

Salem Missionary Baptist Church
305 E. 21st St. Brooklyn, N.Y.
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A Message From the Pastor

I trust that you had a most enjoyable and blessed Christmas. We can still feel the excitement and joy that only Christmas can bring because of God's unspeakable gift to us, Jesus Christ.

Today is the last Sunday of the year, which really is the hinge upon which hangs the door that separates 2009 and 2010. My prayer is that each of us will praise and thank God for all of His many blessings to us this year. I was reading an article in the current issue of JET magazine titled "2009 Departures." There were many persons listed who were called home: Michael Jackson, Naomi Sims, Betty Allen, Steve McNair, Rev. Ike, Rev. Timothy Wright and many others. Many of you lost loved ones this year, but God has given us the strength to weep *and* to laugh. He has allowed us to hue a stone of hope out of a mountain of despair. Let's praise God for the gift of life!

My prayer, as we open the door to 2010, a brand new decade, is that we will join David and ask God to "create within us a clean heart and to renew a right spirit within us" (Psalm 51:10). I am confident that if we allow God to guide us, according to His Holy Spirit and perfect will, our victory is already assured. Let's covenant to work tenaciously together to the end that we will be better disciples of Jesus Christ and God will receive all the glory.

Angela and Isaiah join me in wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Now, may the blessing of our Awesome God be continuously upon you and yours is my prayer.

Love,
James Thornton

Sunday, December 27, 2009

Order of Service

Music: Combined Choirs

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
Chant“He Is Exalted”
* *Morning Hymn*“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come” #68
Scripture.....John 3:1-21
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“Sanctus”
Notices and Announcements.....Sis. Carolyn Robinson
Selection.....“Adoration Medley”
Sermon..... “God’s Gift to the World”
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.....“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 (3rd floor classrooms)

- Dinners served by the Lily of The Valley Club

(James E. Thompson Auditorium – 2nd floor)

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

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.

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.

100th Anniversary Journal/Publicity Committee

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

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

Bro. Oghenero Gbaje – Dec. 28

Dea. Charles Ellis, Jr. – Dec.29

Bro. Malik Robinson – Dec. 29

Deac. Jeanette Bragg – Jan. 1

Sis. Rachel Christy – Jan. 1

Bro. Errol Clarke – Jan. 1

Special birthday greetings are extended to our lovely Leading Lady, Sis. Angela Thornton, who will celebrate her birthday tomorrow, Monday, December 28th.

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

G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together)

G.I.F.T (Salem's Young Adult Ministry) is inviting all Young Adults and Youth to an afternoon of Bowling and Fun on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at Gil Hodges Lanes. The cost is only \$15.00 per person which includes 2 games and shoe rental. If you'd like to attend, you must sign up in the East 21st Street lobby immediately after the morning worship service or 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.

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

Men's Day 2010

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

The 2010 Men's Day Committee, in conjunction with the Life Enrichment Services, presents, "***Keeping Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream Alive: Healthy Men With Healthy Families***", on Sunday, January 17, 2010, immediately following the morning worship service.

Men's Day 2010 (continued)

Dr. King's life and legacy will be celebrated through his words, reflections, songs and dance. The health and wellness of our community will also be addressed during this program. For additional information please see any member of the Men's Day Committee.

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 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.

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.

Coming Events

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	<i>New Year</i> 10:00 p.m. – <i>Watch Night Service</i>
Fri.	Jan.	1	<i>Happy New Year!</i> (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	<i>New Members' Day</i> 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