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Sunday
Worship Celebrations
9:00 A.M./10:30 A.M.
6:00 P.M.

Sunday Schools
9:00 A.M./10:30 A.M.

Discipleship
4:45 P.M.

Mid Week Service
6:30 P.M.

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Our Journey Challenge

"The Gathering"

Sunday, October 9th

6pm - Sanctuary

Preschool & Children

Activities in Children's Wing



FALL SERMON SERIES

September - November
A Future Worth Living ~
Living Life on Purpose

Sunday (Oct. 2)
Our Place in His Family
(Romans 12:3-16)

Led by Bro. Morgan

Wednesdays are **Family Night** at Canaan

Something for everyone in the family!

- Family Supper, 5:30-6:30pm
- Children Missions & Music, 6:15-7:45pm
- Adult Bible Study with Pastor, 6:30pm (*Family Chapel*)
- Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm (*CW103*)
- Students Worship, 6:30pm (*Refuge*)
- Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm (*Sanctuary*)



The Staff of Canaan Baptist Church invites you to

Family Milestones

Come and explore what it means to lay stepping stones for our families today and tomorrow. Join with others as we build a network of families encouraging and learning from one another.



Milestone #3: Preparing for Adolescence

Session 2: October 2

Bro. Russ Price

Milestone #4: Purity for Life

Session 1: October 16

Session 2: October 23

Bro. Michael Gay

Milestone #5: Preparing My Student to Leave Home

Session 1: October 30

Session 2: November 6

Session 3: November 13

Bro. Morgan Bailey

Preschool & Children Programs will begin at 4:45pm in the Children's Wing.
Student programs will begin in the Refuge Room at 4:45pm.

SUNDAY America's Godly Heritage

Led by Bro. Charles

This is a video series of David Barton exploring the founding fathers and groundwork in building a government centered on godly principles.

4:45pm ~ EB300

WEDNESDAY A Different Kind of Wild: Is Your Faith Too Tame? By Debbie Alsdorf

Led by Janice Taylor

This is a Women's Bible Study beginning on September 28.

6:30pm ~ CW103

Abbreviation meanings:

A.A. = Alcoholics Anonymous
ABC = Always be Christian,
Cheerful & Creative
BTF = Bridge to the Future

CLT = Church Leadership Team
CW = Children's Wing
EB = Education Building

FLC = Family Life Center
WC = Worship Center
YAH = Young At Heart

*"The Canaan Family is on a journey loving God, sharing life, serving others and showing Jesus to our world."
Process Statement*

Church Leadership Team Meeting

Monday, October 3, 6:30pm

Ministry Teams ~ 7:30pm

**COMING
SOON!**

**STUDENT Ministry
going to
Judgement House**

IN OCTOBER

*Date & time to be
announced*



FROM THE CREATORS OF **FIREPROOF**



HONOR BEGINS AT HOME

COURAGEOUS

TRISTAR PICTURES AND SHERWOOD PICTURES PRESENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH PROVIDENT FILMS AND AFFIRM FILMS A KENDRICK BROTHERS PRODUCTION "COURAGEOUS"
WRITTEN BY MARK WILLARD DIRECTED BY TERRI CATT PRODUCED BY ALEX KENDRICK STEPHEN HULLFISH BILL EBEL EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS DARIAN CORLEY SHEILA McBRIDE PRODUCED BY BOB SCOTT ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS DENNIS WIEMER LARRY FRENZEL
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IN THEATERS 9.30 AFFIRM FILMS
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This film has the opportunity to impact families for the Kingdom of God in a significant way!

SHOWING SEPTEMBER 30th & OCTOBER 1st

The popularity of the first weekend of its showing determines how many theaters will carry the movie and how long it will show. We are encouraging members to attend and bring an un-churched friend.

**THE CHILDREN'S MINISTER
FROM BRO. RUSS PRICE**

Canaan Family,

It's that time of year again. Football has started and winter is quickly approaching, so that must mean that the *Hallelujah Carnival* is near. Our *Hallelujah Carnival* will take place on **Monday, October 31**, from **6:30-8:30pm**. Please be in prayer on how God can use you and your Sunday School Class to show Jesus to our Jerusalem. This year, we have added games to go along with our trunks to make it more like a carnival atmosphere. We will also be offering popcorn, cotton candy, and water. If you or your Sunday School Class would like to host a game or trunk please sign up at the Welcome Center Desk. *I would like to thank you in advance for giving your time and effort for this great evangelistic night.* **We will also be collecting 2 liter drinks and candy at the Welcome Center Desk.** Your donations and support are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping out in any way please, contact Debbie Phillips or myself.

I am truly grateful to be on this Journey with the Family of Families.

Bro. Russ

You Have a Special Invitation

**To join
Amanda Todd
and**

**Michael Mann
In their Wedding Ceremony
at**

**Canaan Baptist Church
Saturday, October 1, 2011
2:00 P.M.**





Our Journey Challenge Update

Possible Sanctuary Improvements

One of the suggestions of the Our Journey Challenge Steering Committee is to include some much-needed improvements to the inside and outside of our Sanctuary. Our modern, multipurpose, Preschool/Children's Building provides exceptional facilities for young families. However, most of the new families' first impression of our church occurs in the Sanctuary. While we are all proud of our beautiful worship center, we would all agree it needs to be kept fresh and appealing to first time guests.

Our third Challenge to Build Program's primary purpose is to alleviate our debt. While necessary, a debt retirement program alone is probably not appealing to all members. Those without children or those that are new to our church may not see the need. A program that would include a sanctuary facelift could excite all of our members, encouraging sacrificial giving on all levels, creating the potential for our best program ever.

Our Victory Goal of \$750,000 (a little more than we will receive from our current BTF program) would service the debt. However, **if we reach our Challenge Goal of \$900,000 in commitments, we would service the debt and enable address sanctuary improvements.** Those improvements would first be prioritized by the Building Team and then approved by the church in the Church Conference. Secondly, we would only address those improvements in order as the money was accumulated in excess of our mortgage payments (*a two month reserve would be kept in the bank*). Debt retirement would remain the #1 priority.

This blended concept would keep the program fresh and before the people. After each project is completed, the congregation would be challenged to remain faithful in giving enabling us to complete the next project. This could keep members engaged and alleviate the fall off in giving that occurs towards the end of most CTB programs.

Note: Our "Operation First Impression" would continue simultaneously to improve other areas of our church campus. Some of the projects we've completed to date include the renovation of our S.S. Classes upstairs in the Worship Center, the entrance to the FLC, the Youth S.S. area and we are currently working on EB 400 S.S. classes. Other projects are on the drawing board. Most of this work is accomplished by members while incurring little cost to the church.

From Our Journey Challenge Steering Committee



"The Gathering"

Featuring: Dr. Dennis Swanburg
The Minister of Encouragement
& our OJC Steering Committee

Wonderful fellowship to follow with
light refreshments provided by the
church.

Event for members only!

Rides will be available for Senior Adults. Call the church office (425.4381).

Dates to Remember

- Hostess called RSVP deadline for "The Gathering" October 2.
- Advance Commitment Visitation, September 26-October 7.
- Commitment Visitation Training, October 4, 6:30pm.

"The Gathering" Sunday, October 9, 6:00pm.

Victory Sunday, October 23rd!

You should have received your "Our Journey Challenge" Brochure.

If yours was lost in the mail, please pick one up in the church office, M-Th, 8-5pm.



Our Journey Challenge Goals

Victory: \$750,000
Challenge: \$900,000
Hallelujah: \$1,250,000

Over the past three weeks, we have asked every household to pray for the program and how God would direct you to give!

**May God direct us as we sacrificially commit to...
*Our Journey Challenge!***

Journal Publication Requirements

All articles must be in by Thursday, to make publication the following week.

From The Editor

- 1. KEYBOX CODES FOR OCTOBER** - If you have a need to access the church buildings after normal office hours — *contact the office during office hours to obtain the appropriate codes.*
- 2. FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE** available at the welcome center.
MINISTRY TEAMS, Please check your mailboxes in the mailroom **WEEKLY.**
- 3. CBC WEBSITE** - Login to our website for our membership directory.
- 4. ARE YOU GETTING YOUR Offering Envelopes or your newsletter "The Journal"?** If not, contact the church office.



A special gift was received for the:

- BTF from Carl & Patsy Gamble in loving memory of Alma Blackerby.

Sunday School Multiplied

two new classes:

August 7, Med. Dept, Bob Fox Class
and September 18, Young Dept,
David Roy Class.

BIRTHDAYS

In the Canaan family, Sept 30 - Oct 6

Faye McRee (9-30)	Wendy Lagrone (10-3)
Edith Wallace (9-30)	Stefane' Glover (10-3)
Mark Lambert (9-30)	Wayne Woodward (10-4)
Ron Nickless (9-30)	Diana Martin (10-4)
Karen Keller (9-30)	Rodney Rogers (10-4)
Phillip Richardson (9-30)	Jill Tyler (10-4)
Bailey Price (9-30)	Kendra Morrison (10-4)
Jan Creighton (10-1)	Ryan McLaughlin (10-4)
Charles Langley (10-1)	Janice Gary (10-5)
Morgan Hyde (10-1)	Sue Parker (10-5)
Stephanie Keller (10-1)	Joshua Watkins (10-5)
Joy Dao (10-2)	Matthew Teague (10-5)
Wally Wise (10-2)	Randy Williams (10-6)
Cecil Popee (10-2)	Annette Roose (10-6)
Dawn Wall (10-2)	Chelsea Lee (10-6)
Carolyn Davis (10-3)	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

THE SHEPHERD'S JOURNAL FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

Purpose Brings Peace

"Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; Praise from the upright is beautiful..." **Psalm 33:1**

The one who finds their purpose in life will enjoy His peace throughout life. We're having a wonderful time on Sunday mornings exploring our purpose on the planet. God reveals in His Word that He's given each of His children a future worth living. In Romans we discovered our goal in this life – to be conformed into the image of Christ. It all begins by being a person of praise (Psalm 34). God created and redeemed us for a relationship that manifests itself in worship. While we're created for worship, God's stunning majesty and ravishing Grace compel us to be worshippers. Finally, last Sunday, Jesus challenged us through the moving story of the Samaritan leper (Luke 17). God is calling His Church to be committed to passionate public worship. Our experience together on Sunday prepares us for what will happen in life on Monday. Invite a friend and join us Sunday as we explore **Our Place in His Family.**

The **Gathering (October 9th)** is but two Sundays away! This promises to be a most memorable evening in the life of Canaan. While the children enjoy their programs and the youth gather in the Family Chapel, our adults will assemble in the Sanctuary. Dennis Swanberg, *The Minister of Encouragement*, will be our special guest. We will laugh till we cry and then God will use Bro Dennis to challenge each of us. We'll enjoy special music and testimony as our OJC Steering Committee briefs us on the progress of the campaign. One of the highlights of the evening will be hearing the Advanced Commitment totals. While there will be no solicitation, commitment cards will be available for those who are ready. The evening will end with a catered fellowship in the Family Life Center.

Let me make you aware that our church has a strategic parcel of land for sale. Across from the Sanctuary, the church has approximately 1.5 acres of land we're trying to sell (as directed by the church body). Please join us in praying that the Father would send the right kind of buyer. The sale of this land would enable us to pay off one of our two notes on the Children's Building. This would free up significantly more money to pay on the remaining principle.

Thank you Sheila and YAH Choir for a wonderful evening of worship, last Sunday!

Teachers remember to contact absentees weekly and everyone monthly!

Your partner in the Journey,
Bro. Morgan

Copies of Church Conference
& Financial Report
can be found at The Welcome Center.



ENCOURAGING

YOUNG WOMEN

"...Encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children."
Titus 2:4

Thursday, September 29

11:00am - 1:00pm

Family Chapel / \$5 Donation

Childcare provided

For more information, Call Angela Price
(266.3218)

GROWTH GROUPS

- Family Milestones
- America's Godly Heritage, EB 300
- New Wednesday Women Study begins
Sept 28 "A Different Kind of Wild: Is Your Faith Too Tame?"



Adult \$3.50 / Child \$2.50

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie,
Slaw, Fruit Salad & Dessert.

Wednesday Night Meal, October 5. RSVP weekly by noon on Monday or signup on permanent list which agrees to pay weekly, unless office is notified by noon on Mondays. Take-outs are discouraged. Thank you!

SUNDAY INVOLVEMENT SEPTEMBER 25

Morning Worship

9:00am	157
10:30am	195
Preschool Care	49
Children	35
Total	436

Discipleship Training.....232

Bible Study 407

Ministry Budget Offering Rec'd \$14,203.92

2011 Budget Offering Req. Wkly \$17,633.67

Bridge to the Future Received (166 Commitments).....

\$799,000.00

BTF Offering 151wks of 156 wks \$643,830.56

BTF Offering Received this week \$4,485.28

"Property & Building" to date \$14,898.00