

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

Message from the Pastor

It is my joy to greet all of you in the Wonderful Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and shout, "Welcome Home!"

I am sure many of you, like me, had an opportunity to get away during this summer to rest, vacation, and/or visit family and friends. While your time away was great, you felt a sense of completeness, wholeness and security when you reached the destination of your home and finally put the key in the door of your permanent residence. Today is Homecoming and it's my prayer that you are already experiencing "*The Joy of Coming Home.*"

I invite you to share in our worship today and allow the joy of the Lord to be your strength. The song writer put it ever so poignantly, "the spirit of the Lord is here; I can feel it in the atmosphere." Please take this opportunity to embrace your friends and family, but, more importantly, embrace the love and joy of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Immediately following our worship service you are invited to have dinner with us so that we can continue to fellowship together.

Salem, I want to ask each of you to also take this opportunity to recommit yourselves to the work of the Lord. As you are aware, on Wednesday, October 7th through Friday, October 10th we will study and worship together as we reflect on the theme, "**How Should the Church Respond in this New Technologically Savvy World?**" Additionally, next year we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of our church. What a milestone wherein the Lord has brought us! We will utilize the final months of this year to plan, what promises to be, one of the greatest celebrations to our Lord, Jesus Christ in the history of the church for all that our Awesome God has done for us.

Again, I say, welcome home! It's still 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

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Homecoming Celebration Service
“The Joy of Coming Home”
Sunday, September 27, 2009

Order of Service

Music: All Choirs

Presiding: Dr. Betty Holley

10:15 A.M Devotional Prayer Service

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

10:45 A.M Call to Worship

* *Processional* “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (insert)

Morning Prayer.....Pastor James Thornton

Chant“More Love to Thee”

* *Morning Hymn* “When Morning Gilds the Skies” # 30

Scripture.....Revelation Chapter 1.....Minister Valerie Ellis

Chant “Spirit of the Living God”

Welcome to Visitors.....Minister Aisha Taylor

Sharing the Sign of Peace

Home Mission Offering

The Ordinance of Baptism:

Miss Caitlin Bertrand
Sis. Clarice Brown
Bro. Armani Hamid
Sis. Imani Hamid
Sis. Camille Morrison

Selection.....“Hallelujah Chorus” by Handel

Anthem “Oh For a Faith” by Nathan Carter

Entry of Dr. Thornton and Candidates

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Presentation of Baptismal Certificates

Offerings for Building Renovation Fund and Window Project

Inauguration of the Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund

Dedication of Babies:

Gabriel Xavier Castro – Born June 29, 2009
Isabella Marie Castro – Born July 13, 2007
Kimberly Alise Faustin – Born October 28, 2008

Selection“It Was a Great Thing”

Sermon..... “Things Happen When We Worship the Lord”
Pastor 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

The Hand of Fellowship:

Sis. Deirdre Davis
Bro. Thaddeus Henderson
Bro. Jason Williams

The Lighting of the Candles

The Bread – “Love Is of God”

The Cup – “Now Behold the Lamb”

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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1:30 p.m. - Family-style Dinner

(James E. Thompson Aud. – 2nd flr.)

The Transforming Hour of Prayer will resume next Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 6:00 a.m.

Meeting After the Morning Worship Service

The members of the 2010 Men’s Day Committee would like to meet with **ALL** men by the organ immediately following the morning worship service.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are placed there by Sisters Scottie Leaks, Velma McCoy, Bessie McCaffrey and their families in memory of their mother, Deaconess Louise Haislip, who departed this life on September 24, 1998.

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 29, 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.

15th Annual Church-wide Convocation

The pastor is requesting that all officers, leaders (presidents of clubs and auxiliaries, choirs etc.) members and friends clear your calendars now and plan to attend our 15th Annual Church-Wide Convocation. The dates of the convocation will be Wednesday, October 7th through Friday, October 9th 2009. Our services will commence, promptly, each evening at 7:30 p.m. The theme for this year's convocation is "***How Should the Church Respond in This New Technological Savvy World?***" Our preacher for our convocation will be Rev. Lawrence Aker, Pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York. Pastor Thornton will be the lecturer again this year.

The church is facing some very critical and challenging times and it is imperative that we prepare ourselves to the end that we can continue to be effective ambassadors and witnesses for our Awesome God.

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.

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. Chenise Powell – Sept. 27

Sis. Claudia Leslie – Sept. 30

Sis. Shirley Carty – Sept. 28

Sis. Evonne Cumberbatch – Oct. 2

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 Rehearsals

The Women's Chorus will be rehearsing on Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. The Gospel Chorus will be rehearsing on Thursday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. and the Senior Choir at 8:15 p.m.

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

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.

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.

Floral Club

The members of The Floral Club invite you to join them for a theater party on Friday, November 13, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. to see the play, "***What Would Jesus Do?***" This event will take place at the Billie Holiday Theatre located at 1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. Tickets are \$20.00.

Floral Club (continued)

Please see any member of the Floral Club for tickets or additional information.

The Floral Club is seeking new members to join their organization. If you are interested in joining the Floral Club, please see any club member for further information or leave your name and telephone number in the church office.

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

In an effort to help us incorporate walking into our daily exercise routine, The Office of Minority Health will be sponsoring a **Faith Walk** in Prospect Park on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. The benefits of walking include reduced stress, improved cardiovascular health, strengthened muscles, bones and joints and weight loss. If you are interested in participating in this walk and /or joining an ongoing walking group, please sign up in the East 21st Street lobby.

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

Official Boards

There will be a meeting of the Official Boards on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.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.

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. Joan Hamilton whose uncle, Mr. Claude Jones, departed this life on Monday, September 14, 2009 in London, England. Services celebrating the life of Mr. Claude Jones will be held in London, England. Our prayers and love go out to Sis. Joan Hamilton 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.

Coming Events

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
Sun.	Oct.	4	3:30 p.m. - <i>Women in White program</i> <i>Rev. Debra Berry</i> <i>Sixth Avenue Baptist Church</i> <i>Birmingham, Alabama</i>
Oct.	7-9		7:30 p.m. – <i>Annual Church-wide Convocation</i> <i>Guest Preacher - Rev. Lawrence Aker</i> <i>Cornerstone Baptist Church,</i> <i>Brooklyn, New York</i> <i>Lecturer – Pastor James Thornton</i>
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
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 1:30 p.m. - Drones Club “Cake & Things” sale
Wed.	Oct.	21	7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study