

**CHRIST LEADS TO HAPPINESS AND LIFE – CHOOSE CHRIST**

Salem Missionary Baptist Church  
305 E. 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Thomas J. Boyd*

I wish to donate a gift of \$25,000.00 to the T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation in gratitude to God for allowing me to live to see my 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday and for the mercy, grace and favor that has been with me all of my life. I am giving this gift to the Scholarship Foundation because I have faith in our young people to prepare themselves scholastically and spiritually. Young people, you must arm yourselves in this manner in order to meet the many challenges that you will inherit as a result of the awful mess that we are leaving you. My prayer is that our Lord will ever bless and keep you.

I also want to thank my son, Dr. James Thornton, for initiating the efforts to celebrate my birthday. I am grateful to the T.J. Boyd Club for all of their diligent work in ensuring that the occasion was both enjoyable and successful. A special “Thank You” is extended to Mrs. Beverly Glenn, Mr. Jermaine Hicks and Mr. Roy Haynes for their special efforts to make all things ready.

God bless all of you and thank you for your care and thoughts of me. I am getting weaker in the body but my faith grows stronger in Him each day.

God Bless,  
Rev. Thomas J. Boyd

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*Sunday, November 15, 2009*

*Order of Service*

*Music:* The Senior Choir and The Gospel Chorus

10:15 A.M .....Devotional Prayer Service  
10:40 A.M .....Organ Prelude.....Dr. Moses Telford  
10:45 A.M .....Call to Worship  
\* *Processional* ..... “At the Cross” # 389  
*Morning Prayer*  
*Chant* ..... “More Love to Thee”  
\* *Morning Hymn* ..... “We’ll Understand It Better By And By” # 502  
*Scripture*.....Job 42:1-11  
*Chant*..... “He Is Lord”  
*Home Mission Offering*  
*Offering for The Building Renovation Fund*  
*Offering for The Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund*  
*Anthem*..... “It Is Well”  
*Welcome to Visitors*  
*Sharing the Sign of Peace*  
*Selection*..... “Through It All”  
*Sermon*..... “Where Is God In The Midst Of Our Pain?”  
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”  
(Congregation Stands)

*Special Presentation to The T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation*  
Dr. Thomas J. Boyd, Pastor Emeritus

*Offering for The T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation*

*The Lighting of the Candles*

*The Bread – “O, Fix Me”*

*The Cup – “Come, Share The Lord”*

*The Contemplation*

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

*The Covenant (Responsive – see pages 5 & 6)*

*The Hymn of Communion..... “Always Remember Jesus”*

*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. and New Members’ Classes (3<sup>rd</sup> floor classrooms)***

***- Life Enrichment Services –Seasonal Flu Shots***

***(Rear lobby of the James E. Thompson Aud. – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)***

### ***Meetings After the Morning Worship Service***

All young adults are asked to meet with Min. Aisha Taylor, in the Eugenie Boyd Memorial Chapel, immediately following the morning worship service, in preparation for Young Adult Day which will take place on Sunday, December 13, 2009.

Sis. Annie Key is asking all club presidents to meet with her, in the Official Boards/Multipurpose Room, immediately after the morning worship service, in preparation for Congress of Clubs, Sunday, December 6, 2009.

All members of the Men’s Chorus are asked to please meet with Bro. Julius Holley immediately following the morning worship service.

### ***Pastor’s New Members’ Class***

All persons who have recently joined the church and have not been baptized or have not received the right hand of fellowship, are asked to meet with the pastor on Tuesday, November 17, 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.

### ***Annual Report***

As you can see, this calendar year is already rapidly coming to a close. All Annual Reports for choirs, clubs, auxiliaries and organizations are due in the church office no later than Sunday, November 29, 2009. There will be absolutely **NO EXCEPTIONS!** It is imperative that everyone complies so that we can prepare our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report.

### ***Congress of Clubs***

All club presidents, officers, members and friends: please be advised that the date for Congress of Clubs has been changed to Sunday, December 6, 2009. We had to change the date because of the intensity of the church calendar which would not leave us enough time to adequately prepare for this most important date in the life of our church. I am aware that this abrupt change in the date may cause some inconvenience to club presidents who may have made other plans and consequently, may not be available for the new date. I want to simply ask you to make sure that your financial reports are in order and to please send your vice-president or a delegate to represent you and your organization.

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for your consideration and cooperation as we continue to strive to let our light shine for Jesus in this part of God's vineyard called Salem.

Thank you,  
Pastor Thornton

Deacon Christian Anderson is asking all presidents of financial clubs to schedule a meeting with him, as soon as possible, regarding your finances for Congress of Clubs.

## 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

### ***The Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund***

Sis. Joyce Kee Smith and Sis. Nada Smith are donating \$100.00 to the Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund in memory of their mother and grandmother, Sis. Ada Kee whose birthday would have been today. Mrs. Ada Kee transitioned from this earth on May 14, 2009 at the age of 100 years.

Sis. Lurline Fields is contributing \$70.00 to the Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund in honor of her birthday which was yesterday, November 14, 2009. We want to say "Happy Birthday" to Sis. Lurline Fields and we are grateful to her for remembering the church in this manner.

### ***Attention Music Department!***

We will have our first Christmas music rehearsal on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. **ALL** members of the Music Department are asked to please make every effort to attend this rehearsal.

### ***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***

Pastor James A. Thornton – Nov. 21  
Sis. Janice Nibbs – Nov. 21  
Sis. Mary Anna Joseph – Nov. 21

### ***B.E.S.T. – Biblically Empowered Singles for Truth***

B.E.S.T. cordially invites you to their **Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration** on Friday, November 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Dining Room. Their topic for discussion will be, "The Importance of Family". A buffet dinner will be served and a free-will offering will be taken. Please feel free to bring your favorite Thanksgiving goodies.

### ***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

### ***Floral Club***

The Floral Club will be meeting on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Official Boards/Multi-purpose Room.

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***

Become a part of history by signing up to include your name and birthday in the 2010 **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar**. Submissions will be taken in the East 21<sup>st</sup> Street vestibule immediately following the morning worship service. **TODAY** is the last day for submissions. For additional information please see any member of the General Missionary Society or Sis. Scottie Leaks, Calendar Chairperson.

### ***Life Enrichment Services***

Two new health workshops will be offered here at Salem if 15-20 people are interested in participating:

- **Diabetes Wellness Workshop** – Learn how to identify, understand and manage the symptoms of diabetes.
- **Nutrition and Health Program** – Learn healthy menu planning, how to shop for nutritious groceries, food preparation, fitness and more.

If you are interested, please sign up in the Life Enrichment Services Office which is located on the first floor next to the elevator.

The Adult Fitness Class is conducted on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

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

### ***Men's Day 2010***

#### **Bake Sale**

The Men of Salem will have delicious cakes, pies and other wonderful, *homemade* treats for sale on Sunday, November 29, 2009 immediately following the morning worship service. Please plan now to support the culinary efforts of our men.

#### **Raffle Contest**

The 2010 Men's Day Committee is sponsoring a Raffle contest which will give you the opportunity to win a great trip to sunny Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, a luxurious 42" or 52" high definition flat screen television or a trendy XBOX 360 gaming system! You may purchase a single ticket for \$1.00 or increase your chances of winning by purchasing a book of six tickets for only \$5.00! The winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, February 7, 2010. For tickets or additional information, please see any member of the 2010 Men's Day Committee.

### ***New Members' Day 2010***

In preparation for New Members' Day, Sunday, January 3, 2010, **ALL** members who have joined the Salem Family this year are asked to meet on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will continue every Tuesday and Thursday during the months of November (**except Thanksgiving Day**) and December unless otherwise indicated. It is imperative that you make every effort to attend these meetings so that we can ensure that we will have the best New Members' Day ever, to the

glory of God, as we usher in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Salem. If you have any questions, please contact Dea. Allen Patrick at 347-276-3350, Sis. Janice Tom-George at 347-387-8026, Sis. Debra Brown at 917-279-7458 or Deac. Viola Tunnell, at 718-462-7179.

### ***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@gmail.com](mailto:salemmbc@gmail.com).

### ***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 21<sup>st</sup> St. and Albemarle Rd. Our special Support Group, which meets every 4<sup>th</sup> 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***

The Laymen's Council cordially invites you to their **Thanksgiving Day Worship Service** on Thursday, November 26, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Eugenie Boyd Memorial Chapel. Please plan now to join the Laymen as they give thanks and praise to God for all of His goodness.

### ***Seniors for Christ***

The Seniors for Christ will meet next Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 10:30 a.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.**



Sun. Nov. 22 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service  
 1:30 p.m. - Pastor's Supp. Grp. Din. & Fashion Show  
 Tue. Nov. 24 6:30 p.m. - New Members' Day meeting (if needed)  
 - Life Enrichment Services Exercise Class  
 Wed. Nov. 25 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
 Thu. Nov. 26 11:00 a.m. - ***Laymen's Thanksgiving Day Service***  
 Fri. Nov. 27 Youth Council Outing  
 Sat. Nov. 28 9:00 a.m. - Basketball Training  
 10:00 a.m. - Junior Choir rehearsal  
 11:00 a.m. - Cub Scout meeting  
 11:30 a.m. - Young Adult Choir rehearsal  
 Sun. Nov. 29 ***Missionary/Youth Sunday***  
 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service  
 1:30 p.m. - Men's Day 2010 Bake Sale