

Salem Missionary Baptist Church
305 E. 21st St. Brooklyn, N.Y.
Dr. James A. Thornton, D. Min., Pastor
Dr. Thomas J. Boyd, D.D., Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Betty Holley, D. Min., Associate Minister

A Message from the Pastor

Today is the first Sunday in Lent. The Lenten Season is a time that calls us to look introspectively at our lives to the end that we ask God to enable us to rid ourselves of the things that separate us from His love, grace and mercy. As you know, the Lenten Season began on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

We learned, during this service, that Lent and the ashes symbolize a new beginning as we burn those things in our lives that displease God and allow the new wonderful things that God has for us to spring forth out of the ashes. My prayer, for each of us during this Lenten Season, is that we will adhere to the prayer of David found in Psalm 51 with particular emphasis on verse 10 where the Psalmist cries out, “create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

Salem, as you are aware, we are celebrating our 100th year as the church of Christ. Our theme is, “**Remembering, Rejoicing, Renewing**” (Psalm 100). It is my fervent hope that, as we celebrate the Holy Communion today, we **remember** the great sacrifice and unconditional love that God has for each of us which is manifested in the incarnation and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. May we **rejoice** in the fact that we have been redeemed because of the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Finally, I know that as we walk with the Savior during this Lenten Season, we will be **renewed**, afresh and anew, as disciples of Jesus Christ causing others to know that He lives.

Let’s continue to walk together Salem. It’s really true, “eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has it entered into the hearts of men what God has in store for those who love Him.

Love,
Pastor Thornton

Sunday, February 21, 2010

First Sunday of Lent

Order of Service

Music: The Senior Choir and The Gospel Chorus

10:15 A.MDevotional Prayer Service

10:40 A.MOrgan Prelude.....Dr. Moses Telford

10:45 A.M.....Call to Worship

* *Processional*.....“At The Cross” #389

Morning Prayer

Chant“Lord Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary”

* *Morning Hymn*“Father, I Stretch My Hands To Thee” #258

Scripture.....Matthew 26:14-45

Chant..... “He Is Lord”

Home Mission Offering

Offering for The Building Renovation Fund

Offering for The Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund

Anthem“I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”

Welcome to Visitors

Sharing the Sign of Peace

Selection.....“That’s What I Believe”

Sermon.....“Coping In The Crushing Lane”
Pastor James Thornton

* *The Invitation to Discipleship*.....“Just As I Am” #265

Offertory Prayer

* *The Reception of Tithes & Offerings*

Offering Selection

Doxology..... “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”
(*Congregation Stands*)

The Lighting of the Candles

The Bread – “My Faith Has Found A Resting Place”

The Cup – “Lamb Of God”

The Contemplation

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

The Covenant (Responsive)

The Hymn of Communion..... “He’s Sweet I Know”

Benediction

Congregation Stands

THE COMMON PEOPLE HEARD HIM GLADLY

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Cell Phones

Please turn off all cell phones when you enter the church.

1:30 p.m. - B.T.U. and New Members’ Classes (3rd floor classrooms)

Meeting After the Morning Worship Service

Minister Aisha Taylor would like to meet with all youth (ages 12-18) and their parents immediately following the morning worship service in the Eugenie Boyd Memorial Chapel in preparation for Youth Day which will be Sunday, March 14, 2010.

General Missionary Society

The 2010 100th Anniversary calendars will be available for distribution to Missionary Circle leaders and individuals who purchased calendars immediately after the morning worship service in the lobby of the James E. Thompson Auditorium.

A Special Invitation!

Pastor Thornton has received an invitation to preach at the Thomas J. Boyd Chapel at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina on their Annual Thomas J. Boyd Sunday, March 21, 2010. The Pastor is inviting the officers, members and friends of the Salem Family to share this special moment with him and the Shaw University Family.

A bus will be departing from Salem on Saturday, March 20th at 4:30 a.m. and returning on Monday, March 22nd. The following fees include round-trip transportation and hotel:

Single room	\$373.00	
2 in a room	\$249.00	per person
3 in a room	\$209.00	per person
4 in a room	\$189.00	per person

A deposit is due as soon as possible to reserve your seats and hotel rooms. For additional information, please see Sis. Beverly Glenn or any member of the Lily of the Valley Club.

100th Anniversary Journal/Publicity Committee

Sis. Lelia Daughtry and Sis. Cora Cotton will be accepting ad and booster submissions for the 100th Anniversary Journal on Sundays immediately following the morning worship service in the East 21st Street Lobby.

All individuals who have been members of Salem for 40 years or longer are asked to please submit your name and a contact telephone number to the church office as soon as possible.

Athletic Department

Any youth (ages 7 thru 14) interested in learning how to play basketball,

can attend a basketball clinic each Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please see Deacon Lexie Dumas for further information.

Black History Celebration

The C.B.C.E. Black History Committee will be presenting a Black History Program, next Sunday, February 28, 2010, during the dinner and fellowship hour, immediately following the morning worship service in the James E. Thompson Auditorium.

OUR CHURCH COVENANT

“And they entered into covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul”

II Chronicles 15:12

PASTOR: *Through what experience and under what leadership are we brought into covenant with one another?*

PEOPLE: **Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.**

PASTOR: *As members of this church, desiring above all things that it be Holy and without blemish, doing Christ’s work in the world, what solemn vows do we make?*

PEOPLE: **We promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit to forsake the paths of sin, and to walk in the ways of holiness all the days of our lives.**

PASTOR: *What are some of our privileges and duties in this our church?*

PEOPLE: **With this view, we engage to strive together for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines.**

PASTOR: *For the sake of our home and loved ones, what do we humbly assume?*

PEOPLE: **We engage to maintain family and secret devotions, to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our acquaintances.**

PASTOR: *For the sake of the unsaved for whom Christ died, to what manner of life and conversation are we solemnly pledged?*

PEOPLE: **To walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.**

PASTOR: *Since one is our master, even Christ, and all we are brethren, by what fraternal ministries are we to strengthen each other and adorn the teachings of our Saviour?*

PEOPLE: **We further agree to walk together in Christian love and watchfulness, giving and receiving admonition with meekness and affection; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and**

courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

PASTOR: *For the good of our spiritual development, and for the best interests of the master's kingdom, what do we promise to do, if we move beyond the reach of this church?*

PEOPLE: **We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.**

ALL: HUMBLY CONFESSING OUR PAST SINS, WE PRAY FOR GRACE AND STRENGTH TO KEEP THESE OUR HOLY VOWS: LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THE MEDITATIONS OF MY HEART, BE ACCEPTABLE IN THY SIGHT, O LORD, MY STRENGTH AND MY REDEEMER, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN

Birthday Greetings

Sis. Emma Hall – Feb. 24

CDs Available

Please be advised that CDs of the Morning Service are available for purchase immediately after the morning worship for the modest cost of only \$5.00.

College Fair

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter) will be hosting a College Fair on Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Boys and Girls High School located at 1700 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. (between Schenectady and Utica Avenues). Representatives from historically black colleges and universities will be there to provide information regarding recruitment, counseling, careers and other related subjects.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday – 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Church phone - (718) 287-1783

Drones Club

You are invited to join the Drones Club for a Gospel Music Cruise, on the Spirit of Philadelphia, on Saturday, April 17, 2010. You will enjoy a delightful buffet luncheon with live gospel music followed by shopping time at the Philadelphia Premium Outlets. A bus will depart from Salem at 7:45 a.m. sharp. The donation is \$105.00 per person. A deposit of \$35.00 is due by Sunday, February 28, 2010 and the balance is due by Sunday, April 11, 2010. For your convenience, the donation may be paid in installments. Please contact Sis. Jacquelin Bholá at 718-856-4483, Sis. Joyce Powell at 347-415-1751, Sis. Corine Luke at 718-469-9812 or any member of the Drones Club for additional information.

Scholarships

Through its Education and Leadership Development Program, the Jackie Robinson Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$7,500.00 annually to minority high school students showing leadership potential and demonstrating financial need to attend an accredited four-year college or university. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2010. For a detailed description of application requirements, please visit the scholarship website: www.jackierobinson.org.

Each year Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter, provides \$1,000.00 - \$2,000.00 scholarship awards to high school and college students who reside in the borough of Brooklyn. Applicants must be full-time students with grade point averages of 2.5 each semester based on a 4.0 system. All completed applications must be received by April 1, 2010. You may pick up an application from the church office.

Life Enrichment Services

Our Nutrition and Health Program will begin on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. There will be 8 to 10 two-hour sessions where you can learn healthy menu planning, how to shop for nutritious groceries, food preparation, fitness and more. To register or for additional information, please visit the Life Enrichment Services office which is located on the first floor next to the elevator.

Blood pressure testing and monitoring services are available every 2nd and 4th Sunday immediately after the morning worship service.

Lily of the Valley Club

The Lily of the Valley Club will be meeting on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Official Boards/Multipurpose room.

Prayer Room

The Prayer Room is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and all day Sunday. Take the elevator to 2M.

Prayer Support Group

There is a Prayer Box in the entrance area on the corner of East 21st St. and Albemarle Rd. Our special Support Group, which meets every 4th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., will be happy to receive your prayer requests.

Rules Governing Sickness and Holy Communion

If you become ill, and wish the Pastor or Officers to visit you, or wish it published in the Bulletin, you or an authorized member of your family, must request this service from the church office.

Scout Meetings

The Boy Scouts (ages 11-16) meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Cub Scouts (ages 7-10) meet on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts please come in or see Dea. Charles Ellis for details.

Would you like to support the Scouts and save more than you spend?

The Boy Scouts are selling ***Entertainment Discount Books*** which contain coupons for discounts at hotels, airlines, movie theaters, TGI Fridays, Dominoes, Pizza Hut, Fine Dining, Museums, Clothing Stores (New York & Company) and more. Please see Dea. Charles Ellis or Bro. Joseph Carey for additional information.

Senior Choir – Feast of the Seven Tables

The Senior Choir is endeavoring to present an adaptation of a play entitled “*Jesus Freaks*” during their Feast of The Seven Tables on Sunday, April 25, 2010. They are looking for actors and actresses between the ages of 12 and 70 to participate in this production. Sis. Adriane Zacharoff will be conducting auditions for cast members, ages 12-25, on Wednesday, February 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Friday, February 26th from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for actors and actresses ages 25-70. Cast breakdown and audition material is available in the church office.

Sick Committee

Deac. Virginia McCall – 570-619-5453

Church Office – 718-287-1783 (between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.)

Tract Ministry

Salem Missionary Baptist Church has a Tract Ministry coordinated by the Evangelistic Ministry and the Helping Hands Committee. Tracts are available in both vestibules and in the lower level for your convenience. As you spread the “Good News” of Jesus Christ and witness of His Saving Power, share a tract. “Go Ye Therefore...”Matthew 28:19.

Use of Church

Any organization of Salem, wishing to use the church, kitchen or dining room for meetings, practices, rehearsals, or other activities, must notify the church office in writing at least, one week in advance. You should not assume that you have automatic access to the kitchen or dining areas because you are scheduled to serve dinners on Sunday. Other groups may be using the facilities and your presence may inconvenience them.

Vouchers

All organizational leaders, presidents of clubs and auxiliaries and persons responsible for special projects who are requesting funds from the church, must fill out and submit a Voucher Form to the church office. Requests must be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the date for which funds are needed.

If your organization does not have funds in its treasury, your request must be submitted as a request for an advance, which must be repaid. If you are unsure regarding the availability of funds, please make an appointment to see Deacon Christian Anderson (Fiscal Manager) prior to making your request.

Young Lights for Christ - Young Adult Missionary Circle

Attention Young Adults (16-30 years old)! If you want to share your love and light with others and are looking for a way to use your gifts, then The Young Lights for Christ are looking for you! If you are interested in joining The Young Lights for Christ or for further information, please contact Sis. Monique Morman at 718-940-0789 or leave your name and telephone number in the church office.

Youth Day 2010

The youth of Salem are busy preparing for what promises to be our best Youth Day Ever. In honor of our church's 100th Anniversary, we have chosen the theme “*Rejoicing, Renewing, and Remembering God in our Youth*” (Ecclesiastes 12:1). We have several events planned and would love the support of our Salem Family. Please save the following dates:

Friday, March 5, 2010 - 7:30 p.m. - Youth Day Basketball Game
\$3.00 donation (refreshments will be sold).

Friday, March 12, 2010 - 7:30 p.m. - 5th Annual Y.E.L.L. (Youth Expressing their Love for the Lord) Gospelfest (Free-will Offering).

Sunday, March 14, 2010 - 1:30 p.m. - Youth Day Afternoon Program.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be blessed! You can see our Youth Day Chairpersons, Bro. Oghenero Gbaje and Sis. Ejiro Gbaje, for additional information.

2010 Weekly Offering Envelopes

All members who have turned in their 2010 registration slips can pick up their new Weekly Offering Envelopes, after the morning worship service, in the Official Boards/Multipurpose room. If you did not turn in a Request Slip, please do so today, so that your envelopes will be ready for you next Sunday. Registration slips are available in the church office.

Coming Events

Wed.	Feb.	24	6:00 p.m. - Youth Council - Senior Choir play auditions 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Thu.	Feb.	25	12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer 1:00 p.m. - Nutrition & Health Program 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts meeting 7:00 p.m. - Gospel Chorus rehearsal 8:30 p.m. - Senior Choir rehearsal
Fri.	Feb.	26	6:45 p.m. - Senior Choir play auditions
Sat.	Feb.	27	9:00 a.m. - Basketball Training 10:00 a.m. - Junior Choir rehearsal 10:30 a.m. - Lily of the Valley Club meeting 11:00 a.m. - Cub Scout meeting 11:30 a.m. - Young Adult Choir rehearsal 2:30 p.m. - Senior Ushers' meeting
Sun.	Feb.	28	9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service 1:30 p.m. - B.T.U. and New Members' classes - Black History Dinner and Program
Wed.	Mar.	3	7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Thu.	Mar.	4	12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts meeting 7:00 p.m. - Gospel Chorus rehearsal 8:30 p.m. - Senior Choir rehearsal
Fri.	Mar.	5	7:30 p.m. - Youth Day Basketball game
Sat.	Mar.	6	9:00 a.m. - Basketball Training 10:00 a.m. - Junior Choir rehearsal 11:00 a.m. - Cub Scout meeting 11:30 a.m. - Young Adult Choir rehearsal
Sun.	Mar.	7	9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service 1:30 p.m. - B.T.U. and New Members' classes - Life Enrich. Svcs. - Go Red Sunday
Wed.	Mar.	10	7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Thu.	Mar.	11	12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer

6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts meeting
 7:00 p.m. – Gospel Chorus rehearsal
 8:30 p.m. – Senior Choir rehearsal
 Fri. Mar. 12 7:30 p.m. – 5th Annual Youth Gospelfest
 Sat. Mar. 13 9:00 a.m. – Basketball Training
 10:00 a.m. - Executive Board Missionary meeting
 - Junior Choir rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. - Cub Scout meeting
 11:30 a.m. - General Missionary Society meeting
 - Young Adult Choir rehearsal
 Sun. Mar. 14 12:00 p.m. - Drones Club chicken sale
Youth Day
 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
 1:30 p.m. - B.T.U. and New Members' classes
 - Youth Day dinner and program
 Wed. Mar. 17 7:30 p.m. – Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
 Thu. Mar. 18 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer
 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts meeting
 7:00 p.m. – Gospel Chorus rehearsal
 8:30 p.m. – Senior Choir rehearsal
 Fri. Mar. 19 7:30 p.m. – G.I.F.T. praise and worship service
 Sat. Mar. 20 9:00 a.m. – Basketball Training
 10:00 a.m. - Junior Choir rehearsal
 10:30 a.m. – Seniors for Christ meeting
 11:00 a.m. - Cub Scout meeting
 11:30 a.m. - Young Adult Choir rehearsal
 12:00 p.m. - Women's Day Kick-off
 1:00 p.m. - Floral Club meeting
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Raleigh, North Carolina
 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
 1:30 p.m. - B.T.U. and New Members' classes
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 Thu. Mar. 25 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer
 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts meeting
 7:00 p.m. – Gospel Chorus rehearsal
 8:30 p.m. – Senior Choir rehearsal
 Fri. Mar. 26 7:30 p.m. – B.E.S.T. meeting
 Sat. Mar. 27 8:00 p.m. - American Cancer Soc. screenings
 9:00 a.m. – Basketball Training
 10:00 a.m. - Junior Choir rehearsal
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