

Salem Missionary Baptist Church  
305 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St. Brooklyn, N.Y.  
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*A Message From The Pastor*

It is always my joy to greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Today is the first Sunday in Advent and it is our great joy to join in with Christians all over the world to celebrate the expectancy of God's greatest gift to the world, Jesus Christ. I want to challenge each of us to make every effort to put Christ back into Christmas.

Christmas means the mass celebration of Christ coming into the world. It is the time that we look forward to and celebrate the fact that God sent His Son, wrapped in flesh, to the end that we mortals could identify with our Awesome and Infinite God. It is incumbent upon each of us to take back the gift of Christmas from the world. Christmas is the gift that God has given the church. I admonish each of us to let our light so shine that people might see our good works and glorify our Awesome God through Jesus Christ Who is the light of the world. May the light of Jesus Christ be birthed anew in each of us as we await the celebration of Christmas.

I want to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to all of you who remembered me, in any way, for my birthday. You were most kind, generous and gracious. My prayer is that God will return your kindness to you a hundred-fold. I must pause and say a special "thank you" to Sister Velma McCoy (president of the Pastor's Support Group), the committee and friends who worked so diligently to make our birthday gathering on Sunday a wonderful and warm occasion. Thank you, Cousin Leroy Rutherford, for your gift of humor and love. Yes, "we go way back."

Now, may the grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all as we look forward to saying "Happy Birthday" to the Baby Jesus.

Love,  
Pastor Thornton

*Sunday, November 29, 2009*

*First Sunday in Advent*

*Order of Service*

*Music:* The T.J. Boyd Ensemble

10:15 A.M .....Devotional Prayer Service

10:40 A.M .....Organ Prelude.....Dr. Moses Telford

10:45 A.M.....Call to Worship

\* *Processional* .....“We Have Come To Worship The Lord”

*Morning Prayer*

*Chant* .....“The Lord’s Prayer”

\* *Morning Hymn* .....“Hail, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #69

*Scripture*.....Numbers 13:17-33 and Mark 8:22-26

*Chant*..... “Spirit Of The Living God”

*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* .....“Blessed Be”

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

*Selection*..... “Jesus, We Give You The Glory”

*Sermon*..... “Do You Want To See Clearly?”  
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*)

*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. - B.T.U. and New Members' Classes (3<sup>rd</sup> floor classrooms)***  
***- 2010 Men's Day Bake Sale***  
***(James E. Thompson Auditorium - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)***

### ***Meeting After the Morning Worship Service***

All young adults are asked to meet with Sis. Devisha Hope, 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.

### ***Annual Report***

All Annual Reports for choirs, clubs, auxiliaries and organizations are due in the church office **TODAY!** There will be absolutely **NO EXCEPTIONS!** It is imperative that everyone complies so that we can prepare our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report.

### ***T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation***

Sis. Sylvia Francis-Richards has contributed \$100.00 to the T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation in memory of her husband, Mr. Sylvester Richards whose birthday would have been November 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sylvester Richards departed this life on February 11, 2006. We join Sis. Sylvia Francis-Richards in honoring the memory of her husband and thank her for remembering her church in this manner.

### ***Congratulations***

Our warmest congratulations are extended to Bro. Oscar Fambro and Sis. Aretha Walton who were married on Friday, November 20, 2009.

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

The Financial Clubs of Salem will be celebrating their Annual Day next Sunday, December 6, 2009, immediately following the morning worship service, in the James E. Thompson Auditorium. All are invited to attend.

### ***100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal/Publicity Committee***

All individuals who have been members of Salem for 40 years or longer are asked to please submit your name and a contact telephone number to the church office as soon as possible.

### ***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. Elizabeth King - Nov. 29  
Sis. Joan Hamilton - Nov. 30

Min. Aisha Taylor - Dec. 4  
Sis. Aretha Walton-Fambro - Dec. 4

### ***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 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.

### ***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***

#### **Poinsettia Plants**

The 2010 Men's Day Committee is asking you to help beautify the church by purchasing *poinsettia plants*. You can purchase a plant in honor of someone or in memory of someone. You can also wish your friends and family Season's Greetings for a specific donation. All expressions will be published in a special, beautiful Christmas booklet.

You can get an order form from any member of the 2010 Men's Day Committee immediately following the morning worship service.

#### **Raffle Contest**

The 2010 Men's Day Committee is sponsoring a Raffle Contest which will give you the opportunity to win the following:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Prize** - A great trip to sunny Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** - A luxurious 52" high definition flat screen television
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** - A 42" high definition flat screen television
- **4<sup>th</sup> Prize** - 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.

### ***Men's Day 2010 (continued)***

#### **Committee Meeting**

The 2010 Men's Day Committee will be meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Official Boards/Multipurpose room.

#### ***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 [salembc@gmail.com](mailto:salembc@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.

#### ***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***

All individuals who will be travelling with the Willing Workers Club to the Sight and Sound Theater in Pennsylvania, on Saturday, December 6, 2009, are asked to meet, here at the church, no later than 7:45 a.m. as the buses will be leaving at 8:00 a.m. sharp! Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

### ***Coming Events***

- Tue. Dec. 1 6:30 p.m. - New Members' Day meeting  
- Life Enrichment Services Exercise Class
- Wed. Dec. 2 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
- Thu. Dec. 3 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer  
7:30 p.m. - 2010 Men's Day Committee meeting
- Sat. Dec. 5 ***Willing Workers' Theatre Party***  
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. Dec. 6 ***Congress of Clubs***  
6:00 a.m. - Transforming Hour of Prayer  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service  
1:30 p.m. - Drones Club Cake Sale  
- Congress of Clubs program
- Tue. Dec. 8 6:30 p.m. - New Members' Day meeting  
- Life Enrichment Services Exercise Class
- Wed. Dec. 9 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
- Thu. Dec. 10 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer
- Sat. Dec. 12 ***General Missionary Society's Christmas Fellowship***  
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. Dec. 13 ***Young Adult Day***  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service  
1:30 p.m. - Young Adult Day dinner and program
- Tue. Dec. 15 6:30 p.m. - New Members' Day meeting  
- Life Enrichment Services Exercise Class
- Wed. Dec. 16 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
- Thu. Dec. 17 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer
- Fri. Dec. 18 7:30 p.m. - ***B.E.S.T. Christmas Fellowship***
- Sat. Dec. 19 ***Angel Tree Program***  
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. Dec. 20 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service  
 1:30 p.m. - Dinners by Lily of the Valley Club  
 3:30 p.m. - **Music Dept. Christmas Concert**  
 Tue. Dec. 22 6:30 p.m. - New Members' Day meeting  
 - Life Enrichment Services Exercise Class  
 Wed. Dec. 23 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
 Thu. Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve**  
 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer  
 Fri. Dec. 25 **Christmas Day**  
 6:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service  
 Baptism and Holy Communion  
 Sat. Dec. 26 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. Dec. 27 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service  
 Tue. Dec. 29 6:30 p.m. - New Members' Day meeting  
 - Life Enrichment Services Exercise Class  
 Wed. Dec. 30 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
 Thu. Dec. 31 **New Year's Eve**  
 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer  
 10:00 p.m. - **Watchnight Service**  
 Fri. Jan. 1 **Happy New Year!** (Church Closed)  
 Sat. Jan. 2 9:00 a.m. - Basketball Training  
 10:00 a.m. - Junior Choir rehearsal  
 11:00 a.m. - Cub Scout meeting  
 - New Members' Day rehearsal  
 11:30 a.m. - Young Adult Choir rehearsal  
 Sun. Jan. 3 **New Members Day**  
 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. - New Members' Day dinner and program  
 Tue. Jan. 5 6:30 p.m. - Life Enrichment Services Exercise Class  
 Wed. Jan. 6 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
 Thu. Jan. 7 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer  
 Fri. Jan. 8 7:30 p.m. - Men's Day concert  
**Coming Events (continued)**  
 Sat. Jan. 9 9:00 a.m. - Basketball Training  
 10:00 a.m. - Gen. Miss. Soc. Annual Prayer Breakfast  
 - Junior Choir rehearsal  
 11:00 a.m. - Cub Scout meeting  
 11:30 a.m. - Young Adult Choir rehearsal  
 Sun. Jan. 10 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service  
 Tue. Jan. 12 6:30 p.m. - Life Enrichment Services Exercise Class  
 Wed. Jan. 13 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Thu. Jan. 14 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer









