

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

Sunday, August 16, 2009

Order of Service

Music: The Senior Choir

10:15 A.M Devotional Prayer Service
10:40 A.MOrgan Prelude..... Dr. Moses Telford
10:45 A.MCall to Worship
* *Processional*“At the Cross” #389
Morning Prayer
Chant..... “More Love to Thee, O Christ”
**Morning Hymn*..... “God Will Take Care of You” # 488
ScripturePsalm 51
Chant..... “He Is Lord”
Home Mission Offering
Offerings for Building Renovation Fund and Window Project
Welcome to Visitors
Sharing the Sign of Peace
Selection “Go Not Far From Me, O God”
Sermon..... “An Introspective Look at Self”
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” # 4
(Congregation Stands)

The Lighting of the Candles

The Bread – “At Calvary”

The Cup – “God So Loved the World”

The Contemplation

“Christ We Do All Adore Thee”

The Covenant (Responsive – see pages 5 & 6)

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. – Junior Choir Cake Sale (Lower Dining Room)

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.

Summer Bible Study Series

Our Summer Bible Study series will continue this Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. This series is dealing with ***The Importance of Fasting and Praying***. Additionally, we are discussing what the Bible has to say about debt. 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 this 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. Vanica Robinson-Smith is donating \$100.00 to the T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation in honor of her birthday which she will celebrate on Tuesday, August 18, 2009. We wish Sis. Robinson-Smith a Happy Birthday and thank her for remembering her church in this manner.

GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE

Birthday Greetings

Sis. Tabia Robinson - Aug. 10
Sis. Carolyn E. Craighead - Aug. 11
Sis. Christine Morman - Aug. 16
Sis. Vanica Robinson-Smith - Aug. 18
Master William Long, Jr. - Aug. 18
Sis. Phyllis Larrier - Aug. 21

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 23 – Men’s Chorus	September 13 – Mass Choir
August 30 – T.J. Boyd Ensemble	September 20 – Junior Choir
September 6 – Gospel Chorus	September 27 – All Choirs

The Men’s Chorus will rehearse on Tuesday, August 18th and Thursday, August 20th at 7:30 p.m.

The T.J. Boyd Ensemble will rehearse on Tuesday August 25th and Thursday, August 27th at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Lily of the Valley Club

The members of the Lily of the Valley Club invite you to join them for a Back to School Shopping Spree at the Atlantic City Outlets in New Jersey on Saturday, August 29, 2009. The donation is \$40.00 (\$20.00 returned). The bus will leave Salem at 7:30 a.m. sharp. Tickets will be available for purchase immediately following the morning worship service in the East 21st Street vestibule. You may also see any member of the Lily of the Valley Club for additional information.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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 Brown-Jackson at 718-444-4560, or Sis. Norma Nibbs at 718-241-9409 for additional information.

Women's Day 2009

The Women's Day Team of Sis. Thelma Phillips and Sis. Delstina Kangar invites you to join them for dinner and the presentation of the movie, "*Esther*" on Sunday, August 23, 2009 immediately following the morning worship service in the James E. Thompson Auditorium. The donation is \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for seniors and children 12 years of age and under.

Words of Thanks

Bro. Natala Sebiyam and family would like to say thank you to Pastor Thornton and the Salem Family for giving him the opportunity to attend the National Youth Leadership conference in Washington, D.C. Your support allowed him to learn more about our government and encouraged him to reach further in his academic pursuits.

Expressions of gratitude to Rev. Thomas J. Boyd, Pastor Thornton, the Scholarship Committee, The Mentoring Committee and the Salem Family have been received from the following persons for the scholarships, encouragement and support they received on our Annual Scholarship Sunday, August 2, 2009:

Sis. Gizelle George
Sis. Karen Gibson

Sis. Chenise Powell
Sis. Takira Workman

Sermon Notes

Subject: _____

Scripture: _____

