

WELCOME TO OUR

# Weekly Newsletter

*we're so glad you're here!*



## An update from our Clerk

Where did the time go? Here we are at Friday once again, time for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter!

I hope all received a copy by e-mail who requested to. My sincere apologies if I missed anyone. Please bear with me as we iron out the kinks.

Just as last week, you will find a link to the last Sunday's service, as well as info about an upcoming special service! 🎄

Thank-you for reading!  
Sincerely,  
Bethany Wheaton | Clerk

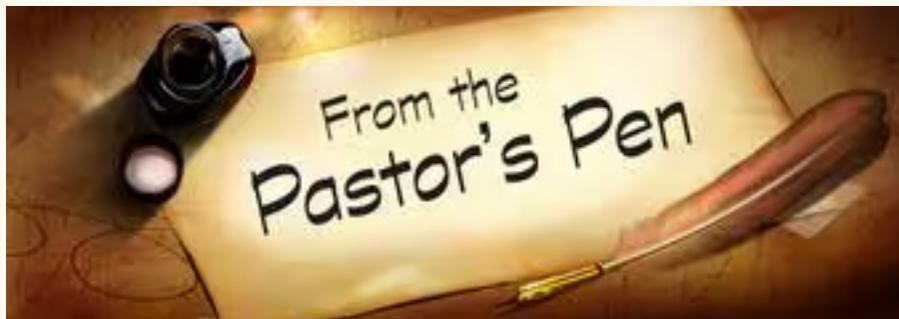
## Do you have a song in your heart?

### PASTOR STEPHEN WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

I would love to start a small praise team here at Canning Baptist Church. I am looking for those who sing and/or play an instrument? If you are interested, come talk to me.

Also – if you have a song you would like to share, please let me know. Music is such a gift from God, let us use our gifts to bring glory to Him.





## Slowing Down For Christmas

*Don't go chasin' waterfalls*

*Please stick to the rivers and the lakes that you're used to  
I know that you're gonna have it your way or nothing at all  
But I think you're movin' too fast, movin' too fast*

I always struggle to get into the "Christmas Spirit" this time of year. Most years, Christmas comes and goes, and I wonder if I had gotten in the spirit for it at all. To this year, I've resolved to slow down a little bit. To take the season in as much as I can, because life these days is fast paced, and to try not to see Christmas this year, as work.

As I mentioned, life is fast paced, and there is so much going on in the world, it can be hard to keep our focus. One of the ways I am slowing down this year is by hand writing my scripture passages and sermons for Advent, but even then distraction comes in. My hand hurts as I'm not used to handwriting, and so I'll put the pen down and I'm immediately distracted by my phone, or laptop, or someone walking into the office. I am just as guilty of being unable to slow down as anyone else. Life seems like a lot right now, and it is hard to stop looking around, and to start looking at what's right in front of us.

This constant distraction is a bigger problem than we realize sometimes. Distraction is all around us, in our homes, in our cars, in our pockets. It causes accidents, arguments, and tends to set us against each other. Instead of having conversation, we now retreat, seeking after this comfortable numbness, hoping that things will just blow over. For a lot of us, this comfortable numbness is better than facing the world around us. We've become so focused on distraction, that we no longer see the world right in front of us.

Faith however calls us to take our heads out of the sand. Paul outlines for us well that we are to keep sober (awake in the time we live in) and to not just exist in the world, but to act as agents for God. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11) To put away our distractions and see the people around us. To not be influenced by social media, and meet people for who they are. To spend a few minutes in silence, with nothing to focus on but our own thoughts (can you imagine?!?).

Unless we slow down a little bit, we won't see Christmas. And if we keep it up, we will miss a whole lot more through the year. We need to wake up, read a book, go out for coffee, and better ourselves again. In saying this, I sound and feel like an old man, but I think that things are a bit fast for me right now. I am going to focus on where I am, and make the biggest impact I can, where I am.

# Decorating Our Sanctuary for Christmas

A few of us got together recently to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas 2025. We also had a time of fellowship with sweets & hot chocolate afterwards. And though only a few came out, we had a great time together.



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## Past Services

Below is a link to our recent service which was held at Canning Baptist Church on December 7th 2025.

[CLICK HERE](#)

## Upcoming Services

Please join us on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 6PM for our Christmas Eve Service where we will be singing carols and celebrating the birth of our Lord & Savior. Please invite a friend or family member!

# Upcoming Events & Announcements

- "Faith and Fact" meets Monday nights at 6PM.
- · Homeschool Group and Homeschool Co-Op have finished for this year. They will both resume the week of January 13<sup>th</sup> 2026.
- ·The Men's Group meets Tuesdays at 7pm at the "Barndominium" (Ask Jonathan for directions)
- ·Chair Exercise with Robin meets here on Thursdays from 1:30–2:30 PM
- Prayer Meeting is Thursday nights at 6PM.
- ·Winter is coming and this can mean extra challenges for many folks. If you are able, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the food pantry located just outside the church.
- ·We are excited once again to bless those who are having a difficult time this season. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary for those able to donate ingredients to the Christmas baskets. Thank you in advance for your contributions.



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**HAVE A QUESTION? NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH SOMEONE?**

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