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From The Pastor

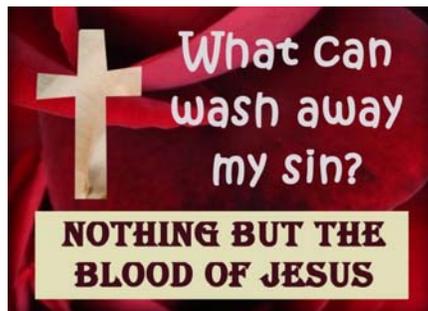


Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus the good and perfect gift.

Recently the Center for Disease Control (CDC) released a statistical alarm stating that the suicide rate in our country is more than twice the rate of homicide. Even with drive by shootings, gang related murders, school shootings and the like, many Americans are so distraught and delusional that they choose death as a remedy to mitigate their misery. My friends that should get our attention in the land of the free and the home of the brave. We go from crack cocaine to opioids and now self murder and want more freedom. Freedom comes when we repent and commit and submit to Jesus The Christ. He is the answer to our national disaster. He can do more than a presidential pardon. He can wash away our sins and set us free indeed.



Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons



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

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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, August 12, 2018*. Articles may be edited for content, clarity, and length.



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LeAnn Mackey-Barnes Qualifying *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*

On May 1, 2018, LeAnn Mackey-Barnes, Marion County's Assistant Public Defender, officially filed her qualifying paperwork to run for Marion County Judge, Group 3. There was lots of excitement on this day besides the qualifying, it was also her birthday. Present to witness the official qualifying were: Cynthia Davis, LeAnn's Campaign Treasurer; her mom, Glendina Mackey; and Cynthia's 2 year old granddaughter Na'ilah Bobb, who unfortunately won't be able to vote for quite a few years!

Please lend LeAnn your support in this election. Please, PLEASE vote when the time comes. There is no excuse to miss out on this important opportunity. If you don't think that you will be here for Election Day, then call the Marion County Supervisor of Elections Office and request a Vote by Mail ballot (352-620-3290). If you will be here, but don't want to stand in line, then early voting will be available August 18th – 25th. Lastly, if you are one who do not believe that it's an election unless you go to the polls, **Election Day is August 28, 2018.**

Let's make history by helping LeAnn realize her dream of becoming Marion County Judge, Group 3 – see you at the Polls!!



(L-R) Wesley Wilcox (Supervisor of Elections), LeAnn Mackey-Barnes, Glendina Mackey, Cynthia Davis

Rev. Leroy S. Chandler's 14th Pastoral Anniversary *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*



On Sunday, May 6, 2018, the pastor and members of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church traveled to New St. Paul Church to help celebrate Rev. Leroy and Sister Emma Chandler's fourteenth Pastoral Anniversary. Dr. Michael Maeweathers, of Greater New Bethel Baptist Church was also present to be a part of the celebration.

May God continue to bless you Rev. Chandler for your Kingdom work.

(L-R) Rev. Leroy S. Chandler, Sis. Emma Chandler, Sis. Everlena Sommons, Rev. Nathan Sommons

Upcoming Community Events



The Annual Flemington Community Revival will be held June 24-29, 2018, at Mt. Pedro Baptist Church. Services will be held 7:00 pm nightly. Following is the schedule for the week: **Sunday night**, New Saint Paul Church; **Monday night**, Greater New Bethel M.B. Church; **Tuesday night**, Canaan M.B. Church; **Wednesday night**, Flemington Baptist Church; **Thursday night**, Shiloh United Methodist Church; and **Friday night**, Mt. Pedro Baptist Church.

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)

MAY

- 4th - Emilee White
- 4th - Connie Williams
- 15th - Lenora Tyson
- 28th - Willie Chandler

JUNE

- 4th - Natasha Grimes
- 10th - Na'lani Robinson
- 15th - Cynthia Davis
- 28th - Alma Smith

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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G-R-A-D-U-A-T-I-O-N 2018

by Sis. Cynthia Davis



Deja Williams

On Friday, May 18, 2018, Deja R. Williams was one of the Vanguard High School's graduating seniors. The celebration was held at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion. Despite the storm going on outside, there were hundreds of well-wishers out to support their graduates.

On Sunday, May 20, 2018, there was a celebration dinner at The Thomas Community Center in Flemington, FL. Congratulations Deja, continue to be an humble, respectful, God fearing young lady -- God has a lot in store for you. I love you to life!

Deacon Soko Kamara

by Sis. Cynthia Davis



Deacon Soko Kamara

Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. has been sponsoring 10 students in Liberia, West Africa for approximately four years. We have been sending funds over quarterly to Deacon Soko Kamara. On Sunday, June 10, 2018, we were blessed to have Deacon Soko visit us, he will be here for about two weeks. He is being hosted by Deacon Willie Chandler and family. We pray that you enjoy your stay here, and we send prayers to the students in Liberia.

Recognizing Our Students by Sis. Cynthia Davis

On Sunday, June 10, 2018, Canaan Missionary Baptist Church took time out to recognize the students for their achievements this past school year. Students recognized were Theran "T. J." Floyd (not pictured), Mia Gray, Jayden Hayes, Deasia Little, Dijonay Little, Ivy'uana Starks, Ju'el Sweeney and Zaylen Williams. Our only high school graduate – Deja Williams, was recognized lastly. All of the students were presented with Certificates of Achievement and Deja was also given a monetary gift.

As stated in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." We pray His blessings on each of you. Prayers that you all will hold tightly to Jesus' hand to see what he has in store for you.



{L-R} Ivy'uana Starks, Zaylen Williams, Deasia Little, Mia Gray, Ju'el Sweeney, Dijonay Little, Jayden Hayes, Deja Williams.

Theological Seminary Graduate by Sis. Priscilla Mobley



Dea. Frank Johnson Sr., graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Theology from the United Theological Seminary and Bible College (UTSBC) located in Monroe, Louisiana.

On May 22, 2018, at the closing celebration, Moderator/Pastor Dr. Jerone Gamble presented his degree to him at the UTSBC Extension in Ocala, FL. Congratulations Dea. Johnson!

{L-R} Pastor Nathan Sommons, Moderator/Pastor Dr. Jerone Gamble presenting degree to Dea. Frank Johnson, Sr., and Pastor Charles Davis. (Not pictured on the far left is Pastor Arthur McGruder).

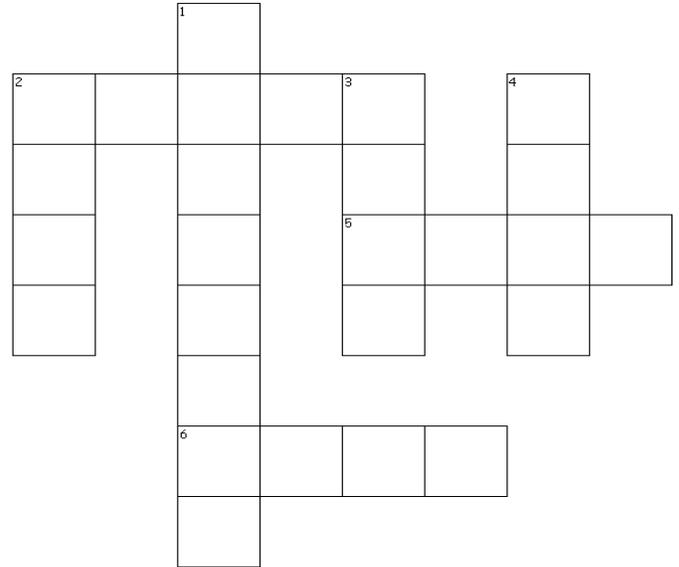
Check It Out
In The Bible

Little Known Bible Facts
"Isaiah"



- Isaiah saw a vision concerning _____ in the opening chapter of the book of Isaiah. (*Isaiah 1:1*)
 - Sidon and Samaria
 - Judah and Jerusalem
 - The temple of God
 - The King of Judah
- Come now, and let us _____ together, says the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (*Isaiah 1:18*)
 - Commune
 - Reason
 - Discuss
 - Talk
- According to Isaiah, the nations shall "beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they..."? (*Isaiah 2:4*)
 - Learn war any more.
 - Forget the fatherless and the widow.
 - Neglect to bring the full tithe into the storehouse.
 - Bear false witness against a neighbour.
- In the year that King Uzziah died, in a vision, who did Isaiah see seated upon a throne? (*Isaiah 6:1*)
 - The King of Assyria
 - King Hezekiah
 - The Lord
 - The next King
- And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear you indeed, but _____ not; and see you indeed, but perceive not. (*Isaiah 6:9*)
 - Believe
 - Understand
 - Follow
 - Obey
- For the _____ of the people caused them to err. (*Isaiah 9:16*)
 - Judges
 - Kings
 - Leaders
 - Priests
- What was Isaiah's comforting word to the sick King Hezekiah? (*Isaiah 38:4-6*)
 - You will live for another fifteen years and God will deliver you and the city from the King of Assyria.
 - There will not be a drought in the land until after you have died, and you will go to the grave in peace.
 - You will not die in battle.
 - You have obeyed the Lord, your children will inherit the land
- What did Isaiah tell Hezekiah was to be the sign that the Lord had heard his cry?" (*Isaiah 38:7-8*)
 - The Assyrian army fled back to their own country.
 - The leprosy that covered his skin disappeared when he bathed in the Jordan River.
 - The sun would go ten degrees backward.
 - The enemy's altar would be consumed by a fireball from heaven.
- What did Isaiah tell Hezekiah would happen because he had showed the King of Babylon all of his treasures? (*Isaiah 39:3-6*)
 - The King of Babylon will make a treaty with you.
 - The King of Babylon will allow his daughter to marry your son.
 - The King of Babylon will bring you a great gift each year.
 - Everything shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left.
- What did Isaiah liken us to when he said we "have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way..."? (*Isaiah 53:6*)
 - Goats
 - Sheep
 - Children
 - Fools

Isaiah was God's Prophet. *Directions:* Complete the crossword puzzle below.



Across

- What is the last word in the book of Isaiah? (*Isaiah 66:24*)
- Then shall the lame man _____ as an hart. (*Isaiah 35:6*)
- Who was Isaiah father? (*Isaiah 1:1, Isaiah 37:21*)

Down

- Who does the king in Isaiah 36:18 warn the people not to be persuaded by?
- How many kings of Judah reigned during the time over which Isaiah prophesied? (*Isaiah 1:1*)
- What has enlarged itself? (*Isaiah 5:14*)
- Whose daughters were was compared to a wandering bird cast out of the nest? (*Isaiah 16:2*)

**BUT THEY THAT WAIT
UPON THE LORD SHALL
RENEW THEIR STRENGTH.
THEY SHALL MOUNT UP
WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES;
THEY SHALL RUN AND NOT
BE WEARY; THEY SHALL
WALK AND NOT FAINT.**

~ISAIAH 40:31~

Christians today can apply the principle of Isaiah 40:31 by trusting in God's sovereignty and waiting faithfully for Him. Many of us dread waiting, but through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord tells us that waiting can actually be a good thing. Choosing to "wait upon the Lord" or viewed another way, to serve Him -- yields far more satisfying results. This choice also helps us to remember that because our Heavenly Father's greatest desire is to bless His children, He will not only give us what we need, He'll also give it at the time that is best for us.

God in His grace will provide power, strength, and courage to the weary, weak, and downtrodden when they are willing to be patient and wait on Him. God will cause us to mount up on eagles' wings.