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From The Pastor



Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, the only mediator between God and man. My friends, our world has been and is becoming more and more erratic in its course and behavior. The nations of the world are being led by treacherous, trifling, and truculent tyrants that desire everything and everybody to grovel at their feet and there are some of us that are absolutely oblivious to the truth which is now being replaced with "alternative facts."



Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons

Our so called national church leaders who have the platform from which to address certain issues that are dangerously derelict to the nation are so busy speaking truth to the pews, but neglecting to speak truth to power. We, as the body of Christ, have a ethical and moral obligation to demand that truth has to be considered.



It's NOT "fake news" to tell this dying world that Jesus is soon to come to be the judge of the quick and the dead; and that, my friend, no one can repeal and replace.

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

Nathan Sommons
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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
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Flemington Annual Community Revival Block Party *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*

The Flemington Annual Community Revival Block Party was held Saturday, June 24, 2017 at the Flemington Park. The free event for the community was sponsored by the five churches of Flemington (Canaan, Flemington Baptist, Greater New Bethel, Mt. Pedro, and New Saint Paul). It was the kick-off for the Flemington Annual Community Revival.



Flemington Annual Community Revival by Sis. Beverly Jamerson

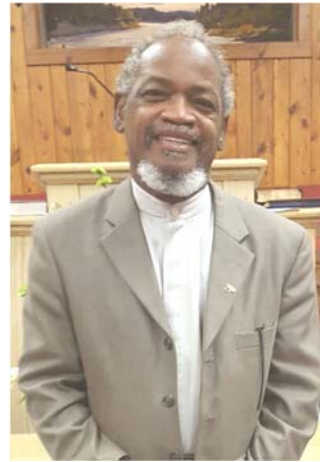
The five churches of the Flemington community came together to serve the Lord in Christian fellowship for the Flemington Annual Community Revival. It was held June 26-30, 2017, 7:00 pm nightly, at Flemington Baptist Church. The Revival theme for the week was, *"Yes God Can and God Will."*



Rev. Marvin McMahon, pastor of Mt. Pedro Baptist Church spoke on Monday, June 26, 2017. His text came from John 5:1-9, and his subject was, *"Yes God Can, Yes God Will. So Take Your Eyes Off The Pool."* Jesus went up to Jerusalem. There was a pool called Bethesda and

it had five porches. The Bible tells us about a certain man around the pool that had been there for 38 years. Someone took him there everyday. He was waiting and anticipating, expecting to have just one opportunity because of the nature of his own predicament. A lot of us have been in situations and circumstances dealing with the same issue, the same problem, over and over again. We can stop blaming everyone else for our own predicament. The Bible says that there were a multitude of them that were sick and waiting for the same opportunity. Every now and then you can get hooked up with the wrong crowd and it would hinder you from an opportunity with Jesus. Don't hang around folks that don't believe that, *"Yes God Can And Yes God Will."* The man at the pool focused so much on the pool that he didn't recognize that his opportunity could have come from another source. We can get so focused on things that we miss out on an opportunity with Jesus. There is only one source that you can get joy from and that is Jesus. The man at the pool sat there for 38 years waiting for an opportunity for the water to be stirred to get in the pool. Even Jesus asked him, "Do you want to be made whole?" But his eyes were fixed on the pool and he started to ramble about what everybody else was doing. All he had to do was answer the question, "Yes." Fixing your eyes on the pool will only blindfold you from seeing the opportunity with Jesus. If the man at the pool was resurrected today, he would tell you, *"Yes God Can And Yes God Will."* When they led Jesus down judgement hall, I can hear Gabriel saying, *"Yes God Can And I Know He Will."* I can hear the host of angels saying as they placed him in a borrowed tomb, *"Yes God Can And I Know He Will."* If you borrow

something, you've got to give it back. Early Sunday morning, Jesus got up with all power in the palm of his hand. He will make a way out of no way. He will make a way when there is no way. There is nothing too hard for God. *"Yes God Can and God Will."*



Rev. Leroy Chandler, pastor of New Saint Paul Church spoke on Tuesday, June 27, 2017. His text came from I Corinthians 12:12-20 and his subject was, *"Yes God Can And Will Allow Us To Talk About The Elephant In Our Community."* His subtext came from Psalm 133:1, *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to*

dwell together in unity!" As Christian ambassadors for Christ we must be willing to confront the sensitive issues. The text and subtext speak to issues of oneness and unity. We can dwell together, we can come together, but is it unity? We have to get out of our comfort zone. If we don't get out of our comfort zones, this becomes the elephant in the room. The elephant stands in the midst of us, and so many of us try to ignore it. We are talking about taking two and making one. The two groups that Paul is talking about is the Jews and the Gentiles. We have been baptized into one Spirit, the Spirit of Christ into one body. Are we truly united as one? If not, why not? What is the elephant among us that we tip around? It is the elephant of race in America. If we refuse to talk about it and deal with it, the problem will resist. Can we as Christians that are called by the name of Christ remain silent? Are we as Christians willing to have a conversation concerning these conditions? Jesus said he must go through Samaria. Our God has called us to peace. We are told to love one another. When violence erupts from racial oppression, there is always spillover, and there is always collateral damage. We are not safe just because it is not happening here. We are talking about a systemic problem. We can't be afraid of the truth. When you work for the kingdom of God, the things that affect God's people affects us. This is an uncomfortable

subject. If anybody is willing to talk about it, it should be the ones who are called by Christ Jesus. Only those who know the “true” history of our United States, not what’s in the history books. If ignorance is not addressed, it brings anger. If anger is not addressed, it leads to hostility. This is a deadly combination. We that are called out of God have a responsibility for truth and peace. There is a need for people to see different ethnic groups coming together and working as one. There are some serious issues in the United States of America. It’s about loving one another and getting closer through Christ Jesus. God made us different, but He bought us together in one Spirit. There is victory in Christ Jesus when we can come together. God made us different, the color of our skin, the texture of our hair, we sing differently, and we sing different songs. God accepts any music as long as it glorifies Him. We need to be talking and communicating. We need to be understanding. God will help us if we allow Him. **“God Can And God Will.”**



Rev. Michael Maeweathers, pastor of Greater New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church spoke on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. His text came from Luke 4:18-19 and his subject was, **“Yes God Can And Yes God Will.”** In Luke you can find some good news. You will find that one could be delivered from whatever they were going through to show

that, **“God Can And God Will.”** Those that are oppressed and abused, whatever it is, the answer can be found in Luke. The prophet Esaias opened the Book (the Holy Bible). When he opened the book, the Bible says that he taught. He read that the Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he didn’t anoint me to do anything else. Everyday is not going to be joyful. That’s why he says through your trials and tribulations to count it all joy. We are supposed to preach deliverance to the captives. There are a lot of people that come to church every Sunday morning but are abused. When you walk through these doors, you ought to be ready to praise the Lord. The word says, let everything that have breath, praise the Lord. Early in the morning you ought to open up the Book. In the evening, you ought to open up the Book. Later in the evening, you

ought to open up the Book. In the midnight hour, you ought to open up the Book. We’ve got to open up the Book because we’ve got to understand that the preacher has to preach the unadulterated word. We’ve got to preach the gospel to the poor. We are not talking about financially poor. You might be poor in spirit, but I want to let you know that, **“God Can And God Will.”** We’ve got a whole lot of folks that are blind. We are free to spread the good news about Jesus. But how many of us witness about Jesus Christ? How many of us woke up this morning with our family and read the Bible together? We put more emphasis on the world than on kingdom building. We are a mess because we are letting the world define us. We need to stick with the Bible because it does not change. We’ve got to understand that God is calling all Americans to stand on the Word of God and not be ashamed to spread the good news that Christ is Lord, that He is King of kings. We must stand for Christ against the world. It takes all of God’s children. We’ve got to talk about God. If we as Christians don’t come back together, this world is going to get worse and worse. If we don’t pray, if we don’t reach out to our brothers and sisters, then who will? There are a lot of oppressed people that need to hear the word of God and not hear your opinion. Everything that you need is in the Bible. When the world was headed to destruction, there was a God that sat high and looked low. He sent his only begotten Son to save the world. I’m talking about Mary’s baby -- Jesus. There was a God that said, **“Yes I Can And Yes I Will.”**



Rev. Nathan Sommons, pastor of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church spoke on Thursday, June 29, 2017. His text came from II Kings 7:3-20, and his subject was, **“God Can And God Will. The Can Do of God.”** In II Kings, chapter 6, the king of Syria began war against Israel. Israel is split into two

divisions: the northern kingdom and the southern kingdom. The northern kingdom has 10 tribes and the southern kingdom has two tribes (Benjamin and Judah). Judah is the biggest. Anytime there is a split or division, that is weakness. A union is when you tie or bring two things together. We want unity in our

community so that no schism will slide in between us. The king's army came down and sat around the city. They surrounded the city and would not let anything go in or out (no import or export). The great famine had set in on Israel. They targeted Samaria, that's where the 10 tribes were. The famine was so bad that a donkey's head sold for 80 pieces of silver. There is famine in America today. That famine is racism, cocaine, prostitution, shootings, etc. There were four leprous men at the entering of the gate. To be leprous, was to have a terrible skin condition. They were marginalized and they were ostracized because of their skin condition. People talked bad about them. They were criticized. They lived in a leper colony. They said to one another, if we go into the city -- there is famine there, and we will die. If we sit here, we are going to die also. They started to strategize. When they went into the camp of Syria, there was no man there. Because God had made a great noise, the host of the Syrians arose and fled and left their tents and horses and fled for their life. The leprous men went into one tent, all four of them stayed together -- that's unity. They ate and drink. They carried out clothes, silver and gold, and went and hid them. Then they went into another tent and took some more things and hid them also. Then they said to one another, we should not be doing this, this is a day of good news. They went and told the king what they found. There was a prophet named Elias who said by this time tomorrow you will be able to buy stuff cheap. Now all of a sudden these four leprous men who were down on their luck had plenty. The four leprous men who were shunned by society, were the ones that went back and told the king, ***"The Lord Can And The Lord Will."***



Rev. Jerry Philman, pastor of Flemington Baptist Church spoke on Friday, June 30, 2017. His text came from Jonah 3:1-10 and his subject was, ***"Yes God Can And God Will."*** God's word is infallible and indestructible. God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, *"If my people, which are called by my 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." That's God's Word and God's Word is a promise to us. We just need to get in the Book for a revival. Jonah ran from God. He was tossed in the sea and swallowed up by a big fish. Jonah would say we serve a second chance God. In the second time, Jonah got it straight. Jonah takes God's word to the city of Nineveh. God gave Jonah his marching orders. Jonah's personal awakening led to Nineveh's awakening. God had compassion on them. That's exactly what God has done for us through Jesus Christ when he sent Jesus Christ to Calvary's cross. It was because of His love for each and every one of us. All we must do is believe and repent. Some scholars believe the revival at Nineveh lasted 150 plus years. Nineveh had a spiritual awakening and that's what we need. They experience a mighty movement of God. Our world needs that experience. There are three truths in the book of Jonah that we should pound on: ❶ Ripping, ❷ Repenting, and ❸ Requesting. Jonah cried out with a message that God gave him. He came in *Ripping* out the Word of God. We need to be proclaiming God's word. We will never have a revival in the pews if we don't have a revival in the pulpit. If we are going to have a spiritual awakening, we've got to have some preachers ripping out God's word. To bring about a revival, we must have *Repentance*. Just as soon as Jonah's message of repentance hit the ears of the people of Nineveh, they hit their knees. Pride is the one thing so many people need to repent of. If we can throw arrogance out of our hearts, we will toss arguments out of our homes and church body. Pride keeps us from patching things up with our brother and sister. Pride stands in the way of a revival. So many of us have cobwebs in our prayer closet. We need to swallow our pride and be on our knees praying. We must keep the communication open with God. If we want a spiritual awakening, we must have spiritual repentance. There should be no closing at all to a revival. So many times, after a revival, things go back to the normal. To have a revival, there must be some *Requesting*. Jonah tells us that the king of Nineveh required the people to come. They all gathered and pleaded for mercy. The people of Nineveh believed God. That's what God wants today. Revival can fall on this community. Wouldn't it be something if God used these five preachers to begin a revival in our nation, that moved out from Flemington to across our nation. We can see a great revival ourselves, if we repent and ask God, because ***"God Can And God Will."***



Deacon Willie Chandler

Greetings brothers and sisters in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I would like to share a life experience with you. While out to lunch one day, I became engaged in a conversation with a woman sitting at the next table. She began to tell me that the cross she wears around her neck lets people know that she is a Christian. I tried explaining to her wearing a cross symbolizes a part of the suffering our Lord and Savior went through. I told her the way she lives her life should speak for her as being a Christian. She said to me, "you got your belief and I got mine," and she walked away.

Brothers and sisters, I pray none of you think as this woman. When we look around us, we see people of all types wearing crosses -- large and small around their necks. You do not have to judge a person, just examine the fruit they bear.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The way we live our life sends a message to those around us if you are truly a child of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May God forever bless.



Vacation Bible School 2017 *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*

It's that time again! VACATION!! Wednesday, July 19th through Friday, July 21st, the members of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church came together for the Annual VACATION Bible School. From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. nightly the members came together to study the Word of God. This year's theme was "GLOW FOR JESUS – Let Your Light Shine" and the thematic scripture was Matthew 5:16.

We had an adult class, and three classes for youth. The night started with a devotional setting led by the different classes; then everyone enjoyed the study of the lessons that were taught; came back together for a united review; and then dismissed for a snack prepared by the Kitchen ministry under the direction of Natasha Grimes with assistance from hubby Walter, and mom Margarie Chandler.

Thank you to the teachers: Adult – Dea. Willie Chandler and Sis. Maria Chandler; Young children (3 – 5) Sis. Rene Rice; the older children (6 – 8) Sis. Rose Rice with the assistance of her niece Ajaya Hawkins; and the teen class taught by Sis. Andrea Mitchell and Sis. Nicole Williams.

We are thankful that we had over 40 members nightly. We only studied three lessons; therefore, mark your calendars -- same time, same place next year to continue "Glow With Jesus – Let Your Light Shine" part II.



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)

JULY

- 8 – Rene Rice
- 9 – Calvin Tyson, Jr.
- 10 – Caitlin Tyson
- 11 – Kavasia Hayes
- 22 – Rev. Maxine Chandler
- 31 – Carol Hawkins

AUGUST

- 1 – Dijonay Little
- 5 – Hilda Ivery
- 8 – Priscilla Meeks
- 14 – Walter Grimes
- 18 – George Evans

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

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Second Bethlehem Baptist Association *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*

The Second Bethlehem Baptist Association United Congress of Christian Education was held July 10-14, 2017. Rev. Keith Blunt is the President, Sis. Marilyn Baker is the Congress Dean, Dr. Edward Bland is the Vice Moderator-at-Large, and Rev. Dr. Jerone A. Gamble is the Moderator.

On Tuesday night, July 11, 2017, 7:00 pm, the members and pastor of Canaan M.B. travelled to the Theological Seminary in Ocala, FL, where they were in charge of the program.

Charlisa Daniels was the youth theme speaker from Canaan. Her topic was, “*Many Members, One Body.*” The scripture came from I Corinthians 12:12-14. We are all not the same, but we are one spirit. We all gather here today with one goal in mind to worship God. Team work is about accomplishing one goal. There is no “I” in team. Being on a team takes sacrifice and being on one accord.

Rev. Nathan Sommons text came from Luke 17:11-19. His subject was, “*A Critical Condition.*” We have many conditions. Some of our churches are in a critical condition. There are conditions on our jobs, there are conditions within our homes, and there are conditions with our children. Jesus passed through Samaria to Jerusalem. Samaria was a place that people tried to avoid. He entered a village that was in a critical condition. Jesus met 10 men there that were lepers. They had a critical condition. They lifted up their voices to Jesus and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” Jesus saw what they needed. He saw them in a spiritual condition. They were purged of their condition. Jesus said unto them, “*Go shew yourself unto the priests.*” One of them when he saw that he was healed, turned back and with a loud voice, glorified God. Jesus said, “*Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.*” There were 10 of them, but only one came back. Let’s look at Jesus, he was in a critical condition hanging on the cross. They put nails in his hands and nails in his feet. They put Him in a borrowed tomb. On the third day, He arose with all power in his hands.

Fellowship With Trinity United M.B. Church *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



Rev. Nathan Sommons

On Sunday, August 13, 2017, 3:30 pm, the congregation of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church travelled to Trinity United Missionary Baptist Church in Hawthorne, FL to celebrate Dr. Clarence & Sis. Eva Woods 14th anniversary. **Rev. Nathan Sommons** text came from Numbers 27:15-17 and his subject was, “*A Good Leader.*” We find Moses at the end of his journey and he is about to die. He is 120 years old, but his eyes weren’t dim and he could see well. Moses was a good leader. A good leader has to be careful how he talks to the congregation. ❶ A good leader needs to be **conscious** of what’s happening around him all the time. Moses was a conscious leader. Moses spoke with the Lord. It is good to talk with the Lord. ❷ A good leader is **considerate**. Moses was a considerate leader. You have to show regards for others and their feelings. When a good leader gets in

the pulpit, he knows his congregation well. God doesn’t want a congregation without a shepherd. Don’t try to buy the leader. Don’t give him something looking for something in return.

❸ A good leader is a **caring** leader. God took Moses up to the mountain top and showed him Canaan, the promised land. He saw everything. God told him you can see it, but you cannot enter it, you are going to die here. God buried him and nobody knows where he is buried. God has to choose a leader. If God don’t choose a leader, then every time you turn around it will be schisms and drama. If God chooses him, he is going to be conscious. If God chooses him,

he is going to be considerate. If God chooses him, he is going to be caring. God has to choose pastors. If you go against God’s man (a man that God has set up), then you are directly going against God. Don’t mess with the man of God. If you begin to mess with the leader, then you are messing with God. Let God mess with him.



(L-R) Dr. Clarence Woods & Sis. Eva Woods



(Front Row (L-R), Sis. Katie McClendon, Sis. Everlena Sommons, Sis. Jessie Scrivens, Sis. Eva Woods, Evangelist Gloria Johnson. Back Row (L-R), Rev. Frankie McClendon, Rev. Arthur McGruder, Dr. Clarence Woods, Rev. Nathan Sommons, Min. James Strickland

Check It Out In The Bible

Little Known Bible Facts "Ezekiel"



1. Where was Ezekiel when he wrote this book? (Ezekiel 1:1-3)

- ☐ Among the captives by the Euphrates River.
- ☐ Among the captives by the Niles River.
- ☐ Among the captives by the Tigris River.
- ☐ Among the captives by the river of Chebar.

2. What was written on the scroll that God told Ezekiel to eat? (Ezekiel 2:10)

- ☐ Words of celebration and jubilation.
- ☐ Words of comfort and reassurance.
- ☐ Words of lamentations, mourning and woe.
- ☐ Words of advice and counsel.

3. What did the scroll taste like? (Ezekiel 3:3)

- ☐ Bread for food
- ☐ Locust for food
- ☐ Milk for drink
- ☐ Honey for sweetness

4. What did Ezekiel's 390 days lying on his left side symbolize? (Ezekiel 4:4-5)

- ☐ The iniquity of the house of Ruben for 390 years.
- ☐ The iniquity of the house of Israel for 390 years.
- ☐ The iniquity of the house of Gad for 390 years
- ☐ The iniquity of the house of Benjamin for 390 years.

5. What did Ezekiel's 40 days lying on his right side symbolize? (Ezekiel 4:6)

- ☐ The iniquity of the house of Israel for 40 years.
- ☐ The iniquity of the house of Benjamin for 40 years.
- ☐ The iniquity of the house of Simeon for 40 years.
- ☐ The iniquity of the house of Judah for 40 years.

6. When God told Ezekiel to shave his head, what did He tell him to do with the hair? (Ezekiel 5:1-2)

- ☐ Burn one part
- ☐ Cut up one part with a knife
- ☐ Scatter one part in the wind
- ☐ All of the above

7. What happened to Pelatiah the son of Benaiah when Ezekiel prophesied? (Ezekiel 11:13)

- ☐ He was healed
- ☐ He was restored as king
- ☐ He died
- ☐ He was smitten with leprosy

8. For what purpose did the elders of Israel come to Ezekiel? (Ezekiel 20:1)

- ☐ To take him to Babylon
- ☐ To kill him
- ☐ To inquire of the Lord
- ☐ To put him in a dungeon

9. What happened on the day that God told Ezekiel that He was going to take away the desire of his eyes? (Ezekiel 24:16-18)

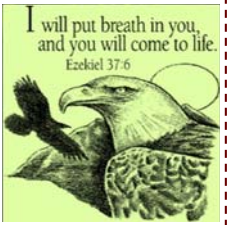
- ☐ His wife died
- ☐ His house collapsed
- ☐ His children died
- ☐ He lost all of his money

10. God tells Ezekiel that he is wiser than another prophet. Which prophet? (Ezekiel 28:3)

- ☐ Jeremiah
- ☐ Micah
- ☐ Daniel
- ☐ Nahum

Ezekiel 37:6, "And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD."

Directions: Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the words.



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

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