

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

*Message from the Pastor*

It's my joy to greet all of our financial clubs on this your annual day, Congress of Clubs.

As all of us are aware, this year has been a tumultuous year financially for our country in general and our community in particular. The stock market hit its lowest point since the days of the Great Depression. Unemployment is at its highest levels in a generation and everyone has to learn to do with less.

However, in spite of these conditions, you have worked diligently to make sure that our church has been able to meet her financial obligations. Today, all of our bills are paid and we currently have no debt. The Salem Family joins me in saying "Thank You" for your hard work and the great sacrifices that each club president and your members have made in the face of almost insurmountable odds. You have helped, in a tremendous way, to ensure that this church continues to be financially healthy. To God Be the Glory!

I must caution us, that in spite of the successes that are ours, we must increase our fund raising efforts to the end that we can meet the challenges which lay ahead. Today, too many of our members as well as our brothers and sisters abroad, are experiencing financial hardship. Our expenses for both payroll and the maintenance of our building are also on the rise. As a result of these and other pressing factors we must not become complacent or weary in well doing.

Again, allow me to thank you and assure you that the words of Jesus Christ are true; "I came that you might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Remember, God loves you and so do I.

Because of Jesus,  
Pastor Thornton

*Sunday, December 6, 2009*  
*Second Sunday in Advent*  
*Annual Congress of Clubs*  
*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* .....“O Come, All Ye Faithful” #71  
*Morning Prayer*  
*Chant* .....“He Is Exalted”  
\* *Morning Hymn* .....“O Little Town of Bethlehem” # 79  
*Scripture*..... Isaiah 9:1-7  
*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* .....“What Child Is This”  
*Notices and Announcements*.....Sis. Carolyn Robinson  
*Sermon*..... “Unto Us A Child Is Born”  
Dr. Betty Holley  
\* *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*.....“Go Tell It On The Mountain”  
*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)  
- Congress of Clubs Dinner and Program  
(James E. Thompson Auditorium – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)***

### ***Meetings 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.

All Junior Ushers are asked to meet with Sis. Denisha Balkissoon and Sis. Andrea Williams immediately after the morning worship service in the Ushers' Room.

### ***Special Gifts***

Sis. Shirley Branch is contributing \$99.00 to the Building Renovation Fund, the T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation and the Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund respectively. These gifts are being given in gratitude to God for allowing her to see her 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday and for 26 years of faithful membership at the Salem Missionary Baptist Church. We want to say, "Happy Birthday", Sis. Branch and express our deep gratitude to you for remembering the church in this manner.

Trustee Terrance Brock and his mother, Sis. Lillie Mae Brock, have contributed \$200.00 to the T.J. Boyd Scholarship Foundation in honor of their children and grandchildren, Quynn and Ryan Brock.

### ***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. Shirley Branch – Dec. 6  
Sis. Noelle Holley – Dec. 11  
Sis. Gracie Stuckey-Joshua – Dec. 11

### ***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, December 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Official Boards/Multi-purpose room.

### ***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.

### ***Life Enrichment Services (continued)***

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, modest 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.

#### **Concert**

The 2010 Men's Day Committee cordially invites you to attend *The Men of Praise Concert* on Friday, January 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. This exciting event will feature comedians, praise dancers, steel band musicians, poets and more. Tickets are \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00. All proceeds will be used to support local charities. For tickets and additional information, please see any member of the 2010 Men's Day Committee immediately following the morning worship service in the East 21<sup>st</sup> Street lobby.

#### **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.

### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***Words of Thanks***

The members of the Floral Club wish to thank everyone who supported their Theatre Party at the Billy Holiday Theatre making it a successful event.

### ***Coming Events***

- Tue. Dec. 8 6:30 p.m. - New Members' Day meeting  
- Life Enrichment Services Exercise Class  
7:00 p.m. - Music Department Christmas rehearsal  
- Young Adult Day rehearsal
- Wed. Dec. 9 7:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
- Thu. Dec. 10 12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer  
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Young Adult Day rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. - Gospel Chorus rehearsal

### ***Coming Events (continued)***

- Thu. Dec. 10 8:15 p.m. - Senior Choir rehearsal
- 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  
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Gospel Chorus rehearsal  
8:15 p.m. - Senior Choir rehearsal
- 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  
1:00 p.m. - Floral Club meeting
- 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

10:00 p.m. - *Christmas Eve Service*  
*Baptism & Holy Communion*

Fri. Dec. 25 *Merry Christmas!* (church closed)  
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