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Kingdom News

From The Pastor



Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus our rock and our salvation.

This month we recognize Black History, for some folks that is offensive but for others it is a must. Black History recognition came about because our society seemed to be slanted and caused some people to feel insignificant and insecure. Everyone wants to be recognized and not marginalized. It's particularly interesting that the Holy Bible does not judge people by the pigmentation content of their epidermis, but by their devotion towards God. There are those that twist the word of God and use them as a



Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons



one spreading hate and discontent, but these things must come to pass. I get comfort in Psalm 91:1-2, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God, in him will I trust."

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, April 8, 2018**. Articles may be edited for content, clarity, and length.



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2017 Christmas Program *by Sis. Carol Ann Hawkins*

Well, the Canaan Kids did it again. They gave a fantastic performance for the Christmas Program on December 24, 2017. The title of this years Christmas program was, *"The Manger Tales."* It included skits, songs, and readings designed to create a day of joyful worship, playful presentation, and a fresh examination into the story of Jesus birth.

We've all heard the stories of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the wise men, but what about the others who were there when Jesus was born? Manger Tales introduced the animals that were there. As each animal paid a visit to a TV talk show, we saw the Christmas story through their eyes and got a fresh perspective on the wonder of Christmas. Through the scriptures, readings, skits, and music, hopefully the kids learned the story of Jesus's birth and all that Jesus means to us. The children did a fantastic job portraying the various animals. Mia Gray as Clara the cow, Deasia Little as Samantha the sheep, and Dijonay Little as Cody the camel. Since there were not enough kids for the parts, two adults were used (Katieane Rice as Doug the donkey and Walter Grimes as the TV talk show host) and two adults for the narrators (Maria Chandler and Natasha Grimes).

A group presentation entitled, *"The Present"* was given by Garfield Finlayson, Ivy'uana Starks, Ju'el Sweeney, Zaylen Williams, Mia Gray, Deasia Little, and Dijonay Little.

Also, there were speeches by Jayden Hayes, Marco Champagne, Maya Champagne, and Serena Oliver.

Just remember; no matter how dark our world may be, there is still a star shining bright to light our way back to Christ.



Canaan's Adult Choir provided the musical selections throughout the Christmas Program

Children's Choir *by Sis. Carol Ann Hawkins*



On Saturday, January 20, 2018, the Children's Choir was rewarded for their hard work in 2017. They ate pizza, watched a movie, drank punch, and ate cupcakes. A good time was had by all and we look forward to even more good times as we come together to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

{ L-R, Front Row } Zaylen Williams, Ivy'uana Starks, Garfield Finalyson
{ L-R, Back Row } Desia Little, Dijonay Little, Mia Gray

PFC Breauna Young *by Sis. Andrea Mitchell*



PFC Breauna Young

On January 30, 2017, Breauna Young was sworn in and started her journey into the United States Army. On August 22, 2017, she left Montgomery, Alabama and headed for basic training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina. There she trained to become a soldier. On November 2, 2017, PVT Young graduated from

basic training and moved on to her next phase at Fort Lee, Virginia for AIT as a 92 Alpha. On January 29, 2018, PFC Young graduated from AIT and returned home and will continue to serve in the U.S. Army National Guard. We are so proud of Brey and all of her accomplishments, we wish her well on her next journey in life. We continue to pray that she keeps God first and Army Strong second!! We love you and again we are so very proud!!



PFC Breauna Young

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)

JANUARY

- 1 – Maria Chandler
- 4 – Danielle Daniels
- 7 – Ada Watson
- 8 – Melinda Floyd
- 10 – Everlena Sommons
- 14 – Adrien Smith II

FEBRUARY

- 3 – Theron "T. J" Floyd

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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2017 Christmas Program Participants



{L-R} Walter Grimes (TV Talk Show Host) & Katieane Rice (Doug the donkey)



Sis. Carol Ann Hawkins (Mistress of Ceremony)



Sis. Maria Chandler (Narrator)



Sis. Natasha Grimes (Narrator)



{L-R} Walter Grimes (TV Talk Show Host) & Mia Gray (Clara the cow)



Group presentation entitled, "The Present." {L-R, Front/Back} Garfield Finlayson, Dijonay Little, Ivy'wana Starks, Zaylen Williams, Mia Gray, Ju'el Sweeney, and Deasia Little



{L-R} Walter Grimes (TV Talk Show Host) & Dijonay Little (Cody the camel)



Welcome by Sis. Deanna Rice



Scripture reading by Rev. Maxine Chandler



Sermonette by Pastor Nathan Sommons



{L-R} Walter Grimes (TV Talk Show Host) & Deasia Little (Samantha the sheep)



{L-R} Speeches by Jayden Hayes, Marco Champagne, Maya Champagne, and Serena Oliver



{L-R} Song selection by Erial Rice, Erin Rice, Emilee Rice, Eric Rice

11th Annual Black History Essay Awards Program *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*

On Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., New St. Paul Church hosted the 11th Annual Black History Essay Awards Program. This program allows children from the neighboring churches to write essays about Black History. There are various categories and there are three place winners in each one.

In the 1st through 3rd grade category, second grader Zaylen Williams from Canaan Missionary Baptist Church was the only participant; therefore, she won the 1st place prize of \$50.00. In the 4th through 5th grade category there were no participants. The 6th through 8th grade category, Harmonie Morris from Greater New Bethel Baptist Church, won the 2nd place position winning \$75.00, and Cashmere Lewis from New St. Paul Church, won 1st place - \$150.00. Lastly, 9th through 12th grade had five participants: Thomas Irby, Dasia Johnson, Emanuel Lewis and Destiny Perkins all from New St. Paul Church and Deja Williams from Canaan Missionary Baptist Church. The winners were: 3rd place – Dasia Johnson - \$100.00; 2nd place Thomas Irby - \$150.00 and 1st place Destiny Perkins - \$250.00.

The pastors of the participating churches: New St. Paul Church - Rev. Leroy Chandler, Canaan Missionary Baptist Church - Rev. Nathan Sommons and Greater New Bethel Baptist Church - Rev. Michael Maeweathers each congratulated the young people and encouraged them to continue on. They also encouraged the other youth to participate in the coming years because it will benefit them greatly in the long run. Rev. Anna F. Thomas from Solomon Chapel was thankful for the invitation to come and stated that she will become a part of this in the future. Rev. Sommons did the closing prayer and blessed the food that was to be served at the close of the program.



{L-R} Deja Williams, Pastor Nathan Sommons, and Zaylen Williams



{L-R} Pastor Nathan Sommons, Pastor Leroy Chandler, Pastor Michael Maeweathers, and Pastor Anna F. Thomas



{L-R} Dasia Johnson, Destiny Perkins, Pastor Leroy Chandler, Thomas Irby, Cashmere Lewis

2017 Watch Night Service *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*



{L-R} Pastor Leroy Chandler, Rev. Maxine Chandler, Pastor Nathan Sommons, and Pastor Michael Maeweathers



{L-R} Devotion by Min. Alfred Wilson, Deacon-in-Training – Jerome McFadden, and Min. Warren Lewis

2017 Watch Night Service *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*

Watch Night Services began on this date back in 1862, and was celebrated by Black communities in America. It was also known as “Freedom’s Eve” and on that night slaves and free Blacks came together in churches and private homes awaiting news that the Emancipation Proclamation had actually become law. At the stroke of midnight, January 1, 1863, all slaves in the Confederate states were declared legally free.

Blacks have gathered in churches annually on New Year’s Eve ever since, praising God for bringing us safely through another year. Thus was the occasion on Sunday, December 31, 2017, when members of the Flemington community (and others) came together to praise God and wait for the arrival of 2018. Rev. Leroy S. Chandler presided over the service which began at 10:00 p.m. at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church. The New St. Paul Church choir provided the music, and the ministers and deacon-in-training from New St. Paul led the devotion.



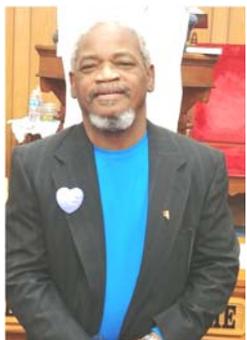
Rev. Michael Maeweathers

Rev. Michael Maeweathers, pastor of Greater New Bethel asked the question, “**Why Are the Churches Empty?**” He said that in Acts 2:47 that question is answered – “... *and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*” We must praise God and have favor with all people. If I go to church to praise God and you are going to watch my sins, then we can’t be on one accord. Why are you watching me when you are supposed to be praising the Lord? The churches are empty because there is no praise in the pews! The church doesn’t have to stoop to your level to get you to come to church. We all have needs and if we were truly saved we could come to the church to praise the Lord. Don’t be ashamed to tell somebody about Jesus. The church is empty because we won’t open our mouths and tell somebody about Jesus. When you ask the question “Why,” it’s because “I” didn’t tell somebody about Jesus. Examine yourself and find out who Jesus is. Get on one accord with ALL people, and then the churches will be filled again.



Rev. Nathan Sommons

Rev. Nathan M. Sommons, pastor of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church came from Exodus 1:1 -22, but focused on verse 8 – “*Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.*” He talked about the new king who didn’t know anything about Joseph. Joseph had saved Israel, but no one took the time to tell the new king about Joseph saving them. Now we have young people coming to church dressed any kind of way, a young man will wear shorts to stand before the Lord. If that young man is good and gets a scholarship for his athletic talent, the family will rush out and buy him a new suit for him to wear to his signing -- but not for church. Stop turning a funeral into a worship service, the subject of the service is dead. These people usually only come to church for funerals, so don’t trick them into thinking that this is a worship service. In the Bible Jesus never attended a funeral -- He broke them up by raising the person up from the dead.



Rev. Leroy Chandler

Rev. Leroy S. Chandler, pastor of New St. Paul Church came from Romans 12:1-2 (which the deacons used in the devotion – Romans 12:1-9) and asked the question, “**Is It Reasonable?**” Where are we, and why are we? How can we be pastors of God and look out in the congregation and see all of the absentees. You cannot become a mature Christian if you only come to church on Sunday morning, you can’t get the full meaning of the message. You are only getting a little piece of the word. You have to come to all services -- Sunday School and Bible Study in order to get the full understanding. You can’t have wisdom if you are not dealing in the word. People are falling away and are not willing to work in the Kingdom. People have been coming to church for 30, 40, 50 years, but the problem is they haven’t come to Christ! Is it reasonable to follow the things of God? Is it reasonable to come to church? Is it reasonable to come to Bible Study? You won’t come to church on time, but you will get a speeding ticket trying to get to work on time. Some people do all they want and when they are old want to give their lives to Christ. Why would God want you as a dead body, can’t do anything? And please stop saying, “The Lord knows my heart.” He does, and your heart is going to condemn you! The words of the Bible are real and He put them there for us. Paul said you have to renew your mind. Is it reasonable for God to have you use the gifts that He has given you in the church to worship and praise Him?” You have a beautiful voice but won’t sing in the choir. Are you saving it for when you get to Heaven? We go to church to serve the Lord. Your service begins with the benediction, when you leave the church and go out and share what you have received in the praise and worship service. God gives you pastors and teachers to teach the word. You can’t get everything on Sunday morning or just reading your Bible on your own. It’s time to stop playing Christianity, you need to understand what Christ went through for us. When we fall in love with Christ we fall in love with the people that He died for. We are immature Christians who have to get beyond ourselves. We have to grow and allow Him to convict us of ourselves. *Is it reasonable for us to render unto God our reasonable service?*

The service concluded with prayer by blessing in the New Year, followed by a meal in the dining room.

Check It Out In The Bible

Little Known Bible Facts "King Nebuchadnezzar"



- Nebuchadnezzar was king of what city? (Daniel 1:1)
 - Judah
 - Israel
 - Babylon
 - Persia
- King Nebuchadnezzar was so troubled by his dream that he could not do this? (Daniel 2:1)
 - Eat
 - Talk
 - Sleep
 - Pray
- Who was the captain of the king's guard Nebuchadnezzar ordered to put his wise men to death? (Daniels 2:13-14)
 - Ashpenaz
 - Azariah
 - Mishael
 - Arioch
- What did King Nebuchadnezzar first do when Daniel interpreted his dream? (Daniel 2:45-46)
 - He had his wise men put to death
 - He banished Daniel from his presence
 - He fell on his face and worshipped Daniel
 - He worshiped the God of Daniel
- How tall was the golden image erected by King Nebuchadnezzar? (Daniel 3:1)
 - One score cubit (20 cubits)
 - Two score cubits (40 cubits)
 - Three score cubits (60 cubits)
 - Five score cubits (100 cubits)
- Who did Nebuchadnezzar name David after? (Daniel 4:8)
 - His father
 - His god
 - His idol
 - His servant
- In Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a tree, what did the tree represent? (Daniel 4:20-22)
 - Nebuchadnezzar
 - A future kingdom
 - The Jews
 - The Assyrians
- How many seasons/times was Nebuchadnezzar driven out of human company, ate grass like an ox and his body was wet with the dew of heaven? (Daniel 4:31-33)
 - Three times
 - Five times
 - Seven times
 - Ten times
- What happened to King Nebuchadnezzar before being restored as king? (Daniel 4:33-36)
 - He attacked Syria and slaughtered all the people
 - He gave all his silver and gold back to the people
 - He went mad and lived as a beast
 - He ordered the execution of his cup bearer
- Who became king of Babylon after Nebuchadnezzar? (Daniel 5:1-2)
 - Daniel
 - Shadrach
 - Belshazzar
 - David
- What did the king say to Daniel as they threw him into the den of lions? (Daniel 6:16)
 - You deserve to die
 - Fall down and worship me
 - Your God will deliver you
 - Now where is your God
- Which king of Judah was taken to Babylon in fetters by King Nebuchadnezzar? (2 Chronicles 36:4-6)
 - Jehoiakim
 - Jehoiachin
 - Zedekiah
 - Jehoahaz

King Nebuchadnezzar golden image. Daniel 3:7 says, "Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up."

Directions: Fill in the blank below about the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar erected. (Daniel 2:32-33)

- The head of the statue was made of fine _____.
- The breast and arms of the statue was made of _____.
- The belly and thighs of the statue was made of _____.
- The legs of the statue was made of _____.
- The feet of the statue was made of part iron and part _____.



We should not worship idol gods. Exodus 20:3-5 says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me."

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

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