

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 Awesome name of Jesus Christ.

Today marks the official end of summer as we are on the eve of Labor Day, which we will celebrate tomorrow. I pray and hope that each of you have had a wonderful summer.

As many of you know, last Sunday we ended twenty one days of fasting and praying. I was lead by the spirit of God to encourage you to pray for and focus on three areas: evangelism, healing and the wholistic well being of our young people. We are already seeing the results of God's response to our prayers. We have witnessed people coming forward to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We have received testimonies of God's healing hand upon some who have been ill, and we are witnessing many young people heading to college for the first time. All we can say is, "to God be the glory!"

I want to ask us now to turn our attention to our Annual Homecoming Sunday, which will be Sunday, September 27, 2009. Our theme this year is "The Joy of Coming Home." I hope that each of you will clear your calendar and plan to be a part of what promises to be one of our best homecoming celebrations to date. We will observe the two ordinances of our church at this celebration, Baptism and Holy Communion. As you know, we will have a wonderful dinner together as a family immediately following the morning worship experience.

I am also asking each of us to invite our families and friends to share with us and experience the miraculous power of God, as we worship and praise our God.

As I close I want to ask that we continue to pray that God will grant us a fresh anointing as we commence our fall work.

Please know and remember that God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Thornton

Sunday, September 6, 2009

Order of Service

Music: The Gospel Chorus

10:15 A.M Devotional Prayer Service
10:40 A.MOrgan Prelude..... Dr. Moses Telford
10:45 A.MCall to Worship
* *Processional*“Let All the People Praise Thee” #12
Morning Prayer
Chant.....“Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary”
**Morning Hymn*.....“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand” #298
ScriptureGenesis Chapter 32
Chant.....“He Is Lord”
Home Mission Offering
Offerings for Building Renovation Fund and Window Project
Notices and AnnouncementsSis. Carolyn Robinson
Welcome to Visitors
Sharing the Sign of Peace
Selection.....“I Put All My Trust in Him”
Sermon.....“Just Hold On”
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*)
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.

1:30 p.m. – B.T.U. Classes (3rd floor classrooms)

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

Meeting After the Morning Worship Service

The Senior Laymen's Council would like to meet with all of the men of Salem immediately after the morning worship service by the organ.

An Invitation

The pastor is asking all officers, members and friends to accompany him to the Trinity Baptist Church, Bronx, N.Y. as we have received an invitation to help the Trinity Family celebrate the 4th Pastoral Anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Naomi Tyler-Lloyd, on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. It is the pastor's desire that all of you will join him as we continue to nurture our relationship with the Trinity Family. If you are interested in sharing in this occasion, please leave your name in the church office, as soon as possible, so that we will be able to coordinate and facilitate appropriate transportation to Trinity in a timely manner.

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, September 15, 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.

Homecoming Celebration – Sunday, September 27, 2009

Our Homecoming celebration is rapidly approaching! Each member of the Salem Family is asked to bring a dish, already prepared, to share in our family-style dinner. Please fill out the slip on the back of the bulletin indicating which food items you will be contributing and in what quantity. Completed slips must be returned to Sis. Beverly Glenn, 2009 Homecoming Chairperson, by Sunday, September 20th.

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.

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

September 13 – Mass Choir

September 20 – Junior Choir

September 27 – All Choirs

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

Drones Club

The members of the Drones Club invite you to join them on their Annual Shopping Trip to Reading Pennsylvania, on Saturday, November 7, 2009. They will be visiting The Fairgrounds Farmers Market, The Fairgrounds Shopping Mall and the The Vanity Fair Outlets. The bus will leave Salem at 8:00 a.m. sharp. The donation is \$45.00. A deposit is required by September 30th to secure a seat. Please contact Sis. Jacquelin Bhola at 718-856-4483, Sis. Corine Luke at 718-469-9812 or any member of the Drones Club for additional information.

Evangelistic Committee Back to School Outreach

Sis. Doreen HoSang and Sis. Sylvia Francis-Richards are contributing \$150.00 and \$40.00, respectively, to the Evangelistic Committee for school supplies for their Back to School Outreach, which was held on Saturday, September 5, 2009 here at the church.

We are grateful to Sis. HoSang and Sis. Francis-Richards for their generous contribution to this most important and essential effort.

Floral Club

The Floral Club will be meeting on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. They are also seeking new members. If you are interested in joining the Floral Club, please see any member of the club for further information.

In Memoriam

Ms. Brenda Thornton, Mrs. Angela Thornton, and Dr. James Thornton are contributing \$500.00 to the Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift in memory of their mother, Mrs. Bernice Thornton, who would have celebrated her birthday on September 5, 2009.

We join the family in fondly remembering their mother and we are grateful to them for remembering the church in this manner.

Life Enrichment Services

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

Pastoral Care Volunteer Training Fall 2009

The Department of Pastoral Care at The Brooklyn Hospital Center, located at 121 DeKalb Avenue, is offering a 30 hour training program for Pastoral Care Volunteers for six consecutive Saturdays from September 26th through October 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This program teaches skills for

providing pastoral care to persons who are ill or hospitalized. There is no fee. Please call Chaplain John O'Leary, Director of Pastoral Care, at 718-250-8572 to register or for additional information.

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.

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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.

Senior Laymen's Council

The Laymen's Council invites the Salem family and friends to a "Fish Fry" on Saturday, September 19, 2009 in the backyard and lower dining room. The "fry" will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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 today, Sunday, September 6th.

Sick Committee

Deac. Virginia McCall – 570-619-5453

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.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sis. Shirley Carty whose brother, Bro. Eugene Floyd, transitioned from earth to glory on Thursday, August 27, 2009. Homegoing services for Bro. Eugene Floyd was held Thursday, September 3rd at the Bradley Mayle Funeral Home in Flemington, West Virginia. Our prayers and love go out to Sis. Shirley Carty and her family during this most difficult time.

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.

Willing Workers Club

You are cordially invited to the Annual Willing Workers Club Recognition Day service on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. The guest preacher will be our very own Minister Valerie Ellis. The Usher Board will be serving dinner before this service.

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:

2nd payment of \$40.00 on September 27th
Final payment of \$50.00 on October 25th.

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.

Words of Thanks

Sis. Karen Gibson, Sis. Dian Fields, and Sis. Jasia Basnight express gratitude to Rev. Thomas J. Boyd, Pastor Thornton, the Scholarship Committee, The Mentoring Committee and the Salem Family for the scholarship, encouragement and support they received on our Annual Scholarship Sunday, August 2, 2009.

Sis. Jessica Philpot would like to thank Pastor Thornton and the Salem family for the love gift and encouragement she received last Sunday, August 30, 2009.

Coming Events

Mon. Sept. 7 ***Labor Day – Church Closed***
Sept. 7-11 ***National Baptist Convention***
Thu. Sept. 10 12:00 p.m. – Noonday Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Mass Choir Rehearsal
Sat. Sept. 12 9:00 a.m. – Basketball Training

10:00 a.m. - Exec. Missionary meeting
 11:00 a.m. - Gen. Missionary meeting
 Sun. Sept. 13 **Annual Seniors' Day**
 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
 Rev. Willie Hairston
 Pilgrim Baptist Church, Nyack, NY
 1:30 p.m. - Seniors' Day Program
 Wed. Sept 16 7:00 p.m. - Salem invited to Trinity Bapt. Church
 Bronx, N.Y.
 Thu. Sept. 17 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer
 Fri. Sept. 18 7:30 p.m. - B.E.S.T. meeting
 Sat. Sept. 19 9:00 a.m. - Basketball Training
 10:00 a.m. - Laymen's Fish Fry
 Sun. Sept. 20 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
 3:30 p.m. - **Willing Workers' Annual Day**
 Thu. Sept. 24 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer
 Fri. Sept. 25 7:30 p.m. - B.E.S.T. meeting
 Sat. Sept. 26 9:00 a.m. - Basketball Training
 Sun. Sept. 27 **Homecoming**
 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
 1:30 p.m. - Family-style Dinner
 Thu. Oct. 1 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer
 Sat. Oct. 3 9:00 a.m. - Basketball Training
 Sun. Oct. 4 6:00 a.m. - Transforming Hour of Prayer
 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
 3:30 p.m. - Women in White program
 Wed. Oct. 7 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
 Thu. Oct. 8 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer
 Fri. Oct. 9 7:30 p.m. - B.E.S.T. meeting
 Sat. Oct. 10 9:00 a.m. - Basketball Training
 10:00 a.m. - Missionary meetings
 Sun. Oct. 11 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
 1:30 p.m. - W.L.S. Club cake sale
 Wed. Oct. 14 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
 Thu. Oct. 15 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer
 Fri. Oct. 16 Floral Club Theatre Party
 Sat. Oct. 17 9:00 a.m. - Basketball Training
 Sun. Oct. 18 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
 Wed. Oct. 21 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
 Thu. Oct. 22 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer
 1:00 p.m. - Life Enrichment Services Health Fair
 Fri. Oct. 23 7:30 p.m. - G.I.F.T. meeting
 Sun. Oct. 25 **Women's Day**

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
1:30 p.m. - Dinners by Men's Day Committee
3:30 p.m. - Women's Day Program

Our Sick and Shut-in

Dea. Raphael Anderson – 755 Ocean Avenue, #2D, Brooklyn, NY 11226
718-941-6345

Sis. Almena Beckles-Sledge–159 Lott Street, Brooklyn., NY 11226

Sis. Natalie Braxton – 69 East 10th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218

Sis. Dorothy Craighead– 828 East 34th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210
718-434-3393

Sis. Jemmia Hitchman - 947 Saratoga Ave., #1R, Brooklyn, NY 11212
718-495-8047

Trustee Andrew Jennings – 8 East White Hawthorne Drive
Savannah, GA 31419

Sis. Botha Kennedy – N.Y. Congregational Nursing Home (room 348)
135 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226

Sis. Mary L. Kennedy – 555 Ocean Avenue, #1M, Brooklyn, NY 11226
718-856-8440

Sis. Ada Jones – Riverview Manor, Room 327
630 East 104th Street, Brooklyn, NY

Sis. Eslyn Moore – 645 Ocean Avenue, Apt. C3, Brooklyn, NY 11226
718-693-8328

Sis. Norma Nibbs – 755 East 79th Street, #2, Brooklyn, NY 11236
718-241-9409

Sis. Nola Porter – 2950 West 31st Street, #13H, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224
718-373-2936

Sis. Congee Taylor – Ditmas Park Rehabilitation Center, Room 418,
2107 Ditmas Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226

Bro. Curtis Wilkerson – 3621 Farragut Road, Brooklyn, NY 11210
347-663-4326

HOMECOMING 2009

Homecoming 2009 will be celebrated on Sunday, September 27, 2009. Each member is asked to bring a dish, already prepared, to share in our family-style dinner. If you are unable to cook and would like to contribute to someone else's effort, please see Mrs. Beverly Glenn.

FOOD FROM MEMBERS FOR HOMECOMING FAMILY DINNER

My Name _____

Food I Will Bring:

Meats _____ **Quantity** _____

Vegetables _____ **Quantity** _____

Starches _____ **Quantity** _____

Salads _____ **Quantity** _____

Desserts _____ **Quantity** _____

Bread _____ **Quantity** _____

Cakes _____ **Quantity** _____

**Please return this slip to Sis. Beverly Glenn, Chairperson by
Sunday, September 20, 2009**

Sermon Notes

Subject: _____

Scripture: _____

