

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

It is always my joy to greet you in the Matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who assisted in any way in helping to make our Annual Scholarship Sunday a very successful one. We want to extend our gratitude to the T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation chairman, Dr. Thomas J. Boyd. A special “thank you” goes out to Dr. Dale Irving, president of New York Theological Seminary, for sharing with us a most inspiring and challenging message titled, “The Final Test.” Dr. Irving’s message challenges us to be willing and ready to give up those things that separate us from being true disciples of Jesus Christ.

As many of you know we have commenced our Summer Bible Series; where we shared on Wednesday evening the power that comes when we give, pray and fast. Today commences the first day of a twenty one day fast that I have been led through the auspices of the Holy Spirit to call the Salem Family to embark upon. I am asking that we as a church body, during this season of prayer and fasting, focus on three areas: evangelism, healing, and our youth. The biblical foundation for our walk together regarding entering into this season of meditation can be found in Mathew Chapter 6:1-18. The word declares that some things come only as a result of “prayer and fasting.”

I am more than confident that as we spend this special time with God, that our God who loves us will give us new vision and grant to us, corporately and individually, the desires of our heart.

I want to invite you to join us in our Summer Bible series where you can receive more information about how to fast, different types of fasts, and the power that comes when we give, pray and fast. Remember, more things are wrought by prayer than our finite minds can comprehend.

God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Thornton

Sunday, August 9, 2009

Order of Service

Music: The Junior Choir

10:15 A.M Devotional Prayer Service
10:40 A.MOrgan Prelude..... Dr. Moses Telford
10:45 A.M Call to Worship
* *Processional*“Jesus, the Light of the World” # 78
Morning Prayer
Chant.....“We Have Come to Worship”
**Morning Hymn*.....“No, Not One” # 139
Scripture Daniel Chapter 6
Chant.....“Spirit of the Living God”
Home Mission Offering
Offerings for Building Renovation Fund and Window Project
Notices and Announcements.....Sis. Carolyn Robinson
Welcome to Visitors
Sharing the Sign of Peace
Selection.....“My Father Knows”
Sermon.....“The Power of Prayer and Fasting”
Pastor Thornton

**The Invitation to Discipleship*.....“Yield Not to Temptation” # 577
Offertory Prayer
**The Reception of Tithes & Offerings*
Offering Selection
Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” # 4
(*Congregation Stands*)
Organ Postlude.....Dr. Moses Telford
Recessional.....“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.

There will be no B.T.U. and New Members Classes until September.

The Transforming Hour of Prayer will resume on Sunday, October 4, 2009.

In Sympathy

The pastor, officers, members and friends of the Salem Family extend our deepest sympathy to Bro. Henry Russell, whose brother, Mr. Leonard Campbell, passed last week. Funeral services for Bro. Leonard Campbell will be held in Port Antonio, Jamaica, W.I. on Sunday, August 16, 2009. Bro. Russell and family, please know that you have the sympathy and prayers of the Salem Family.

Summer Bible Study Series

Our Summer Bible Study series will continue this Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. This series will deal with ***The Importance of Fasting and Praying***. Additionally, we will discuss what the Bible has to say about debt.

Please clear your calendars and plan now to make every effort to attend. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, August 12th, 19th and 26th. Remember, the Word declares, "God's people are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

Pastor's New Members' Class

All persons who have joined the church recently and have not met with the pastor for your New Member's class are asked to meet with the pastor next Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. If your schedule does not permit you to meet at this time, please call the church office so that alternative arrangements can be made for you.

T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation

Sis. Janet Norris-Burnett is contributing \$100.00 to the T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation in honor of her birthday, which she celebrated July 24, 2009.

The Walters Family is contributing \$100.00 to the T.J. Boyd Scholarship Fund in loving memory of Bro. McErney Branch, a lovely, young intelligent scholar who departed this life all too soon.

Birthday Greetings

Master Nyansa Larrier – Aug. 12

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.

Choir Summer Schedule

August 16– Senior Choir August 23 – Men's Chorus
August 30 – T.J. Boyd Ensemble

Church Website

We are currently in the process of updating our church's website. All leaders and presidents of clubs and auxiliaries are asked to submit brief descriptions of your organizations' purpose and

goals to be posted on the website. Pictures of your organizations in action will also be greatly appreciated. All submissions should be made to the church office.

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

Evangelistic Committee

The Evangelistic Committee is requesting donations of spiral notebooks, loose-leaf binders, loose-leaf paper, pencils, pens, rulers, erasers, back packs, other miscellaneous school supplies or financial gifts for the Evangelistic Back to School Outreach on Saturday, September 5, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. You may leave your donations in the church office or see Dr. Betty Holley or Deaconess Gloria Walters. Your donations of these items or financial gifts will be greatly appreciated.

General Missionary Society

All Missionary Circle leaders are asked to please pick up their “*The Worker*” booklets from the church office as soon as possible.

Life Enrichment Services

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

The Health Department and the NYC Department for the Aging are promoting the installation of free air conditioners to low-income seniors over the age of 60. To qualify, at-risk seniors must meet income criteria and submit a health care provider’s note documenting their risk for heat-related illness. For more information, materials and applications, please call 311, visit: www.nyc.gov/health/heat or see Sis. Joyce Kee Smith.

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.

Seniors for Christ

In preparation for our Annual Seniors’ Day, Sunday, September 13, 2009, the Seniors for Christ are asking all seniors (55 years and older) to complete a special questionnaire. The answers to this questionnaire will be revealed in a presentation during the Seniors’ Day afternoon program. You may obtain a questionnaire from Sis. Veronica Alexander, any member of Seniors for Christ or the church office. Completed questionnaires should be returned by Sunday, September 6th.

Sick Committee

Deac. Virginia McCall – 718-284-0278

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

Sound Room Equipment

If you are responsible for any event that requires amplified sound (microphones, etc) you must submit a written request to the church office **at least two Sundays prior to the event**. **No one** is allowed to utilize the sound equipment or remove any microphones, stands or cables without the permission of the Sound Ministry or Pastor Thornton. All equipment must be returned to its proper place when the program ends.

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.

White Rose Club

The members of the White Rose Club invite you to join them for a fun-filled trip to Delaware on Saturday, September 5, 2009. This delightful excursion will include a professionally guided African-American Heritage tour of historic Delaware including the famous site of The Quaker Meeting House. You will also enjoy an all-you-can eat buffet luncheon and shopping time at the Dover Mall. The donation is \$112.00. The bus will be departing from Salem at 8:00 a.m. sharp. For more information, please contact Sis. Louise Barlow at 718-596-4204 or Sis. Jennifer LeGrand at 718-284-6028.

Willing Workers Club

Come celebrate ***The Miracle of Christmas*** with the Willing Workers Club at The Sight and Sound Theatre in Pennsylvania on Saturday, December 5, 2009. The donation of \$130.00 includes round-trip transportation, lunch, theatre and shopping time. For your convenience, the donation may be paid in installments as follows:

- 1st payment of \$40.00 on August 30th
- 2nd payment of \$40.00 on September 27th
- Final payment of \$50.00 on October 25th.

The bus will leave Salem at 8:00 a.m. sharp. If you are interested in joining the Willing Workers on this wonderful holiday trip, please contact Sis. Lema Cooper at 718-462-2413, Sis. Shelia Ellis at 718-337-3405, Sis. Imogene Jackson at 718-444-4560, or Sis. Norma Nibbs at 718-241-9409 for additional information.

Words of Thanks

Bro. Christopher Craighead and family extend their appreciation to Reverend Thornton and the Salem Church for the support he received to attend the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.. Your investment provided him an opportunity to develop his leadership skills and learn how our local and national representatives debate and create laws for our country.

Sis. Quynn Brock will like to thank Pastor Thornton, Reverend Boyd, and the Scholarship and Mentoring Committees for the generous support of her academic pursuit.