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Kingdom News

From The Pastor



Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus the maker and creator of every good and perfect gift.

Another year has been spent and the harvest is great but the laborers are few. I was reared in an agricultural society where seasons presented windows of opportunities whereas it was paramount that one would be cognizant of what time it was because the particular season would dictate what can be planted and what can be expected. We as Christians should develop a proclivity and propensity to pay attention to the seasons of life. God allows certain fruits and vegetables to be matched with certain seasons enabling our bodies to obtain proper and necessary nutrients and vitamins for a healthy life. Our churches can glean from that process. We should be mindful that seed, time, and harvest is the sequence; and when this is implemented correctly in the right season, expectation can be high. Some of us are planting the right thing in the wrong season. While others can't wait on the process to manifest the outcome. Irrigation may give you a minuscule amount of increase but I've learned from my Father that nothing is equal to the rains from heaven. Pray that God will open the flood gates of Heaven and let it rain. Lord for sure we need it.



Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons



May God richly bless those of us that love the Lord.

Nathan Sommons
Pastor Nathan M. Sommons

✠ **CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE** ✠
~Join us for any of our worship services~
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship Service: 11:00 am
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study:
7:00 pm on Wednesdays
✠ Email: canaanbaptist@windstream.net ✠

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For Your Inspiration

Please submit articles for the next newsletter to the editor by *Sunday, February 12, 2017*. Articles may be edited for content, clarity, and length.



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Seasoned Citizens Ministry Recognition *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*

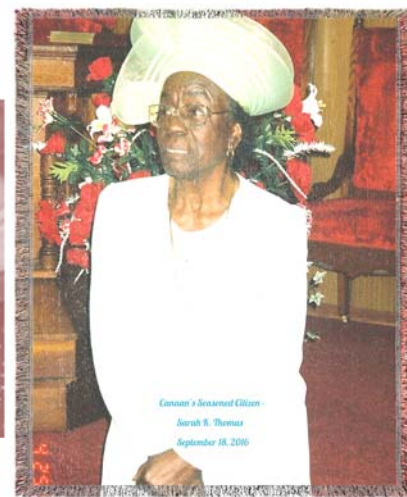
Lots of families are presented with Tapestry throws at the Home Going Celebration of their loved one – who never gets to see it! On Sunday, October 16, 2016, the Seasoned Citizens of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church were presented with a special gift in honor of Grandparents Day. They were each presented with a beautiful tapestry photo blanket.

Our Seasoned Citizens are 80+ years of age and are recognized for different occasions during the year. Those members are: Sarah Thomas – 98, Horace Floyd – 92, Bennie Mae Blunt – 86, Alma Smith – 85, Hilda Ivery – 82.

We pray God's richest blessings on these members, that they may be mentors to the younger members of the church, and that they continue to serve our Lord and Savior until He comes.



{L-R} Rev. Nathan Sommons, Bro. Horace Floyd (not present), Sis. Cynthia Davis



Sis. Sarah Thomas tapestry photo blanket



{L-R} Rev. Nathan Sommons, Sis. Bennie Mae Blunt, Sis. Cynthia Davis



{L-R} Rev. Nathan Sommons, Sis. Cynthia Davis, Sis. Alma Smith



{L-R} Rev. Nathan Sommons, Sis. Hilda Ivery, Cynthia Davis

Ministry Appreciation Blessings *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*



Since October is Clergy and Ministry Appreciation Month, we recognized those members who work diligently in the church at Canaan but receive no pay. Those persons are: Dea. Willie Chandler – Deacon Ministry/Adult Choir; Dea. George Evans – Sunday School Superintendent; Bro. Calvin Tyson, Sr. – Trustee Ministry; Sis. Margarie Chandler – Mission Ministry; Sis. Andrea Mitchell – Youth Ministry; Sis. Beverly Jamerson – Kingdom News Editor; Sis. Regina Brown – Usher Ministry; Sis. Carol A. Hawkins – 3rd Sunday Musician; Bro. Walter Grimes – Percussionist; Sis. Natasha Grimes – Kitchen Ministry/Children's Church; Sis. Rose Rice – Children's Church; Bro. Eric Rice – Videography; and Bro. Gregory McClinton – Grilling Ministry. They were each presented with gift cards and certificates thanking them for their service. May God continue to bless you all for your Kingdom service.

Mission Program *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



Sis. Patricia Carter

On Sunday, November 13, 2016, Canaan M.B. Church held their Annual Mission Day Program. The Mission Message was by Sis. Patricia Carter, from New Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The theme was "You are the "I" in Mission." The colors was gold and white. She stated when the Lord says go, he is speaking directly to each and everyone of us, and you are the "I." Mission is the result of or the act of sending or the state of being sent with certain power. Everybody must be a missionary if you believe in the Bible. Christ's final instructions in Mark 16:15 was, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." That message is the same today. The disciples went out and preached everywhere. If you have been born again you should go.

Everybody that you encounter you either preach with your lives, preach with your words, or both. We are not to gather just to gather together -- we are to work. We need to get out of these consecrated walls -- get out of your comfort zone and go. Every believer in Jesus Christ is a missionary. We are missionary Baptist. Our roots are in the work of mission. We are to spread the gospel around the world. In order for us to do mission work we need the power and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God can make a way out of no way.

Sis. Carol A. Hawkins was the mistress of ceremony. Rev. Leroy Chandler, pastor of New Saint Paul Church gave a Mission Testimonial. He stated that he's been on several mission trips. It was a blessing going to Haiti on a mission trip after the earthquake struck Haiti. The purpose was to help build an orphanage to take care of the children that had amputation as a result of the earthquake. The mission also was to provide much needed items to the people of Haiti. The first day they fed 750 children and the next day they fed 450 children. On the third day they feed 1,000 hungry kids. If we only knew how blessed we are, we would behave differently. Musical selections by New Saint Paul Choir, Devotion by SBBA Women's Auxiliary Praise & Worship Team. Welcome & Occasion by Sis. Maria Chandler, Reading by Sis. Margarie Chandler (Canaan's Mission President). Rev. Maxine Chandler was on program to do the Introduction of the Speaker, but she graciously gave way to Sis. Annalisa Melton, to give a surprise introduction of her mother. Invitation to discipleship by Pastor Nathan Sommons. Words of appreciation was given by Sis. Margarie Chandler, Rev. Dr. Jerone Gamble (Moderator), Sis. Clementese Dixon (Mission President), and Final Remarks and Benediction by Pastor Nathan Sommons.



(L-R) Sis. Patricia Carter, Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons



(L-R) Sis. Patricia Carter and Sis. Annalisa Melton



(L-R) Rev. Maxine Chandler, Sis. Carol A Hawkins, Sis. Patricia Carter, Sis. Clementese Dixon, Sis. Margarie Chandler, Sis. Maria Chandler

Musician Appreciation

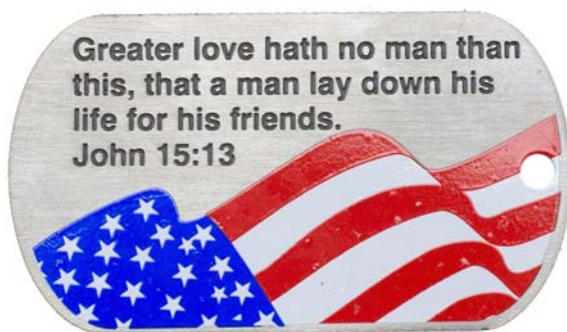
by Sis. Beverly Jamerson



Sis. Rutha Smith

On Sunday, November 27, 2016, Sis. Rutha Smith was presented with a fleece throw, Bath & Body Works gift basket, and monetary donation by Sis. Maria Chandler. Sis. Smith plays for Canaan on the first and fourth Sunday. She has been faithfully playing for the Adult Choir at Canaan for the last six years. Thank you Sis. Smith for your dedication.

Saluting our Veterans *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*



“Greater love has no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13 KJV

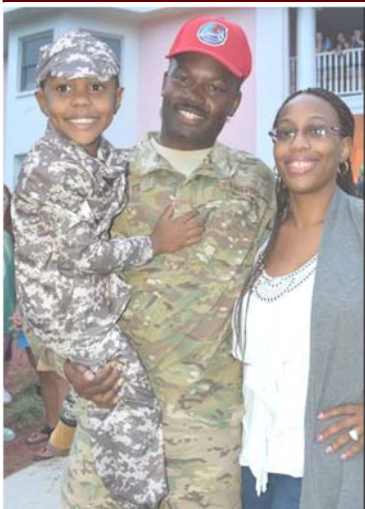
On Sunday, November 13, 2016, the Veterans of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church were recognized for their service to our country. Most of our vets served 2, 3, or 4 years but Sgt. Calvin Tyson, Jr. has been serving for 15 years to date and is currently stationed in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

An added surprise was a visit from SSgt. Jermaine Hayes of the U.S. Air Force, who had recently returned from a tour in Iraq. Not only

did God allow him to return home safely, but he and his son Jayden Hayes became “national celebrities” when the video of SSgt. Hayes surprising Jayden at the University of Florida went viral.

Our service people are: Horace Floyd, Calvin Tyson, Sr., Calvin Tyson, Jr., Rev. Nathan Sommons, Melinda Floyd, Eric Rice, and Dr. Arthur Chandler. Presentations were also made to Sis. Alma Smith and Sis. Ada Watson in recognition of their deceased husbands. They were each presented with a small token by the children of the church. We pray that God continues to protect those service people who are still fighting for this great country of ours.

Welcome Home SSgt. Jermaine Hayes *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



{L-R} Jayden Hayes, SSgt. Jermaine Hayes, Kavasia Hayes

While most kids dressed up as superheroes, on Thursday, October 27, 2016, four year old Jayden Hayes dressed up as his hero (his dad) and suited up in his uniform. While collecting candy with his mother, Kavasia Hayes, he suddenly got the biggest surprise of his life. His father SSgt. Jermaine Hayes who has been stationed in Iraq for the last 8 months, surprised him at the Junior Panhellenic Council at the University of Florida.

SSgt. Hayes is in the United States Air Force's 202nd RED HORSE squadron, which is an Air National Guard unit located at Camp Blanding in Starke, Florida. RED HORSE is an acronym formed from "Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers."



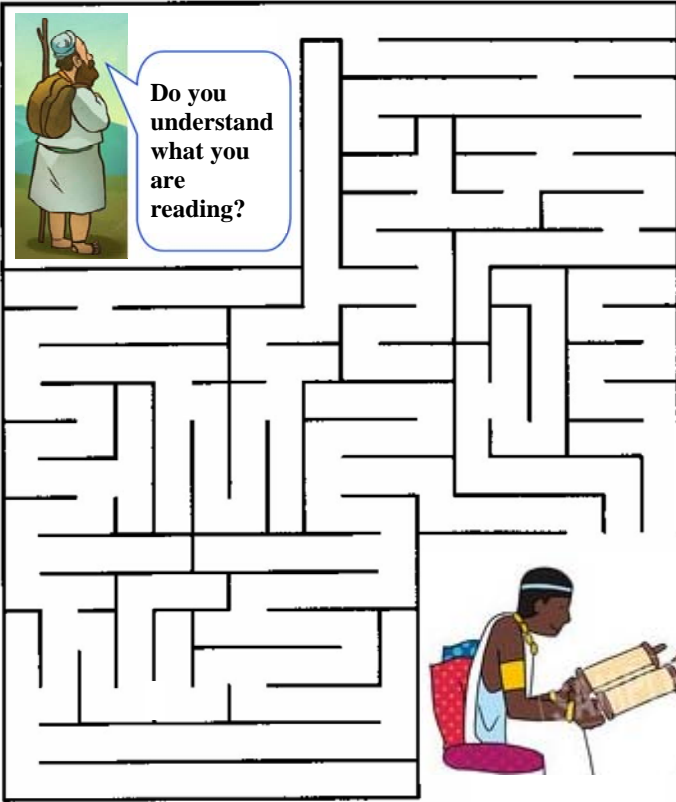
{L-R} Rev. Nathan Sommons and SSgt. Jermaine Hayes

On Sunday, November 13, 2016, SSgt. Jermaine Hayes visited Canaan Missionary Baptist Church. SSgt. Hayes thanks Canaan for recognizing him for his service as they also recognized the veterans of Canaan.



On Friday, November 25, 2016, a surprise Welcome Home Party was held for SSgt. Hayes. Thanks to everyone for keeping it a secret because he was truly surprised. We thank those who attended, who helped to decorate, took pictures, prepared food, served the food, and helped with the cleanup afterwards. Kenneth Jamerson, Jr. prepared a touching video of SSgt. Hayes. Guests were given an opportunity to say a few words and Rev. Nathan Sommons did the blessing of the food. Welcome home SSgt. Hayes and thanks for your service and sacrifice for our country.

Directions: Lead Philip to the Ethiopian.



Check It Out In The Bible

Little Known Bible Facts "Philip"



- Which city was Philip from? (*John 1:44*)
 - Jerusalem
 - Bethsaida
 - Samaria
 - Tarsus
- Which of the disciples did Philip say to, "We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write?" (*John 1:45-46*)
 - Thomas
 - Thaddeus
 - Bartholomew
 - Nathanael
- What did Jesus say to Philip when he saw a great company of people had come to hear him? (*John 6:5*)
 - Tell the people to pray.
 - Tell the people to turn from their wicked ways.
 - Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?
 - In all of Israel I have not seen faith like this before.
- What nationality were the men who asked Philip if they could speak to Jesus? (*John 12:20-21*)
 - Jews
 - Syrians
 - Greeks
 - Romans
- What did Philip say to the Lord immediately before Jesus said, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?" (*John 14:8-9*)
 - Lord, tell us when the Messiah shall come?"
 - Are you the Christ, the Son of the living God?"
 - "Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us."
 - "Lord, for whither thou goest, I will go."
- Where did Philip go immediately after the ascension of Jesus? (*Acts 1:13*)
 - to an Upper Room
 - to Samaria
 - to Bethsaida
 - to Caesarea
- When Philip went to the city of Samaria and preached Christ, what was the response of the people? (*Acts 8:5-12*)
 - They did not believe.
 - They believed and were baptized.
 - They believed and were circumcised.
 - They believed and were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- What was the occupation of Simon, who believed the word that Philip preached and was baptized? (*Acts 8:9-13*)
 - Potter
 - Coppersmith
 - Sorcerer
 - Tentmaker
- Philip was sent to speak to an Ethiopian eunuch who held what position in the court of Candace, queen of Ethiopia? (*Acts 8:26-27*)
 - Cup bearer
 - Scribe
 - Astrologer
 - Treasurer
- What was Philip's position in the church when he lived in Caesarea? (*Acts 21:8*)
 - Prophet
 - Pastor
 - Evangelist
 - Teacher

Directions: Find and circle the words listed below. Words may appear straight across, backward, up, down, and diagonally.

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 JESUS
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