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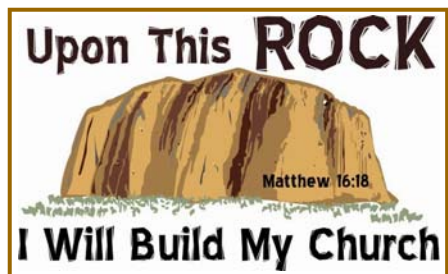
From The Pastor



Greetings my brothers and sisters in the matchless and marvelous name of Jesus The Christ our Lord and Saviour. My friends, the body of Christ has been challenged over and over through many years and has been kept safe by our only Divine protector who has built a hedge around us. There is one particular issue that I myself have noticed that has been trending lately and that is the naming of new congregations "Worship Centers," or so and so "Ministries." It appears that some of these are parroting and mimicking others ignorantly because of it being in vogue. But a warning has been issued by Jesus over two thousand years ago when He said in the book of Matthew chapter 16 verse 18, "I will build my church," not worship center or ministry. When He returns He will be looking for "A glorious church not having spot or wrinkle." It's the church, the called out, that He will be looking for. Let us be mindful of false prophets and teachers that capture your imaginations with "something new."



Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons



May God 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, August 13, 2017**. Articles may be edited for content, clarity, and length.



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Pastors/Preachers With A Purpose *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



Pastors/Preachers With A Purpose

On Sunday, April 23, 2017, 4:00pm, Pastors/Preachers With A Purpose assembled together at Canaan M.B. Church for a mighty worship service. Rev. Nathan M. Sommons presided over the program. Invocation by Rev. Dr. Josephus Bynum. Musical selections were from Ramah M.B. Church Mass Choir. The deacons, represented from various churches, did the devotion. Rev. Dr. Gloria Thrower read the scripture from Romans 3:20-23. Rev. Nathan Sommons did the Invitation to Discipleship. Remarks were given by Rev. Dr. Josephus Bynum. Benediction by Rev. Dr. Melvin Cotton.

There were two speakers. The first speaker was **Rev. Albert Mills**, Ramah M.B. Church. His topic was, *“There Is Now No Condemnation.”* His subtopic was, *“God Is Not Condemning, Why Do We?”* God is not interested in the behavior modification -- He wants life transformation. Jesus Christ took our place for every sin we have committed, He bore it on the cross. He is the sin bearing servant. You’ve got to give God full realm of your life. Cast your cares upon Him because He cares for you. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Now by One Man’s obedience on the cross, He has made all of us righteous. If you are in God’s hand, no man can snatch you out of God’s hand. If you proclaim to be a follower of Christ, you should have a new look, you should have a new walk, and you should have a new talk. You need the blood of Christ to transform you. Once saved, always saved. What the first Adam did caused us to be in a prison of sin. We are now in a prison of righteousness because of Jesus. Jesus is the second Adam.

The second speaker was **Rev. Phillip Christmas**, Ramah M.B. Church. His scripture came from Romans 8:1, *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”* The word condemnation is only found in the New Testament. One of the greatest tools the enemy uses against the saints of God is condemnation. There is therefore, no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. God has extended grace to us. Jesus did not come to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. If you are a believer, you are in right standing with God -- you have been justified. A lot of believers live in condemnation all the time. Learn to walk by faith. God works where there is faith. Receive the free gift of no condemnation. Stop beating yourself up with condemnation. Satan is the source of all condemnation. We are all going to make mistakes. Jesus is not going to condemn you, He wants to convict you. Learn to disregard the naysayers in your lives. The Holy Spirit will lovingly convict you and encourage you to do better. Once you know the Word, then apply the Word to your life.



Devotion by the Deacons from various churches



Ramah M.B. Church Mass Choir

Upcoming Community Events



The Annual Flemington Community Revival will be held June 26-30, 2017, at Flemington Baptist Church. Services will be held 7:00 pm nightly. Following is the schedule for the week. **Monday night**, Mt. Pedro Baptist Church; **Tuesday night**, New Saint Paul Church; **Wednesday night**, Greater New Bethel M.B. Church; **Thursday night**, Canaan M.B. Church; and **Friday night**, Flemington Baptist Church.

Please come out and worship with us for a glorious time in the Lord.

The Annual Vera Bell Queen Revue by Rev. Maxine T. Chandler



Sis. Maria A. Chandler

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thessalonians 5:18. The Florida General Baptist Convention Inc., 142nd Annual Session was held in Kissimmee, FL, April 3-7, 2017 under the leadership of Rev. Dr. James B. Sampson, President.

The Annual Vera Bell Queen Revue was held on April 6, 2017. This event is under the leadership of the FGBC Inc., Women's Auxiliary. Sis. Virginia P. Hayes, President, Sis. Sharon Davis, Chair, and Sis. Linda Bradley, Co-Chair.

Let us give "thanks" to God, let us celebrate and rejoice, for our God has bestowed the honor of the 2017 Reigning Queen of the Red Category of the Vera Bell Annual Queen Revue to one of our own, in the person of Sis. Maria A. Chandler. Sis. Chandler, a woman of God who currently serves as President of the Young Women's Component of the Second Bethlehem Baptist Association, who also faithfully serves as Canaan's Adult Choir Director, occasionally teaches the children's Sunday School division, and helps in the culinary department of the church.

Sis. Chandler's processional court of the Queen Revue consisted of the following: Moderator Jerone Gamble, District President Clementeese Dixon, Vice-President Joyce Pullings-Williams, Pastor Michael Baker, Sis. Demetra Marshall, and Sis. Kathy L. White. Sis. Maria Chandler was escorted by her pastor, Rev. Nathan Sommons. First place winner for the White Category (District with 14-29 churches) was Sis. Marcia Owens, Bethel Baptist Association. First place winner for the Blue Category (District with up to 13 churches) was Sis. Shelia Carroll.



{L-R} Sis. Maria A. Chandler and Sis. Margarie Chandler (Mission President for Canaan M.B. Church)

Sis. Maria Chandler, not only won first place in the Red Category (District with 30 or more churches), she used her God given melodic voice to echo the song, *"Because He Lives."* The words and tone of voice were not only inspirational but they illuminated the mood of the convention attendees. The ministry in music gave cause to render praise and honor to our God. It is noteworthy to mention that Sis. Chandler also excelled above all of the other (15) district churches with financial contributions. Second Bethlehem District Queen reported \$5,830.00. This was the largest amount reported for this (2017) session of the Vera Bell Queen Revue.

Second Bethlehem Baptist Association was well represented at the Convention. Others present from Canaan were: Mission President, Sis. Margarie Chandler, Sis. Everlena Sommons, and Rev. Maxine T. Chandler.

During President Sampson's annual address, seven delegates received a financial scholarship from the monies received at the Vera Bell Queen Revue.

Let us be prayerful for Sis. Maria Chandler, who has now set her sights on the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc. Annual Session, September 4-8, 2017 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She or one of the other Category's (White or Blue) first place winners will represent our State Convention in like manner but on the National Level.



{L-R} Pastor Nathan Sommons, Sis. Maria A. Chandler, Sis. Everlena Sommons

I believe the parents of Sis. Maria A. Chandler (Deacon Willie and Deaconess Margarie Chandler) are extremely thankful to God for a victorious outcome. I also believe that her church family, other family members, friends, and the members of the Second Bethlehem Baptist Association applaud her diligence and labor. We all give praise to God for Sis. Maria A. Chandler's victory, to become the reigning Queen of the Red Category of the Vera Bell Revue (2017).



{L-R} Sis. Demetra Marshall, Sis. Maria A. Chandler, Sis. Kathy L. White

Deacon's Ministry *by Deacon Willie J. Chandler, Chairman*



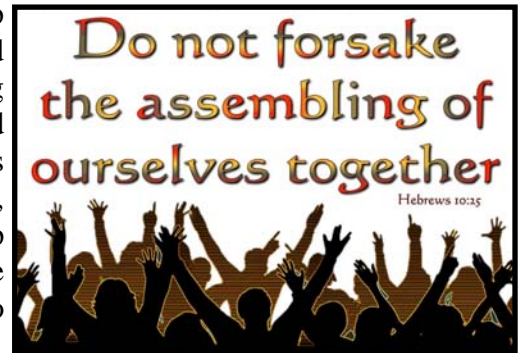
Deacon Willie Chandler

"The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in goodness and truth." Exodus 34:6b.

Greetings brothers and sisters in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am truly concerned about our service to God when I see and hear people complain about service being too long. When I think about the goodness of God, how can I put a time limit on my service. When I hear people complain that the pastor preached too long, I wonder how can we witness to someone else when our mind was on time and not the Word from God. When I see the way we attend Sunday School and Bible Study, I wonder how can we rightly divide the Word of truth (II Timothy 2:15) when it comes to Sunday morning message.

We will attend recreational activities (football, basketball, etc.) and never worry about time. But on Sunday morning we become upset saying, they are taking too long. It don't take all that to worship the Lord. Have you ever stopped to think about the time God took care of you? Minute by minute, hour by hour, day by day, night after night, when you travel that dangerous highway, when family problems arise, financial problems, even when our children go contrary to God's Word. When sickness or tragedy comes upon us, we find our way to the church. Why? Because we know what prayer can do. Before that sickness or tragedy, had you been neglecting God?

Neglecting God means that you are not giving Him your time in worship and praise. We are to worship and praise God daily. The Word of God also says, forget not the gathering of the saints. But on Sunday morning we are often too tired for church service. Our next statement is, "God knows my heart." Yes, you are right, God does know your heart. That is how He looks at mankind. I would suggest to you search your own heart, see if your actions line up with God's word. Excuses are not going to help before God. It says in the Word of God, you will be without excuses in the judgement. Give God glory and praise each and every day, He is worthy to be praised.



72nd Annual Women's Auxiliary Banquet *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*



{L-R} Rev. Nathan Sommons, Sis. Margarie Chandler, Dea. Willie Chandler, Sis. Maria A. Chandler, Sis. Lenora Tyson, Sis. Cynthia Davis, Sis. Everlena Sommons

The 72nd Annual Women's Auxiliary Banquet was held at the Ewers Center at the College of Central Florida on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Sis. June Dailey eloquently presided as the Toastmistress for the occasion. The center was beautifully decorated in the theme colors of shades of purple as were all of the guests.

Everything on the program was wonderful -- the prayers, the singing, and most of all the message delivered by Sis. Shirley Woods, Women's Auxiliary President of the Bethel Baptist Association, where Rev. Michael Warren is the moderator and her pastor.

Praise God ladies for a wonderful year and a wonderful event. Sis. Woods also congratulated the new reigning queen, Maria A. Chandler, who recently won the Annual Vera Bell Queen Revue, and announced that she will be representing Florida in the National Convention U.S.A, Inc. Annual Session in Cincinnati, Ohio, in September 2017. She will need your prayers, support and your FINANCES!

A New Canaanite In Town *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*



{L-R} Bro. Gregory McClenton and Rev. Nathan Sommons

"I indeed have baptized you with water: but He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost."
Mark 1:8

In the Baptist church there are two ordinances: Baptism and The Lord's Supper. Both of these ordinances were carried out on Sunday, May 7, 2017, for Brother Gregory McClenton who was first baptized, and then served his first Communion at the end of the worship service.

Pastor Nathan M. Sommons with the assistance of Dea. George Evans and Bro. Eric Rice carried out the Baptist ceremony. The spiritual occasion was witnessed by Bro. Gregory's 86 year old mother, Sis. Bennie Mae Blunt, his sister Connie Williams, and other family members. We thank God for bringing another sheep into the fold.



{L-R} Rev. Nathan Sommons, Bro. Gregory McClenton, Sis. Bennie Mae Blunt, Rev. Maxine T. Chandler

We already keep Bro. Gregory busy on the grill when we need to be fed; we now look forward to God helping us to keep his spiritual soul fed. Welcome aboard Bro. Gregory to the Canaanite family!

Pastor Leroy S. Chandler Thirteenth Anniversary *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*



{L-R} Sis. Emma Chandler, Rev. Leroy S. Chandler, Sis. Everlena Sommons, Rev. Nathan Sommons

On Sunday, May 7, 2017, Canaan Missionary Baptist Church traveled to help Pastor Leroy S. Chandler and the New Saint Paul Church Family celebrate his Thirteenth Anniversary.

Reverend Maxine Chandler was the Mistress of Ceremony for the afternoon, prayer was offered by Pastor Frankie McClendon, then a heartfelt devotion by the deacons of Canaan (Deacon Willie Chandler and Deacon George Evans). The choir sang praises to the Lord which had the congregation on their feet.

Pastor Joe McFadden, Sr. read the scripture: Colossians 2:6-10, from which Pastor Nathan Sommons took his topic – *"Come Ye That Love The Lord."*

Once he returned to his seat, Pastor Chandler thanked everyone in their respective places, and revealed that God is directing him to do MORE in the highways and the hedges -- so watch out!! Following the service, dinner was served for the guests in the dining room. We would like to thank New Saint Paul for the invitation, and wish Pastor Chandler many, many more anniversaries there.



{L-R} Min. Warren Lewis, Dr. Arthur Chandler, Rev. & Sis. Frankie McClendon, Rev. & Sis. Leroy S. Chandler, Rev. & Sis. Nathan Sommons, Rev. & Sis. Joe McFadden, Sr.



{L-R} Rev. Frankie McClendon, Rev. Leroy S. Chandler, Rev. Nathan Sommons, Rev. Joe McFadden, Sr.

Check It Out In The Bible

Little Known Bible Facts "Josiah"



- Who was King Josiah's father? (2 Chronicles 33:25)
 - Amon
 - Jehoahaz
 - Manasseh
 - Jehoiakim
- How old was Josiah when he became king? (2 Chronicles 34:1)
 - 7
 - 8
 - 9
 - 10
- What did King Josiah have destroyed? (2 Chronicles 34:4)
 - Asherah poles
 - Altars of the Baalim
 - Incense altars
 - All of these
- What did King Josiah do to the bones of the priests who worshipped false Gods? (2 Chronicles 34:5)
 - Threw them into the sea
 - Buried them
 - Burned them
 - Smashed them
- In what year of King Josiah's reign did he began repairing the house of the Lord? (2 Chronicles 34:8)
 - 15
 - 18
 - 20
 - 22
- What materials were purchased for repairs during the restoration of the house of the Lord? (2 Chronicles 34:11)
 - Carved stone and gold
 - Hewn stone and timber
 - Wood and bronze
 - Gold and silver
- Who found the Book of the Law? (2 Chronicles 34:14)
 - Joah
 - Hilkiah
 - Saphan
 - Azaliah
- Who read the Book of the Law to King Josiah? (2 Chronicles 34:18)
 - Asaiah
 - Hilikiah
 - Shaphan
 - Ahikam
- What did King Josiah do when he heard the word of the Law? (2 Chronicles 34:19)
 - Prayed
 - Wept
 - Rent his clothes
 - Sat in shock
- To whom did Hilkiah go to enquire of the Lord? (2 Chronicles 34:20-22)
 - Huldah
 - Hezekiah
 - Hadassah
 - Hasrah
- Who was King Josiah fighting against when he was critically injured, which led to his death? (2 Chronicles 35:20-24)
 - King Nebuchadnezzar
 - King Cyrus
 - King Artaxerxes
 - King Necho
- What weapon killed King Josiah? (2 Chronicles 35:23-24)
 - Arrow
 - Javelin
 - Sword
 - Ax
- What was the name of the man who lamented for King Josiah? (2 Chronicles 35:25)
 - Joash
 - Abijah
 - Jehoram
 - Jeremiah
- What was the name of King Josiah's son who succeeded him as king? (2 Chronicles 36:1)
 - Jehoiakim
 - Zedekiah
 - Jehoiachin
 - Jehoahaz

King Josiah Obeys God's Word. 2 Chronicles

King Josiah was only 26 years old when he decided to repair the house of the Lord. Carpenters, builders, and stoneworkers began to work. While clearing out the temple, they found something very important.

Directions: To see what they found, black out all the letters in the broken bricks. Then transfer the letters in the saws, chisels, and hammers to the spaces below.



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

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| HILKIAH | KING | PROPHETESS |
| HOUSE | LEVITES | SCRIBE |