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From The Pastor

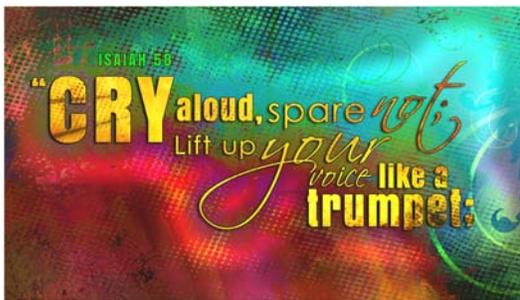


Greetings my brothers and sisters in the name of Christ Jesus. The one who laid His life down for our sins, picked it up again, and had all power given unto Him. Glory be to God. The spring season is upon us and it's time to do some spring cleaning. Let us start with these so-called evangelical leaders especially the ones that have a mega platform to speak truth to power. Most of them have relegated themselves to apathetic cowardice. When this nation is in desperate need of a strong prophetic voice there is an appalling silence. Many Americans have mistaken nationalism to mean being a bully and believe that God will reward us kindly if we speak the most vile, vulgar, and vitriolic words that's available to us. Some of our law enforcement have declared that they are judge, jury, and executioner. It seems our moral compass has been spun out of its obit because of pride.



Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons

To the preachers, pastors, and ministers be reminded of Isaiah 58:1, which says, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." We have a moral obligation to seek and speak the truth.



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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For Your Inspiration

Please submit articles for the next newsletter to the editor by **Sunday, June 10, 2018**. Articles may be edited for content, clarity, and length.



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Mrs. Sarah Kyler Thomas

On March 7, 2018, God allowed Mrs. Sarah Kyler Thomas to see her 100th birthday -- what a blessing! She was honored with a wonderful celebration at the Auditorium in Marion Oaks, FL. There was a wonderful concert, the benefits to go to the newly formed scholarship for young men who will consent to attend Cheney University in Philadelphia beginning in 2019.

The wonderful concert featured none other than The Jackson Southernaires and several other groups. She had relatives that traveled from many places. Her daughter Maude Manning and five of Maude's six children and their children were there (Travis, who is in the United States Army was unable to attend). Mrs. Thomas was presented with a proclamation by Chairman of the Marion County Commissioners, Kathy Bryant.

This whole event was put together by her niece Anita Samuel, who is also her caregiver. Some of the Canaan family was blessed to be in attendance: Pastor and Mrs. Nathan Sommons, Ms. Cynthia Davis, and Mrs. Lenora Tyson. We pray that God allows Mrs. Sarah K. Thomas many more birthdays.



Commission Chairwoman, Kathy Bryant, Mrs. Sarah's nephew Frank Kyler, Mrs. Sarah Thomas

100
YEARS

That's
1 century
10 decades
1,200 months
5,217 weeks
36,525 days
876,600 hours
52,596,000 minutes
and
3,155,760,000 seconds



{L-R} Mrs. Everlena Sommons, Mrs. Sarah K. Thomas, Pastor Nathan Sommons

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)

MARCH

- 7th - Sarah Thomas (100 years)
- 9th - Margarie Chandler
- 13th - Gregory McClenton
- 24th - Calvin Tyson, Sr.
- 26th - Rose Rice
- 28th - C. J. Daniels

APRIL

- 4th - Jayden Hayes
- 14th - Ivan Starkes
- 16th - Barbara Adkins
- 18th - Ju'el Sweeney
- 22nd - Zaylen Williams

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Mrs. Sarah K. Thomas family: Janiah (Evonte's daughter), Sarah and Bobby Jr. "B.J.", Trevone, Maude, Kevin, Evonte, Anita, Alphonso and Mrs. Sarah



{L-R} Mrs. Lenora Tyson, Mrs. Sarah K. Thomas
Standing: Ms. Cynthia Davis

2018 Easter Program Participants

Canaan's 2018 Easter Program was held on Sunday, April 1, 2018, at 11:00 am. There were plays, readings, speeches, and Canaan's Choir provided the song service. Below are pictures of the participants.



Canaan's Choir



{L-R} Dea. George Evans, Bro. Eric Rice, Bro. Eddie Mitchell, Bro. Bennie Mitchell



Bro. Gregory McClenton



Jayden Hayes



Children that were at Canaan



Pastor Nathan Sommons



{L-R} Ivy'uana Starks, Garfield Finlayson, Zaylen Williams, Ju'el Sweeney, Ivan Starks



{L-R} Deasia Little, Dijonay Little, Mia Gray

Congratulations Deja *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*



Deja Williams

On Thursday, March 29, 2018, Deja Williams along with the Vanguard Knights and Lady Knights Soccer teams were recognized at their annual Soccer Banquet. It was an eventful evening with the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams being recognized for their hard work last season.

Deja received a beautiful plaque, her soccer jersey, a pin, and her Varsity letter. Hopefully she will carry on her love of the game in college.

On Saturday, March 31, 2018, she showed a different side as she dressed for her Senior Prom. Quite a contrast from the other night! She was part of the Queen's Court, and although she wasn't crowned Queen – she did give it her best. Deja, continue to stay humble, and dedicated to the Lord and you will go far in life.

Next stop – Graduation – May 18, 2018! Love you to life my princess.



Deja Williams

Fellowship with Gospel Temple C.O.G.I.C. *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*

On Friday, April 13, 2018, 7:30 pm, the congregation of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church traveled to Gospel Temple Church of God in Christ in Ocala, FL for their Evangelist Department Workshop/Service, where Elder Kenneth Neymour is the Interim Pastor. Superintendent Elder Alvin T. McKenzie, Assistant Superintendent Elder Wallace Murphy, Ocala District Missionary Ruth E. Reed, and Evangelist President Missionary Priscilla Mobley.

Rev. Nathan Sommons, pastor of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Flemington, FL gave the Devotional Message. His scripture text came from Matthew 5:13 and his subject was, *"Pass the Salt Please."* There are two kinds of salt. A real salt must be something that comes out of the earth, it must be powerful, it moves people, and it helps somebody. We see a real salt and we see a salt that doesn't have any power. I see a Mrs. Dash. Mrs. Dash is alright for flavor. It has a lot of style but no power. Mrs. Dash winds up in the pulpit, Mrs. Dash winds up in the choir stand, and Mrs. Dash winds up standing at the door. You have a purpose -- your purpose is to protect. Salt purifies -- salt preserves. If you've lost your power, you need to go back to the altar. You need to find out why God put you here. God is our Master, he has a purpose for you. All you have to do is put your hand in the Master's hand.

Rev. Dr. Josephus Bynum Jr., pastor of St. Lewis Missionary Baptist Church, Ocala, FL was the Inspirational Speaker. His scripture text came from Matthew 5:14 and his subject was, *"This Little Light of Mine."* Light has the ability to change things. People of Christ are supposed to be making a change in the world. It should play a role in those that claim to be Evangelists. A lot of time we allow ourselves to let our light go out. Light can conquer darkness. You and I as Christians and especially Evangelists are supposed to be searching for dark places. But we spend 95% of our time dealing with people in the church. Once light comes on the scene, darkness has to go. If you are going to be an Evangelist for Christ, you've got to be able to talk about Him. In order to talk about him, you've got to know him.

Rev. Warren Hardaway, pastor of Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Dunnellon, FL was the Keynote Speaker. His scripture text came from Numbers 6:24-26 and his subject was, *"The Benediction."* There is something casual about the word, "Bless." We throw it around and we bless everything. It's a word that belongs to Christians, but it has been hijacked by the world. We are blessed because God has blessed us. The Lord blesses and He keeps. God knows how to keep that which belongs to him. We don't keep ourselves. He kept Moses in the basket, He kept Isaac from being sacrificed, He kept Daniel in the lion's den, He kept David from Saul, He kept Peter while he was in jail, He kept John on the Isle of Patmos, and He kept Jesus from Herod. God is a keeping God.



(L-R) Rev. Nathan Sommons, Elder Wallace Murphy, Elder Kenneth Neymour, Supt. Alvin T. McKenzie, Elder Lionel Mobley, Rev. Warren Hardaway, Rev. Dr. Josephus Bynum, Rev. Alexander James, Rev. Johnny Warthey

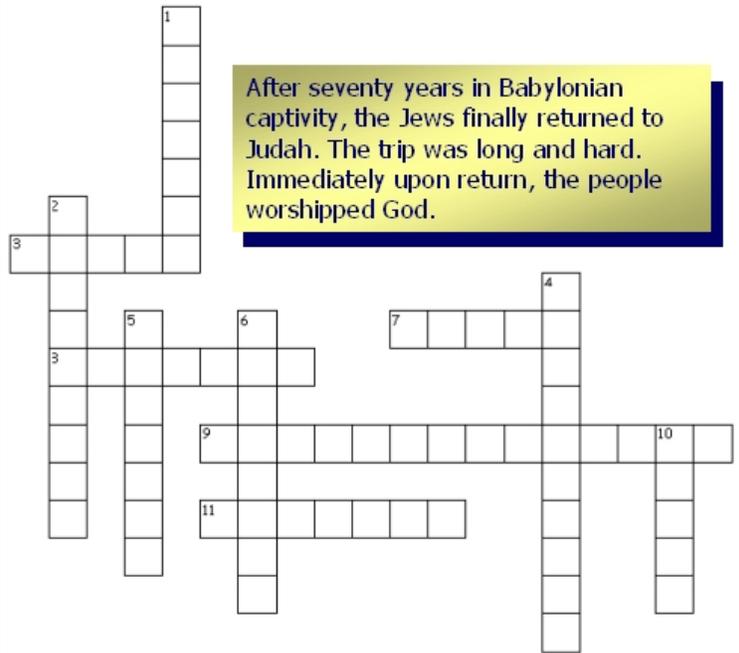
Check It Out
In The Bible

Little Known Bible Facts
"Babylon"



- Isaiah prophesied to Hezekiah that, "All that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon." Then what did he say would happen to Hezekiah's sons? (*2 Kings 20:16-18*)
 - They would be spared from the slaughter
 - They would be imprisoned in Babylon forever
 - They would be slaughtered in front of Hezekiah
 - They would be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon
- What did Evilmerodach, king of Babylon, do to Jehoiachin king of Judah in the year that he began to reign? (*2 Kings 25:27-29*)
 - Set him free from prison and allowed him to eat at the king's table
 - Had him beheaded and his head paraded around on a silver platter
 - Slew his sons before his eyes and had him put in fetters of brass
 - Made him serve as a eunuch at the palace in Babylon
- What was the name of Queen Esther's cousin who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar? (*Esther 2:5-7*)
 - Memucan
 - Mordecai
 - Hege
 - Haman
- What did the psalmist say the children of Israel did by the rivers of Babylon? (*Psalms 137:1*)
 - sat down and wept
 - sighed
 - danced
 - sang songs
- What did the prophet Isaiah say is the fate that awaits Babylon? (*Isaiah 13:19-21*)
 - It shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah
 - It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation
 - Wild beasts of the desert shall lie there
 - All of the above and more
- Who was the king of Judah at the time that Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, besieged Jerusalem? (*Daniel 1:1*)
 - Asa
 - Jehoiakim
 - Jehoshaphat
 - Jehoram
- How was Daniel able to stop King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon from having him put to death? (*Daniel 2:16-19*)
 - He wasn't able to -- he perished in a furnace
 - He wasn't able to -- he was eaten by the lions
 - He bowed before a statue of the king
 - God revealed the king's dream to him in a vision in the night
- Who said to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, "O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee?" (*Daniel 4:31*)
 - Daniel
 - A voice from heaven
 - Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego
 - Handwriting on the wall
- Who was king of Babylon after Nebuchadnezzar? (*Daniel 5:1-2*)
 - Evilmerodach
 - Daniel
 - David
 - Belshazzar
- The book of Matthew tells us that, so all the generations from Abraham to David, from David until the carrying away into Babylon, and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are the same number of generations. How many generations? (*Matthew 1:17*)
 - Ten
 - Twelve
 - Fourteen
 - Forty

The Jews Come Home From Babylon. *Ezra 1-3.*



After seventy years in Babylonian captivity, the Jews finally returned to Judah. The trip was long and hard. Immediately upon return, the people worshipped God.

Across

- It took this many months for the Jews to make the trip. (*Ezra 3:1*)
- He was the king of Persia who allowed the Jews to return to Judah. (*Ezra 1:1*)
- What the people did when the temple's foundation was laid. (*Ezra 3:11*)
- His army destroyed Jerusalem and took the Jews into captivity. (*Ezra 1:7*)
- The Jews returned with 200 of these (males and females). (*Ezra 2:65*) NIV

Down

- The country where God's people were held captive. (*Ezra 2:1*)
- The city where God's temple was located. (*Ezra 1:2*) NIV
- They were God's people in the Old Testament.
- The Jews who returned had 6,720 of these. (*Ezra 2:67*) NIV
- The prophet who delivered God's message to Cyrus. (*Ezra 1:1*)
- Jeshua, Zerubbabel, and their brethren built this for God. (*Ezra 3:2*)

