

Celebrating 15 Years of God's Grace

Over the last fifteen years, God has favored the relationship and collaboration between the Canaanites and the Brennan Family. As “the Gem of Germantown,” we have grown in numerous ways including the following:

- Launching the Unity Worship service with new elements, including musician accompanied praise and worship, an instrumental band every Sunday, vocal directors for each music ministry, Diaconate Prayer Intercession, Pass the Peace, Greeters, Praise Dance, and Mime. Consequently, over 1000 New Disciples have joined Canaan since 2006!
- Implementing a leading edge new disciples' curriculum and Friends in the Family Mentorship ministry both of which are vastly increasing the retention of new Canaanites.
- Opening the Canaan Family Life Center, a 501C3 Human Services Ministry that serves over 2500 guests annually.
- Casting a multi-year purpose oriented macro-vision through 2022 with an annual themed mission statement, with the 2020 theme “Harvest Workers!” Creating, affirming and implementing a Strategic Plan that will guide Canaan through the year 2022 and beyond.
- Completing stewardship/infrastructure initiatives including electronic giving, an independent financial audit, a new church constitution, bible-laws, policies, procedures, and a ministry procedure manual.
- Fully revamping the church website, updating the church logo, establishing a Social Media presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.
- Renovating the Fellowship Hall including the purchase of a new sound system, purchasing a new bus, a new telephone system, and securing a McDonald's Grant to install a computer lab.
- Launching new ministries including Uganda Mission Project, Greeters, Tower of Hope, Sisters Returning, Chosen 300, the Pennsylvania Keystone Baptist Association, Friends in the Family, Male and Female Mentoring, Teen Worship at Mickey D's, Young Adult Praise Ministry, Fitness Ministry, Domestic Violence Ministry, Agriculture Ministry and Leaders In Training (LIT) Ministry.
- Introducing and utilizing church wide daily devotions, Encounter with God, Discovery, and Word for Today. Facilitating life application and curriculum based Bible Study for all ages, including adding multiple class Tuesday Night Bible Study, Sunday Morning Bible Study and a Youth and Young Adult Study.
- Implementing additional communal prayer opportunities such as Daily Noonday, Wednesday early morning, Monthly Midnight, Sunday morning and 4th Sunday Altar Prayer.
- Staffing the church for growth by hiring a full-time Director of Operations.
- Creating the GEM Endowment Fund to provide ongoing financial support to enable our witness of God's love through Jesus Christ by ministering to the needs of people within and outside of Canaan.
- In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, overseeing and implementing several key initiatives including:
 - Hosting a COVID-19 Testing Clinic in conjunction with the Black Doctor's Consortium and the Mastery Charter School Pickett Campus.
 - Partnering with Chestnut Hill Hospital, the Lehigh Pharmacy, Walmart and the Phila. Dept. of Health to distribute COVID-19 vaccinations to Canaanites and the community.

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- Overseeing, coordinating, and serving during twice monthly drive-throughs to provide service to the community and to maintain a sense of connection with the Canaan family.
 - Since starting in September 2020 - 4,290 grocery boxes distributed to the Canaanites, community members, and community organizations. The equivalent to 153,600 pounds or ~77 tons of food. Canaan also gave away 299 ShopRite gift cards valued at \$30.00 each for a total value of \$8,970.00.
- Transitioning Canaan's core spiritual formation processes (worship, evangelism, prayer, bible study, ministry, fellowship and giving) to virtual platforms.
- Maintaining the employment of all essential employees without altering their compensation or benefits.
- Installing new audio, lighting, and streaming systems to enhance worship and other sanctuary activities. Worship services are now streamed live around the globe.
- Finalizing plans to purchase video screens for the main sanctuary.
- With Mrs. Brennan's servant leadership, extensive renovations have been completed at 302 and 304 Schoolhouse Lane and 315 Winona Street.
 - Monthly rent payments: Total \$2990 at 315 Winona, \$1030 302 W SHL and \$3340 304 W SHL. For all three properties the rents currently total \$7360 per month or \$88,320 per year
 - Renovations are in progress at 244 SHL. The contractor projects completion by the end of the 4th quarter. The projected rent for 244 W SHL is \$3000 per month for 5 co-share work spaces or \$36,000 per year beginning 1st quarter of 2022
 - The total rent per year \$124,320
 - According to one of our realtors, with the renovations, the 5 properties are now valued at approximately \$2.5 million with more than \$2 million dollars in appreciation. Properties have \$2.25 million in equity and \$1.75 million in equity available to leverage. For any future borrowing this gives Canaan the ability to not have to put a loan on the church. Properties along with endowment help to secure Canaan's financial future for years to come.
- Completing a 7 year \$2.25 million dollar plus capital campaign, while concurrently increasing tithes and offerings. Inspiring Canaanites to sacrificially contribute despite the worst global economy in the last seventy-five years. The Campaign results included: Restoring and Beautifying our historic sanctuary and bell tower. Increasing our non- church building real estate assets to over \$2.5 million dollars by purchasing 300 Schoolhouse Lane.
- Tithing 10% of Canaan's annual budget to local, national, and international missions and community based organizations.