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Kingdom News

From The Pastor

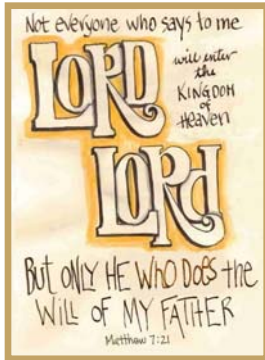


Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God's only begotten Son. Well, bless God my fellow Christians, have you really thought about how critical it is to be in Christ and be saved? In this climate we live in which is almost total chaos, we need that blessed hope that God is going to work it out for us.



Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons

I thought we had gone through the sexual revolution a few decades back but not according to some prominent business people and a number of our high profile politicians. I have come to the conclusion that our leaders reflect the heart of America and it depicts and displays our moral aptitude and attitude. It seems the more outrageous and vile an individual speaks or acts, he or she gets more attention and that makes them a great candidate for a leadership position because Americans translates that into courage. The American spirit shows a deep seated disdain for God's governance and our churches are of minuscule or of no effect. Some church leaders are bought off by donations that prompts he or she to turn a blind eye to the moral character of the individual and allow them to hide behind religion. I am reminded of a scripture in Matthew 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."



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
✠ Email: canaanbaptist@windstream.net ✠

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For Your Inspiration

Please submit articles for the next newsletter to the editor by *Sunday, February 11, 2018*. Articles may be edited for content, clarity, and length.



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Hopewell M.B. Church Anniversary *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*

On Sunday, October 22, 2017, 3:00 pm, the congregation of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church traveled to Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Lowell, FL for their 131st Church Anniversary, where the Rev. Nichollus Booker is the pastor. Their theme was, "Hope Is Our Anchor."



{L-R} Pastor Booker and Pastor Sommons

Rev. Nathan Sommons' text came from Hebrews 6:13-20 and his subject was, "A Better Hope." We have hope in all types of things and people. Sometimes we have hope in a job. We voted in 2008 for a hope of change -- there is a hope. In 2012, we voted again for more change -- we need a better hope. The writing of this letter is to address a problem called apostasy. It is the same issue we are having today. In order to grow, you must leave the basic teaching of doctrines (your foundation) and move on up to the next level. Some folks want to stay in head start. They don't mind being in preschool all of their life. You need to move on to other things that will make you graduate from milk to meat. We have a better hope. That better hope is Jesus. It is better than anything. It is better than the first Adam. You've got to hold on to the hope of Jesus Christ. This is a concrete hope. It's a lively hope. In other words, Jesus is alive and well and He's got all power in his hands. It is a hope of expectation. We are expecting something out of Jesus. It is a desired hope. My hope is in Jesus. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ and His righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand. Jesus took trouble straight on. They met him in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus had his anchor in the Hope. They took Jesus to Ananias and Caiaphas. They sent Jesus to Herod. They hung him high and stretched him wide. **Hope** stayed on the cross from the 6th till the 9th hour. They pierced **Hope** in the side. They said **Hope** died. While they were partying, **Hope** went down into the grave. They thought **Hope** was dead. The grave said we've got **Hope**. Don't worry about putting any handcuffs on **Hope** -- nobody gets out of here. I've got Abraham, Isaac, and all of them down here. The first night, the grave said, we have **Hope**. The second night, the grave said we still have **Hope**. After the third night, the grave said, I don't know where **Hope** is, but I know what time **Hope** left. **Hope** left early Sunday morning with all power in his hand. "That's A Better Hope."

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Canaan Missionary Baptist Church Choir



{L-R} Pastor Booker, Sis. Everlena and Pastor 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)

NOVEMBER

- 14 – Erial Rice
- 15 – Erin Rice
- 16 – Charlisa Daniels
- 22 – Erica Rice
- 24 – Beverly Jamerson

DECEMBER

- 2 – Frenchie Rice
- 6 – Ivy'uana Starks
- 13 – Andrea Mitchell
- 13 – Calee Tyson
- 15 – Mia Gray
- 28 – Bennie Mitchell, Jr.
- 31 – Nathan Sommons

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Grateful For Our Vets *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*

“Greater love has no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13

On Sunday, November 12, 2017, the Veterans of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Inc., were recognized for their service to our country. Our vets have served for various lengths of time in various branches of the military.

We are proud that we have a new soldier in our congregation – newly graduated Pvt. Breauna Young, who completed her Basic Training in Ft. Jackson and is now stationed in Virginia.



(L-R) Pastor Nathan Sommons, Ju'el Sweeney, Andrea Mitchell, Melinda Floyd, Caitlin Tyson, Jayden Hayes, Calvin Tyson, Sr., Eric Rice, Vanessa Robinson, Von Parker

Our service people are: Calvin Tyson, Jr., Calvin Tyson, Sr., Rev. Nathan Sommons, Melinda Floyd, Eric Rice, Dr. Arthur Chandler, Vanessa Robinson, Breauna Young. Deceased members whose wives were recognized - Alma Smith (George) and Ada Watson (Lawrence). SSgt. Jermaine Hayes and his unit were deployed to Puerto Rico to aid in the Hurricane relief, therefore he was not here. His son Jayden Hayes accepted for him, Caitlin Tyson accepted for her dad, Ju'el accepted for Dr. Chandler, and Andrea Mitchell accepted for Breauna. Retired Lt. Col. Von Parker was visiting us, he is the nurse caring for little Ju'el Sweeney.

We Appreciate Your Kingdom Service *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*



October is Clergy and Ministry Appreciation Month. As we recognize them, we also recognized those members who work diligently in the church but receive no pay. Those persons are: Dea. Willie Chandler – Deacon Ministry/Adult Choir; Dea. George Evans – Sunday School Superintendent; Bro. Eric Rice – Trustee Ministry and Videography; Sis. Margarie Chandler – Mission Ministry; Sis. Andrea Mitchell – Youth Ministry; Sis. Beverly Jamerson – Kingdom News Editor; Sis. Regina Brown – Usher Ministry; Sis. Carol A. Hawkins – 3rd Sunday Musician; Bro. Walter Grimes – Percussionist; Sis. Natasha Grimes – Kitchen Ministry/Children's Church; Sis. Rose Rice – Children's Church; and Bro. Greg McClenton – Grilling Ministry. They were each presented with cards and gift cards thanking them for their service. May God continue to bless you all for your Kingdom service.

Canaan's Seasoned Citizens *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*

At Canaan Missionary Baptist Church we have a special group of people whom we call, “Canaan's Seasoned Citizens,” they are made up of members 80 years of age and older. This year God called home two of Canaan's Seasoned Citizens: Bro. Horace Floyd and Sis. Lilly Mae Mixon. They were two of the older members of our group. We are thankful to God that he saw fit to send us another member in the form of Sis. Elnora Carter. Sis. Carter is the aunt of Sis. Everlena Sommons and Sis. Frenchie Rice. She decided to make Canaan her home after relocating here from Miami. She is now the youngest of this group: Sis. Sarah Thomas (Emeritus) – 99 years young, Sis. Bennie Mae Blunt – 87 years young, Sis. Alma Smith – 86 years young, Sis. Hilda Ivery – 83 years young, and last but not least, Sis. Elnora Carter – 81 years young.

We pray that God continues to shower down His richest blessings on these “young ladies,” and let them be mentors to the younger members and give us each a goal to strive for, if it be the Lord's will.



Sis. Elnora Carter standing in front of “Canaan's Seasoned Citizens Wall of Fame.”

Thank You *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



{L-R} Sis. Beverly Jamerson, Pastor Nathan Sommons, Sis. Everlena Sommons

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

On September 11, 2017, Sis. Beverly Jamerson and her husband Bro. Kenneth Jamerson, Sr., were flooded out of their home due to Hurricane Irma.

On Sunday, October 29, 2017, Sis. Beverly Jamerson was presented with a love offering from the members of Canaan M.B. Church. To my Canaanite family: Two small words, relaying "thank you," but sincere from our heart. We thank you for your thoughtfulness and kind hearts for showing such special appreciation towards our family. Your kindness is a beautiful reminder of God's great love. We thank you for your generous financial gift. Thank you for showing Godly love towards us. We are humbled and grateful and may God richly bless each and every one of you. Again, we say, "thank you."

Bible Presentations *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



{L-R} Pastor Nathan Sommons and Sis. Elnora Carter

At Canaan, all new members are presented with Bibles.

On Sunday, December 3, 2017, Sis. Elnora Carter was presented with a Life Application Bible and a Members Handbook.

Also, Sis. Melinda Floyd was presented with a Life Application Bible.



{L-R} Pastor Nathan Sommons and Sis. Melinda Floyd

Musician Appreciation *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*

Sis. Rutha Smith has been the musician at Canaan M.B. Church for seven years. Sis. Smith plays for the Adult Choir on the first and fourth Sunday. We thank her for her love and dedication to Canaan. On Sunday, December 3, 2017, she was presented with gifts and a love offering.



Sis. Rutha Smith



Sis. Rutha Smith surrounded by her family

T-Ball *by Sis. Kavasia Hayes*



Jayden Hayes

One of Canaan's own, five year old Jayden Hayes has been playing T-Ball during the Fall season at Wrigley Field in Citra, FL.

On Saturday, December 9, 2017, Jayden was presented a trophy at the End of the Year Ceremony.

Jayden really enjoyed playing in various positions on the baseball field. Way to go Jayden!

Watch Night Service



The Flemington Annual Community Watch Night Service will be held at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday night, December 31, 2017.

Services will begin at 10:00 pm.

Come and be blessed and enter the New Year praising God!!!



Annual Mission Day Program *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



Rev. Stanley M. Jacobs Sr.

On Sunday, November 12, 2017, 3:00 pm, Canaan held their Annual Mission Day Program. The thematic scripture came from Matthew 28:19, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.” The Messenger of the hour was **Rev. Stanley M. Jacobs Sr.**, pastor of New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church, Ocala, FL.

Rev. Jacobs’ text came from Matthew 4:17 and his subject was, “*The Kingdom of Heaven Is At Hand, But Not Yet.*” This text marks the beginning of Jesus public ministry. The kingdom at hand is where Rome is in power. The Pharisees ran the religious arena and Caesar is king. Here comes Jesus. He says in Matthew 10:7, “*And as ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*” Jesus says my Kingdom is at hand. In

Acts 1:6, Jesus was asked, Lord will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel? What about the kingdom? Seems like if you have a kingdom you have to have a king. You want a king? The kingdom of heaven is at hand. It’s at hand, but not yet. It’s announced but not fully arrived. The kingdom exist in the heart of believers. The everlasting kingdom will be established upon the return of Jesus. There are three aspects of the kingdom. ❶ The kingdom has been announced. ❷ The kingdom is being proclaimed. ❸ The kingdom will be established. Jesus has already announced his kingdom. He expects us to proclaim his kingdom. Everybody hasn’t heard the announcement, so we have to go to places and proclaim it. The kingdom is in the heart of every believer. If you accept Jesus Christ, the kingdom will be in your heart. We proclaim it at home and we proclaim it all over the world. When the Son of man came the first time, he didn’t come in his glory. He came to a stable. There is nothing glorious about a cow trough. When He returns to establish his kingdom, he is coming in his glory (Matthew 25:31). When he comes back, I want to hear him say well done thy good and faithful servant.

Note: When Rev. Jacobs was asked about his introduction, he said, just say, “*He’s Back!*” Rev. Jacobs was the pastor at Canaan M.B. Church from 1983 to 1996.

Thanks to all the program participants: *Mistress of Ceremony and Call to Worship ~ Rev. Maxine Chandler, Musical Selections ~ Siloam Baptist Church Choir, Devotion ~ SBBA Women’s Auxiliary Praise & Worship Team, Greetings from SBBA ~ Sis. Joyce Pullings Williams, Welcome & Occasion ~ Sis. Rose Rice, Offering ~ Sis. Connie Williams and Dea. George Evans, Introduction of Speaker ~ Bro. Stanley M. Jacobs Jr., Video Presentation ~ Sis. Joan Smiley, Mission Messenger ~ Rev. Stanley M. Jacobs Sr., Invitation to Discipleship ~ Rev. Nathan M. Sommons, Words of Appreciation ~ Sis. Margarie Chandler, Canaan’s Mission President, Final Remarks ~ Rev. Nathan Sommons, Benediction & Blessing of Food ~ Rev. Stanley M. Jacobs, Sr.*



(L-R) Pastor Sommons and Pastor Jacobs



Sis. Joan Smiley



Sis. Rose Rice



(L-R) Pastor Nathan Sommons, Sis. Margarie Chandler, Rev. Maxine Chandler, Pastor Stanley Jacobs, Sr.



L-R) Devotion by Sis. Josie McNeal, Sis. Lillie Alexander, Sis. Joyce Pullings-Williams, Sis. Sonya Vernon, Sis. Maxine Cunningham, Sis. Melba Smith, Sis. Virginia Wynn



Siloam Baptist Church Choir

Check It Out
In The Bible

Little Known Bible Facts
"Nehemiah"



- Who visited Nehemiah and told him the news about Jerusalem? (*Nehemiah 1:2*)
 - A host of angels
 - Sanballat and Tobiah
 - Zechariah and Jehoshaphat
 - Hanani and certain men of Judah
- How did Nehemiah respond when he heard the news about the condition of Jerusalem? (*Nehemiah 1:3-4*)
 - He wept and mourned
 - He fasted
 - He prayed
 - All of the above
- What was Nehemiah's position to the king? (*Nehemiah 1:11*)
 - Baker
 - Cupbearer
 - Armor bearer
 - Candlestick maker
- Who was the king whom Nehemiah served? (*Nehemiah 2:1*)
 - Ahab
 - Amraphel
 - Artaxerxes
 - Arioch
- Nehemiah asked the king for letters to the governors beyond the river, and a letter to? (*Nehemiah 2:7-8*)
 - Gesham, the Arab
 - Sanballat, the Horonite
 - Tobiah, the Ammorite official
 - Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest
- What did Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem accuse Nehemiah of? (*Nehemiah 2:19*)
 - Stealing from the king's forest
 - Prophesying falsely in the name of the Lord
 - Rebelling against the king
 - Stealing timber that was owned by them
- What was the name of the high priest who set to work with his fellow priests and rebuilt the sheep gate? (*Nehemiah 3:1*)
 - Eliashib
 - Elisha
 - Eleazer
 - Eli
- What did Tobiah say would break down their stone wall? (*Nehemiah 4:1-3*)
 - Oxen
 - The Babylonians
 - A Fox
 - Their enemies
- While half of the men worked on constructing the wall, what did the other half do? (*Nehemiah 4:16*)
 - They rested and refreshed themselves
 - They fought against Sanballat and Tobias
 - They helped Nehemiah design the gate entrances
 - They held the spears, shields, bows, and the habergeons
- How did Nehemiah respond when Sanballat and Geshem sent letters to Nehemiah asking him to meet them? (*Nehemiah 6:1-3*)
 - I am doing important work and I cannot come down
 - I am doing a great work and I cannot come down
 - I am doing the Lord's work and I cannot come down
 - I am doing the king's work and I cannot come down
- How long did it take to complete the wall? (*Nehemiah 6:15*)
 - 30 days
 - 52 days
 - 95 days
 - 120 days

Nehemiah and the Wall Word Scramble. *Directions:* Unscramble each of the clue words. Then, take the letters that appear in the boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

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MESJEARUL

HEHNIAME

And they said,

P Nehemiah 2:18



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

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BABYLONIANS
 CAPTIVE
 ENEMIES
 EXILE
 GATES
 GESHEM
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ISRAEL
 JERUSALEM
 JEWS
 JOY
 KING
 NEHEMIAH
 PERSIANS

PRIEST
 REBUILD
 SANBALLAT
 SERVANTS
 SHUSHAN
 TOBIAH
 TRUMPETS