

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

I am pleased to greet all of our seniors on this your second annual day. I want you to know that you are an enormous blessing to all of us and to this body of Christ in particular.

We are aware that you are the ones who have built much of the foundation upon which we now stand. Many of you are unsung heroes having made great sacrifices and endured much opposition to the end that we are here today. I want you to know that we are eternally grateful. The theme which you have chosen is most appropriate: "Seniors Walking By Faith." You model for us in a tangible way what it means to walk with God by faith.

Allow me to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to Sister Veronica Alexander who is giving excellent leadership to our Seniors For Christ organization. I also want to say "thank you" to Sister Shirley Carty and her committee who have chaired this day and are allowing us the opportunity to experience many of the gifts and talents that our seniors possess.

I want to take a moment to remember two of our seniors that God recently called from labor to reward. I remember with great love and affection my mother Mrs. Bernice Thornton and Sister Katie Vaughan. It was my joy to see my mom in worship, as one could really witness that the joy of the Lord was truly her strength. Sister Katie Vaughan was the living personification of what it means to walk by faith. While we loved them, God loved them best.

I am pleased to welcome to our pulpit today, the Rev. Willie Hairston, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church located in Nyack, New York. I am pleased to call Rev. Hairston both a colleague and friend.

May the blessings of our Awesome God be upon each of you now and always is my prayer.

Love,
Pastor Thornton

CHRIST LEADS TO HAPPINESS AND LIFE – CHOOSE CHRIST

Sunday, September 13, 2009

Seniors' Day

Theme: Seniors Walking By Faith

Order of Service

Music: The Mass Choir

10:15 A.M Devotional Prayer Service

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

10:45 A.M

Call to Worship

* *Processional*“We Have Come Into This House”

Morning Prayer Sis. Celestina Rodgers

Chant.....“More Love to Thee”

**Morning Hymn*.....“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” # 377

ScriptureII Samuel Chapter 9.....Sis. Doreen HoSang

Chant.....“He is Lord”

Home Mission Offering

Offerings for Building Renovation Fund and Window Project

Notices and Announcements.....Sis. Lottie McKoy

Tribute to Elders.....Dea. Edward Carey, Jr.

Welcome to Visitors.....Dea. John Dowling

Sharing the Sign of Peace

Selection“Surely”

Sermon.....“A Reason to Show Kindness”

Rev. William Hairston

Pilgrim Baptist Church, Nyack, N.Y.

* *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.....“Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So”

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. - Seniors' Day Dinner and Program
(James E. Thompson Auditorium - 2nd flr.)

1:30 p.m. - B.T.U. and New Members Classes
(3^d floor classrooms)

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

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.

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 on 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.

T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation

Sis. Marjorie Smith is contributing \$50.00 to the T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation in honor of her birthday which she is celebrating today. We wish Sis. Marjorie Smith a very Happy Birthday" and express our deep appreciation for her generous contribution to the T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation.

Choir Summer Schedule

September 20 – Junior Choir
September 27 (Homecoming) – All Choirs

The Women's Chorus will be rehearsing on Thursday, September 17th and Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The Gospel Chorus will rehearse on Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. and the Senior Choir will rehearse at 8:15 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.

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.

Birthday Greetings

Sis. Marjorie Smith – Sept. 13
Bro. Deshawn Harrison – Sept. 14
Bro. Julius Holley – Sept. 14

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.

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 Bholá at 718-856-4483, Sis. Corine Luke at 718-469-9812 or any member of the Drones Club for additional information.

Floral Club

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

Life Enrichment Services

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

Official Boards

The Official Boards will be meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Official Boards/Multi-Purpose Room.

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.

Pastoral Care Volunteer Training Fall 2009 (continued)

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.

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 Senior 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 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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.

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:

1st payment of \$40.00 **Due Immediately**
2nd payment of \$40.00 on September 27th
Final payment of \$50.00 on October 25th.

Willing Workers Club (continued)

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. Bernice Wharton and daughters, Ms. Stephanie Harmon and Ms. Stacey Brown, express heartfelt thanks to Pastor Thornton, Mrs. Angela Thornton and the Salem Family for your calls, flowers and all other acts of love and kindness during the passing of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Mamie Davis. May God continue to bless all of you.

The Duff family is truly thankful for the many expressions of kindness and sympathy shown at the passing of Mr. Robert Duff, Sr. "We are sincerely grateful to the Lord for placing us among such warm and caring people. Thank you Salem."