

~OUR SPEAKER~
Elder Tresa D. Beaufort



Elder Tresa D. Beaufort is a native of Columbia, South Carolina, and a devoted servant of God, led by the Holy Spirit. With a heart full of compassion, she ministers in a way that transforms lives—bringing healing, restoration, and renewal through the Word and the blood of Jesus Christ.

In April 1998, God entrusted her with a vision that birthed *Bread of Heaven Ministries*, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Through this ministry, Elder Beaufort has faithfully fed God’s people both spiritually and physically, leading many souls to salvation. Her obedience to her calling has compelled countless individuals to repent, accept Jesus Christ, and walk in the power of a transformed life.

Elder Beaufort accepted her call to ministry in June 2003, was licensed that same year, and ordained as an Elder in March 2011. She serves faithfully at Zion Canaan Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina, under the leadership of Rev. Eugene Miller. Born and raised in Zion Canaan, she was nurtured under the late Dr. M.C. Fennell, who instilled in her the heart of a missionary, and Pastor Emeritus Bobby L. Smith, who taught her the urgency of evangelizing the lost.

She also acknowledges the spiritual impartation of Apostle Gwendolyn Taylor, who inspired her to cultivate a strong prayer life, and honors her spiritual mother, Mother Geneva Leysath, whose teaching and example laid the foundation for her intercessory prayer ministry.

Professionally, Elder Beaufort serves as a Program Manager at the University of South Carolina, leading a team that provides services to childcare centers and schools across the state. She holds an Associate of Arts in Public Service, and Associate degree in Early Childhood Education from Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and a master’s degree in early childhood education from Capella University.

She is married to the wonderful Herman T. Beaufort and is the proud mother of four children Arkevia, James, Jalynn, and Judah—and delights in her wonderful grandchildren.

Standing firmly on Romans 10:13, *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved,”* Elder Beaufort remains confident and equipped for her divine assignment. Humbled by God’s grace, she extends that same grace to all she encounters. One of her favorite sayings is “God is God!” Though she wears many hats and carries many titles, she treasures most the one God gave her—*Evangelist*. Her ultimate desire is that God receives all the glory from her life as she continues to walk in integrity and holiness before Him.

Order of Celebration
“128 Years – Still Keeping the Faith”
Scripture – Mark 11:22

~Minister Hilliard Reeves Presiding~

Enter to Worship

Devotions.....Deacon Ministry
 Call to Worship/LitanyMinister Hilliard Reeves
Associate Minister Zion Canaan Baptist Church
 129th Church Anniversary Reflection..... Mother Esther Ruth Sims
 Praise and Worship Church Choir
 Welcome/Occasion Sister Kimberly Cobb
Great, great, great-granddaughter of the Founders

Offering

Offering with Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Eugene Miller
 Offertory Response..... “Praise God”
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Worship thru the Spoken Word

Introduction of Speaker Ms. Sandra Richardson
Great, great- granddaughter of the Founders
 Hymn of PreparationChurch Choir
 The Spoken Word..... Elder Tresa D. Beaufort
Great, great, great-granddaughter of the Founders
 Invitation to Discipleship.....Rev. Miller
 Invitational Hymn..... “Come unto Jesus”
 Closing Remarks Deacon Ronald Anderson
 Rev. Miller
 Benediction..... Elder Beaufort

To Our Visiting Worshipers

The pastor and congregation of Zion Canaan Baptist Church welcome you to this gathering of believers. May you find within our church the awareness of God’s presence and the warmth of Christian Fellowship. We invite you to come often; and when you get tired of visiting us, please **JOIN US!**

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY LITANY
Litany

Leader: A community of faith conveys God’s good news of love,
People: And leads its members along pathways of faith.

Leader: It sows seeds of life in the soil of our hearts,
People: Causing faith and hope to sprout in our souls.

Leader: This congregation has been a vehicle of God’s grace,
People: Shining God’s marvelous light across the years;

Leader: A place for growing in relationship with the Lord,
People: For living, loving, and forgiving in the spirit of Christ.

Leader: We celebrate the many members of this family of faith,
People: Who have walked with the Lord through the years.

Leader: We remember how they have blessed us so richly,
People: Conveying God’s gift of love from their hearts to our hearts.

Leader: We celebrate the gift we are to one another,
People: As we learn and grow along this spiritual journey.

Leader: We give thanks for the togetherness we feel with one another,
People: Sharing in all of life’s joys and sorrows, its victories and defeats.

Leader: It is a day of great joy in the life of this congregation,
People: As we celebrate the many lives it has already touched.

Leader: We give thanks for the Body of Christ that we are today,
People: And for what God will inspire us to become tomorrow.

Leader: In light of all that God has given us through the gift of this community of faith,
People: We joyfully dedicate ourselves to God’s work in this world to the glory of God!

All: Amen and Amen!

THE HISTORY OF ZION CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Zion Canaan Baptist Church was established in 1896, after a group of former slaves recognized the need for a place to worship. Led by the Holy Spirit, Frank Anderson and his wife, Phyllis Lawhorn Anderson, donated an acre of land they had purchased in the State Park Community. This community was sparsely populated with little community resources. With the nearest church of their faith being at least ten miles away, the need for a closer place in which to worship pressed hard on the hearts and minds of the Andersons. Soon, they found others who shared their desire for a place close by where their families could assemble for worship, praise, and communion with others in the name of God.

Although most of the community residents were of meager means, they were able to construct the church through their devout belief and faith, much hope, determination and prayer. With a sawdust floor, wooden slab benches and windows, and a door at each end of the brush arbor, they began their worship. The baptismal pool was located about three blocks behind the church in a wooded area across the railroad tracks. It was a 4' X 6' wooden structure with steps around a steady stream of spring water.

The first pastor was the Rev. Robert E. Saulters, the son-in-law of the Andersons. Services were held every other Sunday, as was the custom when ministers pastored two churches. Brother Frank Anderson was appointed the first Chairman of the Deacon Board, along with Deacons William Fair, William Warren, and Robert "Bob" Mack. Deacon Fair also served as the first Church Clerk. Sister Anderson became the "Mother of the Church" and served well until her death in 1935.

The Sunday school was established under the leadership of Rev. Saulters. Deacon Mack was its first superintendent. Mrs. Pearl Anderson became the second superintendent, and Mrs. Minnie Anderson was the Secretary – both daughters-in-law of Deacon Frank and Mrs. Anderson.

The first school in the State Park Community began in Zion Canaan Baptist Church as the Zion Canaan School. As time progressed, and the school population grew, it was moved to several other locations in the community. The school's name was later changed to Anna Boyd School, in honor of a great pioneer, philanthropist, and Christian leader, Miss Anna Love Boyd. It later became the Anna Boyd Child Development Center for many years and is presently an Alternative Middle School.

In 1917, Zion Canaan was rebuilt to become a more comfortable wooden frame building under the leadership of its second pastor, Rev. J.W. Williams. Rev. Williams served from 1915-1926.

Rev. A.P. Porter became the third pastor (1927-1941) and a new brick structure was erected in 1932. During his pastorate, the church grew spiritually and in membership.

Rev. M.P. Pearson became Zion Canaan's fourth pastor until his sudden passing in 1949, at which time the Assistant Pastor, Rev. C.J. Jackson, stepped in as interim pastor until 1951. Under Rev. Jackson's leadership, the church's Sunday School and youth involvement were emphasized. He used his Godly wisdom to lead Zion Canaan to establish spiritual goals for the church's growth.

Rev. A.P. McNeil became our fifth pastor (1951-53), during which time the Pearson Memorial Educational Building was erected in honor of the late Rev. M.P. Pearson (1952).

Under the spirit-filled leadership and guidance of our sixth pastor, Rev. M.C. Fennell, Zion Canaan grew spiritually and in membership. In his 37-year tenure, there were several structural renovations to the church and the educational buildings starting in 1970 and being completed by 1980.

In 1991, the Lord brought our seventh pastor, Rev. Bobby L. Smith, Sr. to Zion Canaan. Under his leadership, the sanctuary underwent complete

renovation, and a new educational building was erected. The church became both an incorporated and a non-profit entity, and ministries were added.

In 2007, the church, intentionally, became a purpose-driven church, recognizing that it exists for evangelism, worship, fellowship, discipleship and ministry. In 2010, the Center for Community and Family Transitions, a non-profit organization, born out of Pastor Smith's vision, was established to help deal with the problems in our community, Deacons Family Ministry, Curriculum based Bible Study, Re-established the Male Chorus and purchased additional land around the church.

Rev. Smith retired as the Shepherd of God's people after thirty (30) years of service, and in March 2023 the church welcomed and installed Rev. Eugene T. Miller as its 8th pastor. Under his leadership, the church completed the Bobby L. Smith Pavilion, named for our previous pastor, and is located on the grounds of Zion Canaan Baptist Church. Continuing under his guidance, Rev. Miller launched the church's monthly Farmer's Market, providing residents in the State Park community and surrounding areas with vendors who offer fresh produce and meats, baked goods and sweets, craft products, and more. In the short time he has been our pastor, the church membership has grown significantly.

Our congregation continues to grow spiritually and physically as God's Word is preached and taught in a mighty way. By the grace of God and our continued focus on Him, Zion Canaan Baptist Church continues to mature spiritually and grow physically as His Word is preached and taught by the power of the Holy Ghost.

HEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE SERMON



Since we forget 90% of what we hear. It has been suggested that note taking will double the percentage of our take home response. Why not try it and see.....

SCRIPTURE(S):

SUBJECT:

OUTLINE OF MAIN POINTS:

Zion Canaan Baptist Church

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Purpose Statement

To evangelize the unsaved and bring them into fellowship with other believers; equipping them to become mature Christians, cultivating their ministry gifts and providing opportunities for them to magnify God and fulfill their life mission.

October 12, 2025
11:00 A.M.

Reverend Eugene T. Miller, Pastor