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Kingdom News

From The Pastor



Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus in whom all blessings flow. Lately our country has seen some of our best athletes kneeling during the poem of Francis Scott Key and that has angered and aggravated some of our national leaders to the point of calling their mothers dogs. It has been brought to my attention that the third stanza in the anthem has some words that expresses death to certain Merikins and that Francis Scott Key, did not think that Africans were intellectually and morally equivalent to Europeans.



Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons

A large majority of our country believe in freedom of speech and that we as Americans enjoy the right to protest as long as it is not violent. Some of us are more concerned about peaceful protests than home grown terrorists. Fifty nine Americans died and many others wounded at a concert yet there is no statute against home grown terrorism. Every year we suffer gun violence on a massive scale; whether in a school or night club, each one greater than before.

But our leaders do not have the intestinal fortitude to even address the problem because guns are a moneymaker and filthy lucre drives the system. America is in a trap but God has His hand on the release. If church leaders would stand on the principles of God's word we would hear from heaven.

If my people, which are called by name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV

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, December 10, 2017**. Articles may be edited for content, clarity, and length.



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Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons 15th Anniversary program was scheduled for Sunday, September 17, 2017. But due to Hurricane Irma, the program was delayed but not denied. The anniversary theme was, "After You've Done All You Can - STAND." The anniversary scripture was from Ephesians 6:13, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."



{L-R} Rev. Maxine Chandler, Sis. Machel Lumsden, Rev. James Lumsden, Sis. Everlena Sommons, Rev. Nathan Sommons

On Sunday, September 24, 2017, 11:00 am, **Rev. James Lumsden**, pastor of Ebenezer Independent Free Methodist Church in Zuber, FL brought forth the message. Rev. Lumsden's text came from Ephesians 6:10-18. His subject was, "I've Got To Stand." We've got to stand in the end time that we are facing right now. The devil is trying to turn folks away from the church. God is looking for folks that are ready to work. When that weak spirit comes on you, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His Power. You've got to live right. Preachers have got to be an example of Christ. The devil has confused the world. You've got to love all folks. All types of people are coming into the church. God is bringing in the church a spirit of love. When God sends that drunk to the church, are you prepared? When God sends that drug addict to the church, are you prepared? He wants us to be strong in the power of his might. Be strong in the Lord. Don't give up, keep on moving. You've got to stand. The devil is not really after the members. He is after the leaders because they carry the torch. Your pastor is not a pastor just here in the church, he is a pastor when he's out in the public. He is your leader and shepherd, and this is a great responsibility on his shoulder. You've got to understand sometimes it gets weary, the weight feels like it's too heavy. But God says to him, don't be weary in well doing. If you keep on doing what you doing, don't faint. For in your due season, if you faint not, I'm gonna give you what I promised you. Isn't it good that when you go to God even though the weight gets tougher sometimes, He has a funny way of holding you up. You've got to keep being strong in the Lord and the power of his might. You've got to understand that you've got to be dressed for the occasion. You've got to be prepared in order to stand because the devil don't play fair. I thank God that I am not depending on a friend. Even your friends sometime will walk away and leave you. There is a song we sing in the church, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." When you've got Jesus, He is a friend 3:00 in the morning. When you've got Jesus, He is a doctor at the hospital before you get there. I thank God for a friend like Jesus. If you are dressed for the occasion,

**AFTER YOU'VE DONE
ALL YOU CAN
STAND**

you've got on the whole armour of God. When a shepherd is fully dressed and prepared, he is available and prepared for whatever goes down. Keep on standing!

Happy Birthday Canaanites

by Sis. Cynthia Davis



"For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you."

Proverbs 9:11 (NKJV)

SEPTEMBER

- 4 – Garfield Finlayson
- 10 – Deasia Little
- 12 – Rutha Smith
- 12 – Nicole Williams
- 19 – Bennie Mae Blunt
- 19 – Deja Williams
- 21 – Eddie Mitchell

OCTOBER

- 14 – Eric Rice
- 15 – Breauna Young
- 18 – Wilma Jackson
- 31 – Regina Green

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons 15th Anniversary *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*

The Program Committee (Sis. Cynthia Davis, Chair; Sis. Lenora Tyson, and Sis. Beverly Jamerson) would like to thank all the participants.



{L-R} Sis. Everlena & Rev. Sommons



{L-R} Rev. Lumsden & Rev. Sommons



Presentation from Sis. Maria Chandler from Canaan's Adult Choir



Sis. Andrea Mitchell making a presentation from the Youth Department



Presentation from Sis. Alma Smith



Hugs to the pastor by Children's Church under the direction of Sis. Rose Rice



Jayden Hayes saying what he likes about Pastor Sommons with Sis. Rose Rice



Canaan's Adult Choir



Sijay Nathan Sommons (Pastor & Sis. Sommons grandson)



{L-R} Deja, Pastor Sommons, & Caitlin



Glorious Praise Dancers (Dijonay & Deasia), C&D Mime Dancers (Caitlin & Deja)



Sis. Margarie Chandler



Dea. George Evans escorted Pastor Sommons back to the pulpit



Welcome New Members *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*

We are still growing, Praise the Lord!! On Sunday, June 11, 2017, Sis. Wilma Jackson having been a wayward Christian for a number of years, was compelled by the morning message from God to come forward and asked to be re-instated back into the fold.

On Sunday, June 25, 2017, Sis. Priscilla Meeks who had been worshipping with us for a while, came forward and asked to be baptized.

Then came Sis. Vanessa Robinson who brought her infant daughter Nai'lani, to be dedicated to the Lord.

Therefore on Sunday August 6, 2017, we were blessed to witness a Baptism, Baby Dedication, Communion, and the Right Hand of Fellowship given to our newest members.

And last but not least, On Sunday October 1, 2017, Sis. Elnora Carter, (Sis. Sommons aunt, newly re-located here from Miami) decided to make Canaan her home church. She also had communion and was given the Right Hand of Fellowship. Additionally, Sis. Carter is now our **YOUNGEST "Seasoned Citizen"** at 81 years of age!



{L-R} Rev. Sommons & Sis. Priscilla Meeks



Sis. Priscilla Meeks



{L-R} Sis. Wilma Jackson & Rev. Sommons



{L-R} Rev. Sommons & Sis. Elnora Carter



Rev. Nathan Sommons holding Nai'lani



{L-R} Sis. Vanessa Robinson, Rev. Nathan Sommons, Sis. Lakeisha Harrison, Essence, Sis. Priscilla Hadden holding Nai'lani, Rev. Maxine Chandler

**Check It Out
In The Bible**

**Little Known Bible Facts
"Naaman"**



- What position did Naaman hold in the Syrian army? (2 Kings 5:1)
 - A lord on whose hand the king leaned.
 - Captain of the host of the king of Syria.
 - A lieutenant in the Syrian army.
 - The king's armor bearer.
- Why had the king of Syria honored Naaman? (2 Kings 5:1)
 - Because he had interpreted a dream for the king.
 - Because he and his armor bearer had slaughtered 300 men.
 - Because he had made a deal with the king of Egypt.
 - Because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria.
- What was Naaman afflicted with? (2 Kings 5:1)
 - He was deaf
 - He was a leper
 - His eyesight was not good
 - He walked with a limp
- Who told Naaman about the prophet Elisha? (2 Kings 5:2-4)
 - The king
 - His wife
 - His servant
 - A little maid
- What in this list did Naaman not take with him to the prophet Elisha? (2 Kings 5:5)
 - Gold
 - Precious stones
 - Silver
 - Raiment
- What message did Elisha send to Naaman? (2 Kings 5:9-10)
 - Go and wash in Israel seven times, and you will be clean.
 - Go and wash in the Nile seven times, and you will be clean.
 - Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and you will be clean.
 - Go and wash in Euphrates seven times, and you will be clean.
- How did Naaman respond to Elisha's message? (2 Kings 5:12)
 - He turned and went away in a rage.
 - He sent his servants to unpack his horses and chariots.
 - He sent his servants to look for the river.
 - He sent his servant to Elisha to ask what to do next.
- Who changed Naaman's mind about what he should do? (2 Kings 5:13)
 - His wife
 - Elisha's servant
 - His servants
 - Elisha
- What happened when Naaman did what Elisha said for him to do? (2 Kings 5:14)
 - Naaman's servant was healed
 - Elisha's servant was healed
 - Naaman was healed
 - Nothing happened
- Jesus used the story of Naaman to illustrate the point that? (Luke 4:24-27)
 - No prophet is accepted in his own country.
 - God's blessing is on the Gentiles as well as the Jews.
 - Though our sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as wool.
 - It is hard for a rich man to get into heaven, it is not impossible.

A Little Maid Helps Naaman. 2 Kings 5

Directions: To find the correct letter in the graph, go across the bottom line till you get to the first number in the code (2-4). The second number indicates the number of rows you need to go up (2-4). 2-4 is the letter "G."

What did the little maid say Naaman should do to get better?

2-4 5-3 5-2 5-3 5-2 3-4 5-5

1-2 3-2 5-3 1-2 3-4 5-5 5-2 4-4 4-3

4-4 4-2 3-2 1-5 5-5 2-3

What did the prophet tell Naaman to do?

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4-4 4-3 5-4 5-3 3-2 4-5 1-5 4-3

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What happened when Naaman obeyed the prophet?

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	1	2	3	4	5

Directions: Help Naaman find his way to the Jordan Riv-

