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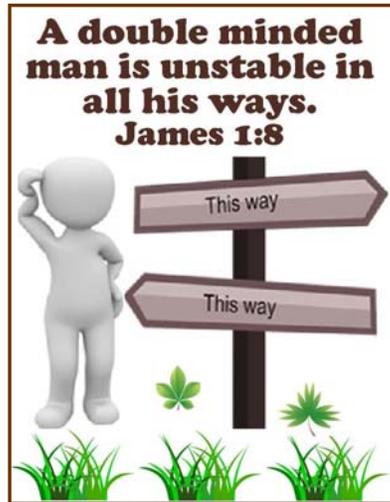
From The Pastor



Greetings my brothers and sisters in the name of Christ Jesus The Master and Creator of the universe and sovereign Ruler. Our country America seems to not be able to come to the conclusion that government is not the answer to all our problems. Man is not capable of governing himself righteously. The fix that we are in now is partly because some of us arrogantly thinks that this country is exceptional. Discarding the fact that we are no better than any other group of sinners on the planet. We speak terms like Liberal, Conservative, Neocon, Globalist, Nationalist, and Supremacist to name a few there are more but on Sunday morning at eleven-o'clock most pretend to be Christians. We are like chameleons. Whatever the environment, we change to fit -- leading me to believe we are not stable. The Bible says in James 1:8, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" and there is no alternative truths other than the word of God.



Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons



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

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✠ **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, April 9, 2017*. Articles may be edited for content, clarity, and length.



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A Christmas To Believe In *by Sis. Carol Ann Hawkins*

Well, here we are again, another Christmas program behind us which was held on Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25, 2016) during the morning service. We started the program off with speeches/reading by the children as follows: Jayden Hayes - Welcome; Ju'el Sweeney - Cherub; Zaylen Williams - Jesus Came; Ivy'uana Starks - Christ Abides; Garfield Finlayson - Baby Savior; Deasia Little - Miracle Baby; Mia Gray - Significant Though Small; Jerriah Little - Watching and Waiting; and Dijonay Little - Thanks for Coming. It was a fun time for us all in preparing for the program. Each challenge was met head on. Choosing the players was one challenge. Another challenge came up about the angel. At first Breauna Young was going to be the angel Gabriel until Sis. Maria (Mary, Mother of Jesus in the play) pointed out that one of the lines in the play referred to Gabriel as being a big and imposing figure. Well, we all know Breauna is definitely NOT big nor is she an imposing figure. Seems Dea. George Evans was the only one to fit that line. So, with a little coaxing, Dea. Evans became Gabriel. The next challenge was finding a set of wings that would fit him. His one request was that they not be wings that would embarrass him by being too small. The pair ordered for him stated they were for adults. One look told me they would do just what he was afraid of. Adult size wings are for average size adults, and average size he is not. Katiane Rice took one look and said, "No way will Dea. Evans wear those, so let me see what I can do. I may be able to make a pair." She did some research and decided that with some card board, coffee filters, elastic, glue, and prayer, she might come up with a pair he would be proud to wear. Her (our) prayers were answered. She came through and the wings were a work of art as far as I was concerned, because I have to admit I was a little skeptical, especially when she called me late at night to see if I had any coffee filters.

The play was entitled, "A Christmas To Believe In." Narrators (Katiane Rice and Charlisa Daniels) tell the traditional Christmas story (with a little comedy thrown in) while performers act out the story onstage. One narrator admits she is not sure she believes in Christmas at all. The other narrators tell her that whether she believes it or not it's still true and no one can ever take it away from you. As the story unfolds she becomes more engaged in it and wonders what will happen to Mary and to the baby Jesus. At the end, she is convinced that the story is true and finds it really is "A Christmas To Believe In."

Real life married couple Walter and Natasha Grimes played wife and husband Zachariah and Elizabeth, Joseph was played by Eddie Mitchell who did a very good job of sleeping and dreaming while the angel talked to him. His brother Bennie Mitchell was one of the townspeople. Eric Rice was the notorious and devious King Herod while Dea. Willie Chandler was his advisor and told him where the baby would be born. As you all are aware, usually we don't have enough members to have a complete cast to portray each character and therefore have to use who we have wherever they are needed. Therefore, we had to use females to play some of the parts, such as the wise men (Andrea Mitchell, Danielle Daniels, Regina Brown) -- job well done. The shepherds were Frenchie, Emily and Erin Rice who surprised us with their beautiful voices by singing Away In A Manger. To top it all off there were the young children as angels (Deasia Little, Dijonay Little, Ivy'uana Starks, Mia Gray, Garfield Finlayson) led by Breauna (as an angel also) to sing Happy Birthday to the baby Jesus and at the end toddler Jesus was Ju'el Sweeney.

We really did enjoy preparing for the program and wish to thank all those who helped out financially by donating funds (Mrs. Alma Smith, Mrs. Bennie Mae Blunt and Dea. Chandler) to help offset the cost of feeding the players before each practice. We all enjoyed the comradery this created.

Now we must start preparing for the EASTER program.



Cast Members of the Christmas Program and Speeches/Readings by the Children

Baby Dedication *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



Kendall Seante Jamerson

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." That is why on Sunday, January 22, 2017, four-month old Kendall Seante Jamerson was dedicated to the Lord by her parents Kenneth Jr & Shawntavia Jamerson. Pastor Sommons gave a charge to all the participants and the church family. The paternal grandparents: Kenneth Sr. & Beverly Jamerson, Maternal grandmother: Gloria Bowers, Godparents: Roderick Sr & Wanda Bowers, and Godfather: John Butz. Standing in for the church was Dea. Willie Chandler and Rev. Maxine Chandler.



{L-R} Pastor Sommons presenting the "Certificate of Baby Dedication" to Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Jamerson Jr.

Pastor Sommons message for the day tied in with the baby dedication. His text came from Proverbs 22:1-6. Jesus was trained by God to be the Savior of the world. Training is so important. Every organization trains. If you don't train, then you will be lacking when a situation comes on board. If you fail to plan, then you plan to fail. A train is just what it says. You have an engine up front and there is a caboose (following) in the back. Wherever the engine goes, the cars follows. The Bible says train up a child, it didn't say train down a child. Children that are left unattended will cause problems and get into trouble. You have to have guidelines, statues, and ordinances. In other words, you've got to teach them the right way to go. Bring your child back to the house of the Lord and dedicate the baby to God. When you dedicate your child back to God, all you are doing is re-gifting. God gave you the baby from the very start. The Bible says that babies are a blessing from God. It is a blessing to have children. If you give a child to God, He is able to take care of the child. God has never been locked up for being a dead beat dad, he has never been charged with not paying child support. He is a good Father. Train up a child to come to the house of the Lord: Bible study, Sunday school, and Sunday morning service.



Some of the family and friends of Kendall Seante Jamerson

103rd Founder's Day Observance *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*



Rev. Nathan Sommons

On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, the members, choir, and pastor of Canaan M.B. Church travelled to the Theological Seminary in Ocala, FL, for the 103rd Founders Day Observance. Pastor Sommons text came from Luke 15:11-18, and his subject was, "A Pig Pen Experience." In Luke he refers to lost things; lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son. The son knew that his dad was leaving him an inheritance but he didn't want to wait -- he wanted his wealth and he wanted it

right now! After getting it and being out for a short while, living lavishly -- he had nothing left. He wound up literally living and eating in a pig pen. When he had lots, he had plenty of friends, when everything was gone, so were his friends. They were happy to see him down and wanted to keep him there.

You need to come to yourself. Money messed him up! He came to himself and realized that if he went home everything would be alright. His daddy not only welcomed him home, but welcomed him home royally.



{L-R} Sis. Margarie Chandler (Mission President for Canaan) being escorted in by her pastor, Rev. Nathan Sommons

Congratulations *by Sis. Lenora Tyson*

 Congratulations to Calvin Tyson Jr. On November 1, 2016, he was promoted to SFC (Sergeant First Class) Another round on the ladder. Thank you for serving our country and for everything you do. We love you Mom, Dad, Calee, and Caitlin.

8th Annual Couples Valentine Gala *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*

On Saturday, February 4, 2017, 6:30 p.m., the Eighth Annual Couples Valentine Gala was held in the dining room at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. We had 15 couples in attendance. The Mistress of Ceremony was Mrs. Lenora Tyson and the Welcome and Occasion was given by Mrs. Beverly Jamerson. The Prayer and Blessing of the Food was by Rev. Walter Lewis. Every couple received their very own personalized name table placemat and each couple received a souvenir bag with gifts. Following a delicious dinner, Rev. Nathan Sommons delivered a powerful and inspirational message from Matthew 22:37, *“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”*

Next we played the “Marriage Game.” We had a lot of Christian fun and the winner of each game received a door prize. The winners of Game 1 was Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe Garmon. The winners of Game 2 was Mr. & Mrs. Roger Howard. The winners of Game 3 was Mr. & Mrs. Brian Eppes. Way to go couples! Participants were given a chance to make remarks. Thanks goes to Ms. Cynthia Davis, Mr. Kenneth Jamerson Jr., and Mrs. Shawntavia Jamerson for their help in serving as the photographers and food servers. Each couple was photographed under a beautifully decorated Valentine floral arch donated by Ms. Cynthia Davis and Mrs. Lenora Tyson.

The closing prayer was given by Min. Shawn Nunn. This complimentary event was provided by Kenneth Sr & Beverly Jamerson and Calvin Sr & Lenora Tyson.



{L-R, Standing/Seated} Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Nunn, Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Tyson Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Sommons, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Jamerson Sr.



{L-R, Standing/Seated} Mr. & Mrs. Andre Greene, Mr. & Mrs. Alphonso Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe Garmon, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Lewis



{L-R, Standing/Seated} Mr. & Mrs. James Gadson, Mr. & Mrs. Franklyn Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Howard



{L-R, Standing/Seated} Mr. & Mrs. Karry McNish, Mr. & Mrs. John Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Eppes

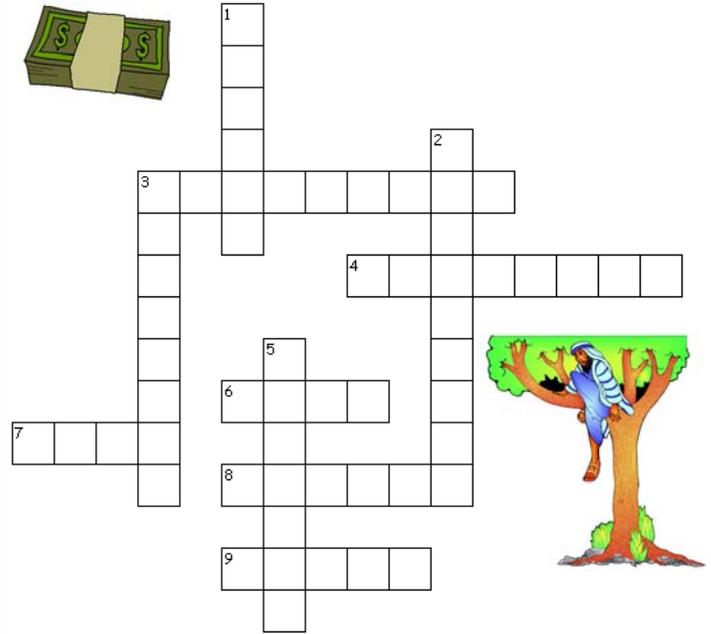
Check It Out In The Bible

Little Known Bible Facts "Zacchaeus"



- What city did Jesus encounter Zacchaeus? (Luke 19:1-2)
 - Bethany
 - Capernaum
 - Bethsaida
 - Jericho
- What is Zacchaeus' occupation? (Luke 19:2)
 - Head of the Scribes
 - High Priest
 - Leader of the Pharisees
 - Chief Publican
- What was the economic status of Zacchaeus? (Luke 19:2)
 - Destitute
 - Fair
 - Average
 - Rich
- Zacchaeus was short in stature and had difficulty seeing Jesus due to the large number of people. To get a better view of Jesus, he climbed what type of tree? (Luke 19:4)
 - Cedar tree
 - Palm tree
 - Date tree
 - Sycamore-tree
- When Jesus spotted Zacchaeus in the tree, what's the first thing he said to him? (Luke 19:5)
 - Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for I want you to meet my disciples.
 - Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down, for I must abide at thy house.
 - Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down, for I want you to follow me.
 - Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down, for I want to know why you climbed that tree.
- How did Zacchaeus respond to Jesus' initial statement? (Luke 19:6)
 - He was perplexed at what Jesus said.
 - He said he wanted time to think things over.
 - He rejected him and told him to go away.
 - He came down and received him joyfully.
- What did the crowd think about the conversation between Jesus and Zacchaeus? (Luke 19:7)
 - They murmured about Jesus befriending a sinner.
 - They cheered the two of them.
 - They murmured about Jesus befriending a Roman.
 - They were indifferent and didn't say anything.
- Zacchaeus made a pledge to right things if he had done any wrong. What percentage of his possessions did he say he would give to the poor? (Luke 19:8)
 - One-tenth
 - One-fifth
 - Quarter
 - Half
- Zacchaeus said, "... if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back ____ times the amount." (Luke 19:8)
 - Two fold
 - Three fold
 - Four fold
 - Five fold
- What parable did Jesus give after speaking with Zacchaeus? (Luke 19:11-25)
 - The pounds
 - The prodigal son
 - The ten virgins
 - The good Samaritan

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle below.



Across

- Jesus said this had come to Zacchaeus' house that day.
- Jesus was ____ to come to Zacchaeus' house.
- Jesus came to ____ and to save the lost.
- Zacchaeus didn't just pay people back but gave them ____ times more.
- The crowd was surprised Jesus would go to a house of this type of person.
- Zacchaeus wasn't tall but this.

Down

- There were a lot of these surrounding Jesus.
- This was Zacchaeus' occupation: tax ____.
- Zacchaeus climbed this type of tree to see Jesus.
- This was the city where the story took place.

Directions: Unscramble the letters to find the words in this Zacchaeus anagram.



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acemorsy _____

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Answer: Jericho. Tax Collector. Sinner. Sycamore. Cheated. House. Salvation. Climbed. Short. Money.