanPromise Wilmington is a Christian non-profit organization that has served our youth in Wilmington for 26 years. We consist of an elementary school, a high school, a teen work program, an outdoor experiential program and free after school programs and camps around the city. Our vision is to be a community in Christ of servant leadership and transformation, seeking a full life for all involved: urban youth, families, volunteers and staff in the neighborhoods of our city.

Thank you for being an angel to our students and for making such a meaningful difference. Your thoughtfulness and compassion are truly inspiring.

With heartfelt appreciation, Dionne Xavier, M.Ed  
Executive Council and Head of Schools  
UrbanPromise Wilmington

# In CHRISTIAN Sympathy



Our member, **Bro. Keith D. Fisher**, age 69, passed away on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. Funeral services will be held on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025**, at Canaan Baptist Church. Viewing: 11:00 AM, Service: 12:00 PM; Interment:

**2:00 PM** at Veterans Memorial Cemetery, and Repast will follow the interment in Canaan's Hall of Faith. Cards and condolences can be sent to: Mrs. Stacey Gilbert (daughter), 904 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, DE 19802.

**Mr. Ludy M. Leatherbury**, age 70, passed away on Friday, November 29, 2024. He is the brother of our Ushers Ministry member, Sis. Susan Gaines. Please send cards and condolences to: Susan Gaines, 701 W. 10th Street, Apt. E, Wilmington, DE 19801.

**Deacon Johnnie B. Pogue, Sr.**, age 94, passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. He is the brother of Bro. Frank Pogue, Jr. (Sis. Dorothy Pogue), members of Canaan. Cards and condolences may be sent to: Mr. Frank and Dr. Dorothy Pogue, 509 Isadore Drive, New Castle, DE 19720.




## A Special THANK YOU

Pastor Christopher and First Lady Rev. Debbie Bullock and Canaan Church Family, I am very grateful for the kindness of love. The outpouring surrounded me during my post-surgery recovery. My heart has been made glad and full of joy in my healing process. With gratitude and a thankful heart, God bless.

**Rev. Selina Cherry**

Dear Pastor and Church Family:

All I can say is God bless Pastor Bullock and Canaan Baptist Church. Attached is a photo of the best chili ever that I am having from Canaan Baptist Church Food Ministry, and as I eat this food, with every bite, all I can say is God bless Canaan Baptist Church, Rev. Bullock and his family. With three small cans, I was able to make a big pot of chili for this cold winter day that will

last several days. 1 can of corn , 1 can of kidney beans , 1 can of diced tomatoes . God bless you Pastor Bullock and First Lady Rev. Dr. Bullock, and God bless Canaan Baptist Church. This chili is heavenly, nutritious and delicious. Thank you.

**Sister Pyles**

A special thank you is extended to Pastor Bullock, Dr Debbie, the Deacons and our Canaan Family for the generous Christmas gift. I am touched and greatly appreciate the gift and your kindness. May the good Lord continue to watch over us.

**Sister Alice Munson**

To my Canaan Family, for the nice things you do, and the nice way you do them, thank you very much. for the resolution, food, prayers, and visits in the passing of my father. Love you.

**Kim Thomas-Odom and Audwin Odom.**

Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie and the Deacons, thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness which again really touched our hearts. The gratitude we feel can't be put into words. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love,

**Carl and Betty Wilkins**

To Pastor Bullock, First Lady Dr. Debbie, Deacons and my Canaan Family, I am so thankful and grateful for the continued love and support you consistently show me. I am blessed beyond measure. I want you to know that God is taking good care of me here in California and I praise Him with you each and every Sunday online. Thank you for the Christmas gift and know that I love you! Blessings!

**Mother Ann Strickling**

To Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie, the Deacons and my Canaan Baptist Church Family, I thank you for the blessings that you have given me. With appreciation, I thank you for what you have done. May we rejoice in the Lord always. Love,  
**Sis. Jane Baylor**

Share the joy! Blessings, **Sis. Lynette Jolley**

Dear Drs. Christopher and Debbie Bullock, Deacons and Canaan Family, it's obvious that what you did came from the heart. I hope you know this "thank you" does also. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. May you be blessed,  
**Sis. Joyce Bantum**

To Pastor Bullock, Dr. Debbie and Deacons, thank you so much for thinking of me. It was such a surprise! God bless you and please remember me in your prayers. Sincerely,  
**Eugenia Williams**

To Pastor Bullock and Canaan Baptist Church Family, may God's spirit dwell in you and yours this season and always. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you!  
**Sis. Iris Craighead**

Pastor Christophel Alan Bullock and Canaan Baptist Church, I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the monetary Christmas gift that Russell received. Thank you, First Lady Dr. Debbie, and the Deacons, for your generosity and thoughtfulness. Your dedication and service as our pastor have been a blessing to us. Your sermons are always easy to follow and understand, and it is evident that you spend countless hours preparing meaningful messages for the congregation. We deeply appreciate the effort and care you put into each sermon, as they have greatly enriched our spiritual lives. We also recognize the many responsibilities you undertake beyond delivering Sunday sermons. Your commitment demonstrates your genuine love and care for your congregation. Thank you once again for being such a wonderful pastor. With heartfelt appreciation,  
**Sis. Ceola Coles**

Pastor Bullock and Deacons Ministry, Merry Christmas and Happy and healthy New Year. Thank you so much for my beautiful Christmas blessing. May God continue to bless and keep you!  
**Deacon Jim Reynolds**

Dear Pastor Bullock, we at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church of Chester, PA, want to thank you and your members for your generous food donation for our Harvest Day celebration. Thanks to your donation, we were able to provide food for many families. I would especially like to thank Kenneth Screven, Thomas and Veronica Patrick. All of the staff and members were extremely kind and very supportive. May God continue to bless you all. If you ever need anything, please call us. Once again, thank you for your generosity. Please accept this small love token in support of your missions. Anson Construction is the name of my construction company. Please keep us in your prayers and you all are in ours. With God's blessings,  
**Mary Lopez and the members of the St. Katharine Black Catholic Forum**

Dear Canaan Church, thank you for your continuing support of our students and their families during the holiday season. Your generous donations ensure even the neediest of our families have the means to create a special meal and dessert! We truly appreciate your support. Please consider joining us at one of our winter concerts. Thank you!  
**Principal Small, P.S. DuPont Middle School**

In the event of the death of a Canaan member or family member, please call:  
The Church Office - (302) 654-8818  
Pastor Bullock - (302) 654-8240  
Deacon James Bonds  
(484) 678-2276  
E-mail [james007sbonds@gmail.com](mailto:james007sbonds@gmail.com)

# HELP WANTED

**CHURCH SEXTON:** Applications are now accepted to fill an immediate position on the Church Sexton Ministry. If you are interested and for more information, please contact Sis. Stephanie Collins at: [scollins608@yahoo.com](mailto:scollins608@yahoo.com).

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

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**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

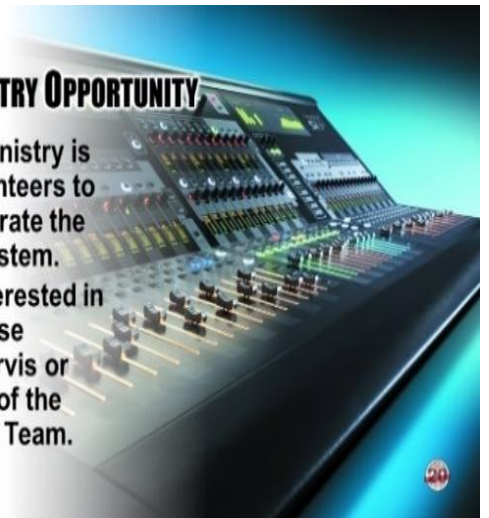
Are you passionate about graphic design, marketing strategies, or public relations? Do you possess a gift for creativity and communication? If so, we invite you to be part of the vibrant and dynamic Marketing and Public Relations Ministry at Canaan Baptist Church! As we continue to spread the message 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).

**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.





**JANUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**



**Sis. Julie White**  
January 1



**Deacon James Bonds**  
January 2



**Sis. Sabrina Boyd-Ross – January 2**  
**Sis. Gladys Boyd – January 4**



**Sis. Frances Roane Smith**  
January 3



**Rev. Valerie Scott**  
January 3



**Sis. Elaine Jefferson**  
January 3



**Sis. Emma Reynolds**  
January 4



**Sis. Carol Amos**  
January 5



**Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock**  
January 7



**Sis. Dinah Screven**  
January 5



**Deacon-In-Training**  
**Anita Hawkes**  
January 6



**Bro. Alan Hicks**  
January 8



**Elder Juneta Dutch**  
January 10



**Sis. Darlene Perry**  
January 14



**Sis. Leslie Purifoy**  
January 15



**Bro. Derek Edwards**  
January 18



**Dr. Kim Allen**  
January 21



**Sis. Ceola Coles**  
January 27



**Bro. Troy Lopez**  
January 29



**Bro. Jay Jackson**  
January 30



**Sis. Lois R. Walley**  
January 31



**Mother Doris Hudson**  
89 Years – January 31

**Sis. Carrie Hunt – January 26**

# Thoughts to Ponder Heavenly Humor

## ACTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

**If You will practice the following actions during the next 365 days, you are certain to have a happy new year.**

**Help others.**

**Admit it when you are wrong.**

**Promote Christ at every opportunity.**

**Present yourself in the best way possible to serve as an example for others.**

**Yield not to temptation.**

**Never think an unkind thought of others.**

**Endeavor to work harder for the Lord.**

**Weed out your bad habits with God's help.**

**Yearn and pray for peace.**

**Earnestly desire a stronger relationship with Christ.**

**Attend church regularly.**

**Resolve to give your all for Christ and His church.**

**I'M A CHRISTIAN,  
BUT...**

I sometimes judge others.  
I say things I shouldn't.  
I eat and drink things I shouldn't.  
I struggle to trust God's plan for my life.  
I struggle with anger and forgiveness.  
I worry about what the future holds.

Being a Christian doesn't  
mean you're perfect, it  
means God gives you grace.

There is  
**NO STORM** that God  
won't carry you  
through.  
**NO BRIDGE** that God  
won't help you cross.  
**NO BATTLE** that God  
won't help you win.

*trust* **GOD**  
and Never give up.  
Amen

**If you want 2025  
to be your year**

Don't sit on the couch and wait for it.  
Go out. Make a change. Smile more.  
Be excited. Do new things. Throw  
away what you've been cluttering.  
Stay away from negative people.  
Go to bed early. Wake up early.  
Be fierce. Don't gossip. Show  
more gratitude. Do things that  
challenge you. Be brave.  
Trust God.



**Accidentally went  
grocery shopping  
on an empty  
stomach and  
now I'm the  
proud owner of  
aisle 4.**

A teacher is marking off the attendance roll when she comes across the name 'Hijkm'. She says "I'm sorry I'm not sure how to pronounce this name" Then spells it out. A girl raises her hand and says...  
That's me and it's pronounced  
Noelle

Someday the King will return.  
He won't need to be elected,  
there will be no debates. Every  
knee will bow, every tongue  
will confess that **Jesus Christ** is  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

*Birthday Celebration  
for our Beloved Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Christopher Alan Bullock*



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025 ~ 6:30 PM**  
**Canaan Baptist Church**  
**In the Hall of Faith**

*Dinner and  
Dancing*

*LIVE JAZZ BAND  
BOP DANCE CONTEST*

**Limited Seating**  
**RSVP /Signup in the**  
**Hall of Faith Lobby.**

*Sponsored by the Philippians Ministry  
Deacon Patricia Reed, Ministry Leader*

