

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

“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness” (Psalm 48:1).

I am still rejoicing in the aftermath of the wonderful praise and worship that God allowed us to experience on last Sunday which was Homecoming. I prayed and asked God to allow the rain to cease. However, God did not answer that prayer. God showed me, in a profound way, that the rain could not stop those of us who really appreciate what God has done, from gathering together in corporate worship.

Again, I want to express my deep gratitude to Sis. Beverly Glenn and her committee for the wonderful Homecoming dinner. As you are aware, Homecoming signals the beginning of our fall work. I want to ask you now to clear your calendars and plan to attend our **15th Annual Convocation**. The Bible declares that, “my people perish because of a lack of knowledge.” Our convocation will commence on Wednesday, October 7th through Friday, October 10th 2009. Our theme this year is, “**How Should the Church Respond in This New Technologically Savvy World?**” Our preacher for our convocation will be the Rev. Lawrence Aker, pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. Your pastor will attempt to lecture again this year.

Today, we are happy to celebrate our Annual Women in White Sunday. I want to thank Deaconess Jeannette Bragg for agreeing to give leadership to this day and for the wonderful job that she has done. We are pleased to welcome to our pulpit, the Rev. Debra Berry, Associate Minister at the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Rev. Debra Berry also gives leadership in our National Congress of Christian Education. It has been my pleasure and joy to work with her and I am pleased to call her both a colleague and a friend.

Allow me to close by admonishing each of us to recommit ourselves to the Lord and for grater service in His Church. We know that the Apostle Paul was right when he wrote to the church at Corinth and declared, “be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Love,
Pastor Thornton

Sunday, October 4, 2009

Order of Service

Music: The Senior Choir and The Gospel Chorus

10:15 A.M Devotional Prayer Service

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

10:45 A.M Call to Worship

* *Processional*“Let All the People Praise Thee” #12

Morning Prayer

Chant“Let the Words of My Mouth” #667

* *Morning Hymn* .“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” #13

Scripture.....Psalm 96

Chant ... “He is Lord”

Welcome to Visitors

Sharing the Sign of Peace

Home Mission Offering

Offering for The Building Renovation Fund

Offering for The Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund

Anthem “Praise Ye the Lord”

Notices and Announcements.....Sis. Carolyn Robinson

Selection The Gospel Chorus

Sermon “A Call to Passionate Worship”

Rev. Debra Berry
Sixth Avenue Baptist Church
Birmingham, Alabama

* *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”
(*Congregation Stands*)

Organ Postlude.....Dr. Moses Telford

Recessional.....“God Be With You”

Benediction

Congregation Stands

THE COMMON PEOPLE HEARD HIM GLADLY

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1:30 p.m. – Dinners by The 2010 Men’s Day Committee
(James E. Thompson Auditorium – 2nd floor)

3:30 p.m. – Women in White Service
Rev. Debra Berry
Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama

Meetings after the Morning Worship Service

All Junior Ushers are asked to please meet with your president, Sis. Andrea Williams, immediately after the morning worship service, in the Ushers’ Room. This meeting is being held in preparation for the Ushers’ Annual Sermon which will take place on Sunday, November 1, 2009.

There will be a meeting of the Archival and Exhibition Committees immediately following the morning worship service in the Lower Dining Room. Anyone interested in joining the Archival and Exhibition Committees is also invited to attend this meeting.

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, October 6, 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 Technologically 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.

An Invitation

The pastor is asking the officers, members and friends of Salem to accompany him to the Trinity Baptist Church, located at 179 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. We have been invited to help our friend, Dr. Glenmore Bembry, celebrate his 8th pastoral anniversary. I hope that you will make every effort to clear your calendar and meet me there.

The Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund

We are grateful to Deacon Joseph Reeves who contributed \$1,000.00 to assist us in launching the Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund.

Pastor Thornton is contributing \$200.00 to the Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund. Sis. Katie Vaughan was a great inspiration to all of us. Her faith in God was as solid as a rock.

Sis. Brenda L. Thornton is contributing \$200.00 to the Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund in honor of her birthday which she will celebrate tomorrow, Monday, October 5th. We wish Sis. Brenda Thornton a very “Happy Birthday” and thank her for honoring the memory of Sis. Katie Vaughan in this manner.

The Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund (continued)

We are grateful to Sis. Bernice Wharton who is contributing \$100.00 to the Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund in memory of her mother, Sis. Mamie Byrd Davis. We join Sis. Wharton in remembering her mother and we are grateful to her for her kind and generous contribution to her church.

Mr. Vincent Welch, our electrician, is contributing \$100.00 to the church which is being allocated to the Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund.

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. Pearl Nurse – Oct. 3	Sis. Lottie McKoy – Oct. 9
Sis. Valerie Cuffee – Oct. 5	Sis. Mary McCall – Oct. 10
Sis. Brenda Thornton – Oct. 5	

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

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. 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.

G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together)

All Young Adults (18-35) are invited to attend our **Fall Meet and Greet** on Friday, October 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Dining Room.

You will enjoy food, fun, fellowship and prizes. More importantly, we'll take the time to discuss our programs and events for the upcoming year. We will also begin to share ideas and make plans for Young Adult Day 2009.

Junior Ushers

The Junior Ushers will be rehearsing their Annual Ushers' Sermon march on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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.

Notices and Announcements for the Bulletin

All notices and announcements for next Sunday's bulletin must be in the church office **today**. Forms are located inside the church office. They must be left in the tray on top of the mail boxes. Forms may be filled out in advance; you do not have to wait until the last Sunday to leave the notice. Notices may also be e-mailed to salemmbc@gamil.com.

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.

Senior Laymen's Council

All men are invited to join the Senior Laymen as they pray for our community, youth, pastor and church during their one hour, prayer session on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

The Senior Laymen's Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:30 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.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sis. Mary McCall whose son-in-law departed this life on Sunday, September 27, 2009. Our prayers and love go out to Sis. Mary McCall 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.

Women's Day

The 2009 Women's Day Committee presents their **Annual Luncheon and Auction** on Saturday, October 17, 2009 in the James E. Thompson Auditorium. Lunch will be served from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the auction will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The donation is \$5.00. Please see Sis. Beverley Glenn or any member of the 2009 Women's Day Committee for additional information.

Attention Ladies! If you are looking for that perfect accessory to compliment your already beautiful Women's Day outfits, look no further! Sis. Beverly Glenn, 2009 Women's Day Chairperson, will be taking orders for lovely, live flowers immediately following the morning worship service. The cost of these gorgeous flowers is only \$6.00!

Words of Thanks

Sis. Lema Cooper and the members of the Willing Workers Club thank Pastor Thornton, Rev. Holley, Min. of Music, Charlene Carey, The Gospel Chorus, The Ushers, Salem Clubs, members and everyone who supported them on their Annual Day making it a great success. Special expressions of gratitude are extended to Min. Valerie Ellis for her inspirational message. "We never could have made it without all of you".

Words of Thanks (continued)

Sis. Sadie Stallings-Means and family thank Pastor Thornton, Mrs. Angela Thornton, The Angie Brooks Randolph Circle and the Salem Family for their prayers, love, support and all other acts of kindness during the loss of her sister, Mrs. Nora Winborne in Ahoskie, North Carolina. "Thanks be to God for my church family!"

Sis. Beverly Glenn would like to thank the Homecoming Committee, especially Sis. Annie Key and Bro. Joseph Carey, and the Salem Family for all that you have done to make this year's Homecoming Celebration a huge success.

Coming Events

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 7:00 p.m. - Gospel Chorus rehearsal 8:15 p.m. - Senior Choir rehearsal
Sat.	Oct. 10	9:00 a.m. – Basketball Training 10:00 a.m. - Executive Board Missionary meetings

			11:00 a.m. - General Missionary meetings
			12:00 p.m. - Junior Ushers' march rehearsal
Sun.	Oct.	11	9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
			10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
			1:30 p.m. - Women's Day Dinner and program
			1:30 p.m. - W.L.S. Club cake sale
Thu.	Oct.	15	12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer
			7:00 p.m. - Gospel Chorus rehearsal
			8:15 p.m. - Senior Choir rehearsal
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
Thu.	Oct.	22	12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer
			1:00 p.m. - Life Enrichment Services Health Fair

Sermon Notes

Subject _____

Scripture _____