

Salem Missionary Baptist Church
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Dr. Thomas J. Boyd, D.D., Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Betty Holley, D. Min., Associate Minister

Message from the Pastor

Dear Young Adults,

I greet you today with the words of the Apostle Paul who wrote to the church at Philippi and said, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers, for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He Who began a good work in you, will carry it onto completion until the day of Christ Jesus"(Philippians 1:3-6).

I want to challenge you not only to embrace your theme but to commit yourselves to apply it to your daily lives: **"It's the God in me: Young Adults Realizing, Restoring and Redefining the God in each of us"**.

My prayer is that you will realize the words of the Apostle John in a new and profound way; "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world"
I John 4:4.

Our Awesome God has placed gifts in each of you. You must allow the God in you to stir up the gifts that are in you to the end that you utilize them for God's kingdom and glory. You are not a part of the church of tomorrow but you are a part of the church right now.

I am pleased to welcome to our pulpit today, Rev. Nicholas Richards, Associate Minister of the Abyssinian Baptist Church located in Harlem, New York.

Allow me to close now by challenging each of us to work while it is day, for night will come all too quickly when our opportunities will come to a close.

Remember, God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Thornton

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Third Sunday in Advent

Young Adult Day

It's the God in me: Young Adults Realizing, Restoring and Redefining the God in each of us.

Order of Service

Music: The Young Adult Choir

10:15 A.MDevotional Prayer Service
10:40 A.MOrgan Prelude.....Dr. Moses Telford
10:45 A.M.....Call to Worship
* *Processional*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #70
Morning Prayer..... Bro. Joseph Carey
Chant“This Is Your House”
* *Morning Hymn*“It Came Upon The Midnight Clear” #72
Scripture.....Romans 8:12-17.....Bro. Isarki TomGeorge
Chant..... “Spirit Of The Living God”
Welcome to Visitors.....Sis. Sheika Mason
Sharing the Sign of Peace
Home Mission Offering
Offering for The Building Renovation Fund
Offering for The Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund
Anthem“How Excellent Is Thy Name”
Notices and Announcements.....Sis. Monique Morman
Selection.....“Encourage Yourself”
Sermon..... “Soul Custody”
Rev. Nicholas S. Richards
Assistant Minister for Global Outreach
Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, N.Y.
* *The Invitation to Discipleship*.....“Give Him Your Life”
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.....“He’s Sweet I Know”

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 (3rd floor classrooms)

- Young Adult Day Dinner and Program

(James E. Thompson Auditorium – 2nd floor)

Meeting After the Morning Worship Service

Deacon William Long, Sr. would like to meet with **ALL** men of Salem in the Eugenie Boyd Memorial Chapel immediately following the morning worship service regarding the upcoming Men of Praise Concert.

Flowers in the Eugenie Boyd Memorial Chapel

The Pastor, officers, members and friends of Salem pause today to remember our former First Lady, whose birthday would have been yesterday, Saturday, December 12th. We join our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Boyd, who remembers, with love and affection, his wife and best friend. The flowers in the Eugenie Boyd Memorial Chapel are placed there with love and gratitude to God for giving us the gift of Mrs. Eugenie Boyd who He called home on November 24, 1994.

A Gift

We are in receipt of \$1,000.00 from Mrs. Betty Wold Johnson in honor of Sis. Currine Ebanks. We are grateful to Sis. Currine Ebanks who dares to let her light for Jesus Christ shine at church, at home and at work. Our gratitude is extended to Mrs. Betty Wold Johnson for honoring Sis. Currine Ebanks and remembering the church in this manner. Our prayer is that the richest blessings of our God will be yours throughout the Christmas season and in the New Year.

Attention Official Boards!

I would like for **ALL** officers to meet with me on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. As you are aware, we are rapidly coming to the close of this year. God has blessed us abundantly and we must give Him the praise and glory. However, there are a number of pressing issues that we must grapple with before the year closes. I am urging you to make every effort to clear your calendar as we have very urgent business to discuss.

Allow me to thank you, in advance, for your attention and cooperation regarding this request.

Pastor James Thornton

Holy Communion

The ordinance of Holy Communion will not be observed next Sunday, December 20, 2009. Holy Communion will take place during our Christmas Eve worship service on Thursday, December 24, 2009 starting at 10:00 p.m.

Music Department Christmas Concert

The Music Department invites the Salem Family and friends to share a special afternoon of joyful music celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ next Sunday, December 19, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

100th 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.

2009 Weekly Offering Envelopes

All members who have turned in their 2009 registration slips can pick up their new Weekly Offering Envelopes, after the morning worship service, in the Official Boards/Multipurpose room. If you did not turn in a Request Slip, please do so today, so that your envelopes will be ready for you next Sunday.

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. Lydia McRae – Dec. 14

Bro. Anthony Clarke – Dec. 17

Miss Courtney Long – Dec. 18

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 Board of Christian Education - Black History Committee

Calling all actors and actresses! The Black History Committee will be conducting auditions for the cast of their production of ***“Upon This Rock”***. The first audition will take place on Friday, December 18, 2009 at 6:30 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

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.

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 2nd and 4th 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. A light meal will be offered from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The concert will begin sharply at 7:30 p.m. 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 21st 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:

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

Would you like to support the Scouts and save more than you spend?

The Boy Scouts are selling ***Entertainment Discount Books*** which contain coupons for discounts at hotels, airlines, movie theaters, TGI Fridays, Dominoes, Pizza Hut, Fine Dining, Museums, Clothing Stores (New York & Company) and more. Please see Dea. Charles Ellis or Bro. Joseph Carey for additional information.

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

Deaconess Viola Tunnell and family would like to thank Pastor Thornton, Rev. Holley and the Salem Family for your prayers, calls, cards, flowers and all other acts of kindness and encouragement during the passing of her sister, Mrs. Mildred Mumford.

Coming Events

- Tue. Dec. 15 6:30 p.m. - New Members' Day meeting
- Life Enrichment Services Exercise Class
7:00 p.m. - Music Department Christmas rehearsal
- 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
- 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
 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts meeting
 7:30 p.m. - Gospel Chorus rehearsal
 8:15 p.m. - Senior Choir rehearsal
 Fri. Jan. 8 7:30 p.m. - Men's Day concert
 Sat. Jan. 9 9:00 a.m. - Basketball Training
 10:00 a.m. - G.M.S. 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
 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Gospel Chorus rehearsal
 8:15 p.m. - Senior Choir rehearsal

