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Kingdom News

From The Pastor



Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus -- the one true God who was, and is, and will be.

To God be the glory in all his majesty for He is marvelous and magnificent. Christian friends these are trying and troubling times whether we recognize it or not. The family structure has eroded and is on life support and it seems desperate to recover. God created the family first and other things came after. We must protect and nurture our basic phratry. The family unit is essential to our society and it is paramount that this building block stay rooted and



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God Created The Family First!

grounded in the church. The ecclesiastical body of Christ was set up by God to maintain the family unity. Our church leaders must not loose sight of this important issue but it seems that far too many of our clergy are too busy building their own empire rather than building up the body of Christ. Some of us need each other but we all need Jesus. He is the stone that the builders rejected. He is the foundation of our faith and under His roof we find shelter safety and security.

May God 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, December 9, 2018**. Articles may be edited for content, clarity, and length.



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Grandparents Day *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



Rev. Leroy Chandler

On Sunday, September 9, 2018, 4:00pm, Canaan celebrated Grandparents Day and the kick-off to Rev. & Sis. Sommons 16th Pastoral Anniversary. **Rev. Leroy Chandler**, pastor of New Saint Paul Church, Flemington, FL brought forth the word from Jeremiah, chapter 3 and his subject was, “*Pastors After God’s Own Heart.*”

Seems like there may have been some pastors not after God’s own heart. God said I will give you pastors according to my mine heart and not their heart. God wants to do and give good things to his people. But a lot of time we lock God’s hands because of our sins and iniquities. Too many are following the ways of our nation.

We lift up this nation instead of lifting up the name of God. God gave up his own son for you and I. You may be down and out, but if you continue to trust in the living God, He will bring you out. Listen to the man of God (Pastor Sommons). He is not going to tell you what you want to hear, but he’s going to tell you what thus said the Lord. When he tells you the truth, you may not like it, but the truth will set you free. God has taken the burden that was on Jesus Christ and put it on the pastors. We need to study God and find out more about His attributes. Jesus said my Father worketh and I must work. What does that say about you and I? We are ambassadors for Christ. That means the things He did when He was here, we should be doing now. He has now gone to the Father. We became his mouth piece, his eyes, and his legs. When God returns, He should find us working.



(L-R) Rev. Leroy Chandler & Rev. Nathan Sommons

Rookie Teacher of the Year *by Sis. Katiane Rice*



Sis. Katiane Rice

On September 13, 2018, I was named Rookie Teacher of the Year for Lake Weir Middle School (LWMS) which is located in Summerfield, FL. In my position as a teacher, I have the ability to affect change in children. Many of the principles I use with my students, I learned at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church.

My earliest memories is of my grandmother teaching us what the golden rule means. She explained that it does not mean treat others how they treat you, but to treat them how you want to be treated. Because of this, I treat all the staff and students at LWMS with respect, compassion, and thrown in is a little humor. As a self-contained teacher, I teach special education student with IQ’s lower than 70. My position as their teacher allows me to teach a population of students that are often neglected and in need of someone to give them confidence. I get to show them that no matter their disability, they can learn. My calling as a teacher has allowed me to show the students at my school the light of Jesus through my kindness and dedication to them. I feel blessed and a little overwhelmed to have been recognized by my peers as Rookie Teacher of

the Year. I know without the Lord and the teaching I received here at Canaan this would not have been possible. So this is as much your award as it is mine. Thank you Canaan for all that you have given to me and continue to pray that the Lord will give me the guidance to touch the lives of as many students as possible.

On Sunday, September 16, 2018, Sis. Katiane Rice was presented with a bouquet of yellow roses from her church family at Canaan.

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)

SEPTEMBER

- 4 – Garfield Finlayson
- 10 – Deasia Little
- 12 – Rutha Smith
- 12 – Nicole Williams
- 19 – Bennie Mae Blunt
- 19 – Deja Williams
- 21 – Eddie Mitchell

OCTOBER

- 14 – Eric Rice
- 15 – Breyana Young
- 18 – Wilma Jackson
- 31 – Regina Green

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons' 16th Anniversary *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



Rev. Shawn Nunn

On Sunday, September 16, 2018, 11:00 am, **Rev. Shawn Nunn**, from New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in Ocala, FL brought forth the message. Rev. Nunn text came from Acts 16:19-26. His subject was, ***“Problems You Run Into While Preaching.”*** Just because you are a preacher, it doesn't exempt you from problems. It may seem like problems have a way of finding you. God allows problems in our lives for our development. You can expect problems. Problems are a part of life and problems are here to stay. ❶ While preaching, you will have problems in your family, especially your church family. Sometime the problem will sit on the front row. ❷ While preaching, you are going to have problems in your ministry. There's going to be some things you want to do, but God may not allow it. ❸ While preaching, you are going to have problems with people. Problems don't hide themselves, they walk right up to you and tell you they got a problem with you. ❹ While preaching, you are going to have to endure some spiritual whipping and isolation. Sometime

we get so busy, we forget to spend time with God. Sometimes isolation is okay so you can spend time with God. Jesus had a problem. He had the sins of the world on His shoulder. I would say he had a heck of a problem. He never complained about his problem. In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus said, *“Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.”* We are not in the cup, we are the cup. We were the problem that Jesus had to carry. Jesus carried the cross to Golgotha. He never said a mumbling word. He didn't complain. He continued to carry the cross to the hill called Calvary. And while on the cross, he still prayed and he still had praise. He said, *“Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”* He said, *“Father, into thy hands, I commend my spirit.”* That's praise. He had the sins of this world on his back. When He said Lord it is finished, that was His final praise. He died. But on the third day morning, He got up early with all power in His hands.



(L-R) Rev. Shawn & Sis. Tonya Nunn, Sis. Everlena & Pastor Nathan Sommons

Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons' 16th Anniversary *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



Dr. Clarence Woods

On Sunday, September 16, 2018, 3:30 pm, **Dr. Clarence Woods**, pastor of Trinity United Missionary Baptist Church, Hawthorne, FL brought forth the message. Dr. Woods text came from Acts 5:14-21. His subject was, ***“A Supernatural Jail Break and a Church House Celebration.”*** God don't need no key to open nobody's jail. He has special angels that he dispatches to do certain things. During the night, an angel opened the doors of the jail and told the apostles to, Go, stand in the temple courts and tell the people about this new life. The officers said, those people you had in prison -- the door is still closed and the guards still there, but they are down to the church/temple teaching the people about God. The high priests said, didn't we tell you not to preach in that name anymore. But Peter said, is it right to serve you and listen to you, or obey God? We are going to obey God. God said in the scripture,

“Saying, touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm” (Psalm 105:15). They were threatened and beaten up, but they still rejoiced. They still came out holding up Holy hands. They came out rejoicing having been able to suffer for His name. God opens doors that no man can close. He closes doors that no man can open. It is the church of the living God. It is a ***supernatural jail break and a church house celebration.*** Jesus came down through 42 generations. He stayed down here for 33 years. He's the one that broke you out of your prison.



(L-R) Rev. Josephus Bynum, Rev. Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons, Sis. Eva & Dr. Clarence Woods

Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons' 16th Anniversary *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



The Program Committee (L-R. Sis. Cynthia Davis, Chairperson; Sis. Beverly Jamerson, and Sis. Lenora Tyson) would like to thank everyone who played a role in Pastor Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons' 16th pastoral anniversary at Canaan M. B. Church.



Rev. Nathan & Sis. Everlena Sommons



Gift presentation from Sis. Cynthia Davis to Sis. Everlena & Rev. Nathan Sommons



Gift presentation from Sis. Katiane Rice to Sis. Everlena & Rev. Nathan Sommons



Praise Dance by Glorious Praise Dancers (L-R) Deasia Little and Dijonay Little



Dea. George Evans escorting Pastor Sommons back to the pulpit



Gift presentation: Sis. Maria Chandler to Sis. Everlena & Rev. Nathan Sommons



Praise Dance by C&D Dancers (L-R) Deja Williams and Caitlin Tyson

(Left) Solo by Sis. Lachetta James

5th Sunday at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church *by Sis. Beverly Jamerson*



Rev. Dr. Michael Baker, Sr.

The Second Bethlehem Baptist Association 5th Sunday Ministers, Deacons, Laymen & Youth Congress Auxiliary was held September 26-28, & 30, 2018 at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Flemington, FL where the Rev. Nathan Sommons is the pastor. Rev. Dr. Michael J. Baker Sr, is the President and Rev. Dr. Jerone A. Gamble is the Moderator.

On Sunday, September 30, 2018, 11:00am, Rev. Dr. Michael J. Baker Sr. was the Messenger. His text came from Matthew 11:1-6 and his subject was, **“He Is The One.”**

John the Baptist was different. He was more universal. He was a servant of God. John the Baptist was in prison at this time. But he heard about the works of Jesus. That means somebody was carrying the Word of God. Somebody was talking around John the Baptist about Jesus. Somebody was doing some evangelical work. They took the Word to the prison. John the Baptist was a faithful servant. A servant serves.

He was faithful to the ministry. The Priests and Levites asked John, “Are you the one?” He said, “No sir, I am not the one (Christ). No, I am not Elijah.” They said, tell us who are you? John said, I am just a voice, the one crying in the wilderness. If you have been born again you don’t mind being a voice. John said, there is one coming after me whose shoes I am not worthy to fulfill. No, I am not the one. **Jesus, He is The One. He is The One** that woke me up this morning. **He is The One** that brought me out. **He is The One** that delivered me. **He is The One** that healed my body when sickness surrounded my soul. **He is The One** that saved my soul. **He is The One** that’s able to keep you from falling. **He is The One** that brought salvation to all humanity. **He is The One** that brought my marriage back together. **He is The One** that made my children fall in line. **He is The One** that can do exceeding and abundantly above all things. **He is The One** that picked me up out of the muck and miry clay. **He is The One** that went out on a hill called Calvary. **He is The One** that hung, bled, and died. **He is The One** that on the third day morning got up with all power in his hand.



{L-R} Rev. Darryl Redding, Rev. Carl Gadsen, Rev. Frankie McClendon, Rev. Arthur McGruder, Rev. Michael Baker, Rev. Nathan Sommons, Rev. Astral Lewis, Rev. Reginald Willis, Rev. Charles Eubanks

Ministers, Deacons, Laymen & Youth Congress *by Sis. Cynthia Davis*



Dijonay Little



Mia Gray



Deja Williams

Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. hosted the 5th Sunday Ministers, Deacons, Laymen & Youth Congress from September 26th through 28th and 30th. The Youth theme speakers were provided nightly and they each did a wonderful job. Congratulations to Dijonay Little – Wednesday night; Mia Gray – Thursday night; and Deja Williams – Friday night.

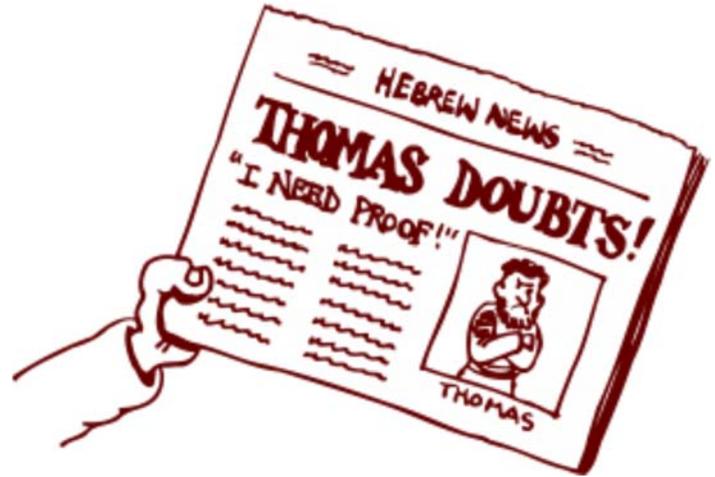
May God bless each of you to do great things.

Check It Out
In The Bible

Little Known Bible Facts
"Doubting Thomas"



- Why was Thomas thinking that Jesus and the disciples would all die if they went to Bethany again? (*John 11:8,16*)
 - The Jews there had tried to kill them previously.
 - The Romans had tried to kill them there.
 - A prophet had told them that they would die if they went there.
 - The townspeople had told them that they would kill them.
- To whom did Thomas express his concern that they would die if they went to Bethany? (*John 11:16*)
 - To his mother
 - To the Lord
 - To the priest
 - To his fellow disciples
- Jesus said "...I go to prepare a place for you ..." And Thomas said to Him? (*John 14:2-5*)
 - I doubt it, Lord.
 - Yes, Lord, you are going to Jerusalem.
 - I don't know about the others, Lord, I know where you are going.
 - Lord, we do not know where you are going and how can we know the way?
- Why did Thomas not believe the disciples account of having seen the risen Lord? (*John 20:19-24*)
 - He believed that Jesus would not rise from the dead.
 - He was not present when Jesus appeared.
 - He wanted to go back fishing and did not care to know.
 - He still was not convinced that Jesus was the Son of God.
- A week later, Jesus stood in the group and spoke peace to them. What was unusual about His entry into the room? (*John 20:26*)
 - Four of the disciples had lowered Him down through the roof.
 - He came in through a window.
 - The doors were shut when He arrived.
 - He brought the high priest and some centurions with Him.
- When Jesus had offered to let Thomas reach out his hand and thrust it into His side, what admonition did He offer to Thomas? (*John 20:27*)
 - Depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
 - According to your faith, Thomas, be it unto you.
 - Be not faithless, but believing.
 - I have never seen such a lack of faith in all of Israel.
- And Thomas answered and said unto him...? (*John 20:28*)
 - Who is like unto thee, Oh Lord?
 - My Lord and my God.
 - Great is thy faithfulness, Oh Lord my savior.
 - The Lord is slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.
- How did Jesus describe to Thomas those who have not seen, but yet have believed? (*John 20:29*)
 - Stupid
 - Lazy
 - Healed
 - Blessed
- On what sea did the Lord appear to Thomas and six of the other disciples when they had fished and caught nothing? (*John 21:1-3*)
 - The sea of Galilee
 - The sea of Tiberias
 - The Dead Sea
 - The Mediterranean
- Where was Thomas on the day of Pentecost? (*Acts 1:13*)
 - In the upper room
 - Fishing on the sea of Galilee
 - Teaching in the temple
 - He had returned home



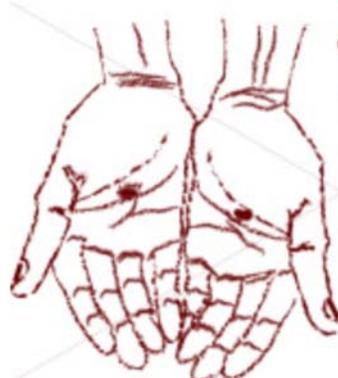
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Jesus saith unto him,

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(*John 20:29*)

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Put your finger here;
see my hands.
Reach out your hand and
put it into my side.
Stop doubting and believe

John 20: 27