

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

***Sunday, December 20, 2009***  
***Fourth Sunday in Advent***  
***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* .....“A Prayer in One Accord”  
\* *Morning Hymn* .....“The First Noel” (insert)  
*Scripture*.....Matthew 1:18-25  
*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* .....“Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man”  
*Notices and Announcements*.....Sis. Carolyn Robinson  
*Selection*.....“Holy and Righteous is Thy Name”  
  
*Sermon*..... “Hearing God’s Voice At Christmas”  
Pastor James Thornton  
  
\* *The Invitation to Discipleship*  
*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*

*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)*

*- Dinners served by the Lily of The Valley Club*

*(James E. Thompson Auditorium - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)*

*3:30 p.m. - Music Department Christmas Concert (sanctuary)*

### *Meeting After the Morning Worship Service*

Sis. Janet Norris-Burnett would like to meet with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary hosts and hostesses in the Eugenie Boyd Memorial Chapel immediately following the morning worship service.

### *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, this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### *Christmas Eve Service*

All members and friends of Salem are invited to attend our **Christmas Eve Worship Service** on Thursday, December 24, 2009. The worship service will commence promptly at 10:00 p.m. during which time we will observe the two ordinances of our church, Holy Communion and Baptism. What a wonderful way to say **"Happy Birthday Jesus, we love You"**. Looking forward to seeing you. Have a very Merry Christmas!

### *New Year's Eve*

Please plan now to attend our Watch Night Service on Thursday, December 31, 2009. Let's come together and worship our God for the blessing of a New Year. Plan to fellowship here with us immediately following the worship service. Happy New Year to All!

### *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration*

We will be hosting the Brooklyn Congregations Together (B.C.T.) Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Celebration on Friday, Jan 15, 2010. The pastor is asking all officers, members and friends to please be present for what promises to be a wonderful salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy and an excellent praise and worship service to our Awesome God.

### *Special Gifts*

Sis. Stella Wright is contributing \$60.00 to the Building Renovation Fund and \$60.00 to the Katie Vaughan Memorial Lift Fund in honor of her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday which she celebrated yesterday, Saturday, December 19, 2009. We want to wish Sis. Stella Wright a "Happy Birthday" and thank her for remembering her church in this generous manner.

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

Sis. Lelia Daughtry and Sis. Cora Cotton will be accepting ad and booster submissions for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal on Sundays immediately following the morning worship service in the East 21<sup>st</sup> Street Lobby.

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.

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

The leaders of each club, auxiliary and organization are being asked to submit a brief account of the history, mission/purpose and accomplishments of your group. The deadline for submissions has been extended to Sunday, January 10, 2010.

### ***2010 Weekly Offering Envelopes***

All members who have turned in their 2010 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. Mary Hayes – Dec. 21	Miss Emilia Rivera – Dec. 24
Sis. Arvetta Drumgold – Dec. 23	Bro. Chris Williams – Dec. 24
Sis. Marvetta Drumgold – Dec. 23	Bro. Justin Holley – Dec. 25
Bro. Joseph Carey – Dec. 24	Sis. Jacqueline HoSang – Dec. 26
Bro. Alfred Everett – Dec. 24	

### ***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

### ***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.

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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. **TODAY** is the last day for submissions. 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 only \$10.00 and 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.

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

#### **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 [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.

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.

### ***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.

### ***Willing Workers***

There will be no coffee hour next Sunday, December 27, 2009. Coffee hour will resume on January 3, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Thank you for your support throughout the year. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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

The members of the Willing Workers Club thank everyone who accompanied them to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see “The Miracle of Christmas” on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The experience was a blessing to all.

Sis. Annie Key would like to thank Pastor Thornton, Rev. Holley, all Club Presidents, the Salem Family and friends for your support during our Annual Congress of Clubs. Your cooperation made the event a success.

The Young Adults of Salem would like to thank Pastor Thornton, Rev. Holley and the entire Salem Family for supporting them on Young Adult Day. We are grateful for your presence and love and couldn't have made it without you. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

***Coming Events***

- 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

***Coming Events (continued)***

- Thu. Dec. 31 ***New Year's Eve***  
12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer  
10:00 p.m. - ***Watch Night 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