

JANUARY-MARCH 2017



THE *Salem*
MESSENGER

THE YEAR OF
REENGAGEMENT

REENGAGING THE GREAT COMMISSION AND THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

2017

RETIRE THE DEBT
RENOVATE
OUR FACILITY
RAISE A
GENERATION



From the Desk of the Senior Pastor

Greetings in the name of He who orders our steps and directs our paths.

The Lord has blessed us to come to the close of another eventful year in the life of the Salem Church. This year has certainly lined up with our theme for 2016 which was **The Year of Rejoicing**. We have had many reasons to rejoice including the ongoing fulfillment of our Lifestyle Stewardship Campaign **Committed to the Sacrifice**. Because of the Lord's faithfulness and your commitment we have made great strides towards fulfilling The Vision of **Retiring the Debt, Renovating our Facility and Raising a Generation**. And as we move swiftly towards the concluding year of The Campaign we rejoice knowing that **We Are Committed to Finishing Strong!**

Most importantly, we rejoice in knowing the Lord continues to add souls to His Church. We have witnessed many come forward to be a part of what the Lord is doing here at the Salem Church. Additionally, the baptismal pool has not been idle. In most every month of 2016 we have witnessed people of all ages being baptized after accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! This is a testament to the Lord's power and the ministry of the Salem Church.

All that the Lord has done enables us to enter into 2017 with renewed strength and commitment. With this in mind I want to challenge Salem as a whole to embrace the theme for the new year. The theme for 2017 is the **Year of Reengagement**. Specifically reengaging the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. The Great Commission is found in Matthew 28: 18 – 20:

Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV)

- 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.***
19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

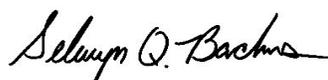
The Great Commandment is found in Matthew 22: 34 – 40:

Matthew 22:34–40 (NKJV)

- 34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.***
35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,
36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"
37 Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'
38 This is the first and great commandment.
39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

By reengaging and living these scriptures we will have an eternal impact on the lives of those we encounter and serve. Let us live out what the Lord left on record for us to be and do. It is a challenge, but it is a challenge we can accept and accomplish.

Peace and Blessings!



Pastor Selwyn Q. Bachus

Mission Statement

The Salem Baptist Church is transforming lives by Exalting the Savior, Evangelizing the Lost, Equipping the Saints and Expanding the Kingdom of God.

2017

The Year of Reengagement

-Reengaging the Great Commission and the Great Commandment

"Serving God and One Another in the Spirit of Excellence"

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Each saint of God should be a maturing disciple of Jesus Christ. In 2017 we expect each member to aspire to a higher level of worship, relationship, discipleship and stewardship.

Ephes. 4:11-16 (NKJV)

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, [12] for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, [13] till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; [14] that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, [15] but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ-- [16] from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

In this new year, each of us should renew our commitment to the Lord Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, and to seeing lost souls served and saved.

Matthew 9:37-38 (NKJV)

Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. [38] Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

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We serve the LORD by serving the LORD's people!

- Sr. Pastor Selwyn Q. Bachus



RECAPS

A Pastor Given By God To Serve

“And I will give you pastors according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.” (Jeremiah 3:15)



Pastor Appreciation Program Celebrates Eleven Years of Faithful Service

On October 16, 2016, our Pastoral Anniversary service was held at both the 8:30 and 11:30 A.M. honoring our Shepherd, Pastor Selwyn Q. Bachus and his Family to express our gratefulness for what he has done in the life of the Salem Baptist Church for the last eleven years. Most congregations realize that it is biblical and proper to honor their pastor and pastoral families throughout the year, but setting aside time for a special tangible tribute is never a bad thing. Pastors need encouragement just like anyone else. Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments – the spiritual well-being of His flock. The special time we set aside each year to honor our pastor and his family for their hard and faithful work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings lets them know we feel they are special people.

Our guest preacher was Dr. J. Weldon Gilbert Pastor of the St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Lawton, Oklahoma. Born in Houston, Texas where he also completed his public schooling, he accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of eight at

the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, where he also was licensed, and ordained into the Gospel Ministry. He received his BA in Business Administration and Management from Prairie View A&M University in 1990. He received his Master of Divinity from Virginia Union University School of Theology in 1994 and his Doctorate of Ministry at United Theology Seminary, Dayton, Ohio in December 2001. His power and anointed messages at both services confirm why Dr. Gilbert is one of the most dynamic and prolific speakers of our time.

We at Salem Baptist Church feel Pastor Bachus is truly one of God’s chosen leaders. Over the last eleven years, Pastor Bachus has shown he is truly dedicated to the pastoral ministry God has given him at Salem. He is committed to leading Salem into a greater knowledge of Biblical truths and adhering to God’s command. He and his wife, Marla Shirley Bachus, a beautiful, intelligent woman who compliments his ministry in a Godly way, along with their two sons Selwyn II and Myles are truly blessings sent by God.



Joint Thanksgiving Service 2016

The New Era State Convention's Joint Thanksgiving Service reached a milestone this year as members from churches representing the State Convention gathered to give thanks to God for all that God is doing in our lives individually and collectively.

As members of the clergy gave the scripture and prayer, it marked the first time since its inception that none of the organizing members of this event were present. Little did we know that the joint service of 2015 would be the last time we would hear from our beloved pastor Adam Burton. Pastor Burton's departure from this life marked the last of the remaining organizers of the Joint Thanksgiving Service. We give God thanks for the organizer's vision and tenacity for making sure the event moved forward.

Today, a new group of clergy leaders have taken the helm and declared that the work of its predecessors would not go in vain. Coming together in unity of purpose does wonders for the State Convention and the fellowship of the saints of God.

The beauty of the Joint Thanksgiving service can be uniquely observed as members of the State Convention gather together in unity regardless of what choir is singing, who is leading worship or who is preaching. This same beauty can be realized as the unified congregation raises a mission offering for those who have need.

We give thanks to Rev. Dr. Leroy E. Adams, worship leader, Rev. Dr. Selwyn Q. Bachus, preacher of the hour, and the Salem Baptist Church choir for leading us during this time of praise, worship, and thanksgiving. It is our prayer that many more people would come out and join us in praise and worship to God who looks beyond our faults, sees our needs, and blesses us in spite of us.

We hope and pray that your Thanksgiving was as enriched and blessed as ours.

Wade/Watson Preaching Series

The Wade/Watson Preaching Series continued its tradition of bringing the best and the brightest pulpитеers to the Salem Baptist Church to share worship with us.

This year, Rev. Dr. Freddie J. Clark blessed the congregation with hermeneutical precision and power with a message from 1 Corinthians 1:4-9, entitled "Faithful Waiting." Dr. Clark reminded the congregation that we are not living in a one size fits all society; therefore, God will give each of us exactly what we need. He says, waiting is not easy and it gives us the best indication that we are not in charge. Whether we like it or not, at some time in all of our lives we will find ourselves waiting on something or someone. His main points were 1) We were given the grace of God through Jesus Christ; 2) We were given the gifts of God that there would be no shortage in the body of Christ; and 3) We were given the promise of God's faithfulness that we would be blameless in the end.

As a church, we continue to honor the legacy and leadership of those whose shoulders we stand: the Rev. Dr. J. C. Wade, Jr. and Rev. Dr. Maurice Watson. Under their leadership, significant accomplishments took place to bring us to this point in salvation history. As they each took turns passing the mantel of leadership forward, each received not only the awesome responsibility of shepherding the flock of the Salem Baptist Church, they also received a gift that only God can give.

There is an adage in the church that says, "Pastors come and go," but then, there is an equally important adage that says, "It's not where you go, but whom you follow." Therefore, Wade received a gift called the Salem Baptist Church. When Wade's season of ministry at Salem had ended, he passed the gift to Watson in the form of a vital and sustainable congregation in which to build upon. Watson in turn, took that vital and sustainable congregation, built a new facility, and then gave the gift to Bachus as a launching pad for moving the church onward and upward.

Currently under Dr. Bachus, the gift given by Wade to Watson and now to Bachus in the form of a vital and sustainable congregation has grown spiritually, numerically, and financially. In fact, the church is poised to retire its debt, and build a new facility for expanding the possibilities for ministry long into the future. The Wade/Watson Preaching Series is our way of fortifying the saints with excellence in preaching while keeping ever before them the legacy of our past and the hopes of our future.

We thank God for the Wade/Watson Preaching Series. We thank God for Dr. Clark's word and we thank God for Dr. Bachus in sharing with the Salem Baptist Church some of the best and brightest preaching minds this side of heaven.



Joyful Noise 2016: It's Still Jesus

The Salem Baptist Church, under the leadership and direction of Minister Ananias “Markey” Montague, worked tirelessly this year to present its third collaborative celebration of Joyful Noise: A Gospel Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at the Holland Performing Arts Center. This year’s production was titled, “It’s Still Jesus,” a reminder to all of the reason for the season. Each year of Joyful Noise has been nothing short of spectacular, but for 2016, the production had more of a Broadway show meets gospel concert feel that had the entire audience singing, swaying and dancing in their seats at both the 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. shows.

According to the Omaha-World Herald, which gave a very complementary review of the Christmas production in its Entertainment section, “The joy was apparent in a dynamic blend of music and dance featuring the Salem choir, dancers and soloists along with guest artists Chad and Elaine Stoner; Ted Winn and Sheri Jones-Moffett; and Anita Wilson.” Further, the World Herald stated, “The choir and band were directed superbly by Ananias “Markey” Montague. The six-piece band produced a sound that was almost orchestral in size and provided everything the singers could have wished for. The concert would not have been complete without the ample talents of Salem’s music and fine arts department’s dancers. Clad in white and red, in a variety of configurations, they moved without a hitch in fairly sophisticated choreography that can have come only from meticulous preparation.”

As many know, the high quality and spirit-filled Christmas productions are a product of year-round prayer and work by Minister Montague, the Music and Fine Arts Council, the technology and media ministry, the band, the drama ministry, the dancers, the choir and Salem staff with the support of the Senior Pastor, the Trustees, and the entire church. Our annual production at the Holland Performing Arts Center allows Salem to reach outside its walls to minister to the community at large and share the good news of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ-- particularly sharing the amazing story of His birth.

Salem is blessed to have the support and sponsorship of Omaha Performing Arts, Hilton Omaha, Men’s Wearhouse, Nebraska Arts Council/ Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Bobby’s Dancewear, and our media sponsor, WOWT-Channel 6.



MINISTRY INFO

Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry serves families who have lost a loved one to death. The members of the ministry give comfort and support to the grieving families at Salem. We help coordinate the time and day of the homegoing service with Pastor Bachus to ensure his availability to officiate the funeral of your loved one. We help plan the funeral of your loved one and help write the obituary if needed. We contact all ministries who will be a part of the funeral which includes, the Minister of music, ministry leaders of the usher board, nurses, and the person designated to order a plant.

We ensure that the family receives condolences from the Pastor and other ministry leaders and we have a designated reader who reads the condolences. We have a Bereavement Deacon who visits grieving families and ensures that the family receives a brochure that assists with the planning for your loved one homegoing service. The Senior Pastor, Bereavement Deacon and your designated Deacon help in any way they can through this difficult time in your life.

We also have a culinary ministry who takes care of all aspects of the family repast, and a Bereavement Coordinator who coordinates all aspects of assistance.

Our Salem clergy and office staff are always available to help you during your time of need.

Candlelight Memorial Service

On Thursday, November 10, 2016, The Bereavement Ministry hosted their annual Candlelight Memorial Service to honor those loved who had died in the year 2016 or before. The service was held in the sanctuary of Salem at 7:00 P.M.

We had a large gathering of members and friends who came to honor their deceased loved ones. There was a beautiful acknowledgement that their loved ones, lived, loved, and made the world a better place.

After the service, we reconvened in the fellowship hall for refreshments and fellowship with others who dearly miss someone precious who is now with the Lord.

Prayerfully submitted by,

Janice Gilmore
Bereavement Coordinator

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
OMAHA, NEBRASKA
2016-2017 Pastor's Honor Roll Criteria
Kindergarten through Graduate Studies

Dates for Honor Roll Recognition

- Certificates will be awarded based on **semester grades**.
- Certificates will be awarded twice a year.
- The report card collection container will be available at the Welcome Center for submitting Report cards for the first semester on the the following Sundays: **January 08, 15, 22, and 29, 2017 (all Sundays in January except the 1st Sunday)**. Recognition date first semester grades will be **Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 11:30 service**.
- The report card collection container will be available at the Welcome Center for submitting report cards for the second semester on the following Sundays: **June 04, 11, 18 & 25, 2017 (All Sundays in June)**. Recognition date for second semester grades will be **Sunday, July 16, 2017**.

NOTE: Parents are requested to use the envelope provided to submit a copy of the report card. ***Please use a separate envelope for each child.***

**Honor Roll Criteria for ending Preschool entering Kindergarten
JUNE RECOGNITION ONLY):**

- Completion of Preschool
- Enrolled in Kindergarten for this coming fall
- Certificate of completion

Honor Roll Criteria for Kindergarten (JUNE RECOGNITION ONLY).

- Completion of Kindergarten
- Levels of performance/Achievement marks will be reviewed.
- GPA will be computed based on Levels of Performance/Achievement.
- To arrive at a GPA, earned points will be used.
- Earned points for Level of Performance/Achievement classes will be added and divided by the number of Level of Performance/Achievement classes.

Honor Roll Criteria for First Grade - Grade Twelve

- Minimum 3.0 GPA (B Average)
- Levels of Performance/Achievement marks will be evaluated.
- GPA will be computed based on Levels of Performance/Achievement.
- To arrive at GPA, earned points will be used.
- Earned points for Level of Performance/Achievement classes will be added and divided by the number of Level of Performance/Achievement classes.

Level of Performance Marks	Achievement Marks	Earned Points
A or 1	ADV = Advanced (Exceeds Standards)	4
B or 2	PRF = Proficient (Meets Standards)	3
C or 3	PRG = Progressing (Approaches but does not meet standards) Basic	2
D or 4	BEG = Beginning (Does not meet standards) Basic Below	1
F or 5	Insufficient or no evidence of learning	0

Example

Classes	Marks	Earned Points
Reading/Lang. Arts	PRG	2
Writing	ADV	4
Math	PRF	3
Social Studies	ADV	4
Science	PRF	3

16pts/5 classes = 3.2 GPA

Level of Achievement Marks	Achievement Marks	Earned Points
A or Advance	3.01-4.0	4
B or Proficient	2.01-3.0	3
C or Progressing	1.51-2.0	2
D or Beginning	0.76-1.50	1
F	0.0-0.75	0

Example

Classes	Marks	Earned Points
Reading/Language Arts	C	3
Writing	A	5
Listening Speaking	C	3
Multiple Literacies	C	3
Math	B	4
Social Studies	A	5
Science	B	4
Art	A	5
Music	B	4
Physical Education	B	4

40 pts/10 classes = 4.0 GPA



Outreach & Missions: Year in Review

February 10, 2016-Met with three people from Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. They discussed opportunities for people in our congregation over 55 years of age, to get involved in their Senior Companion Program.

February-Salem committed \$250.00 to purchase bottled water to send to Flint Michigan, to help with their water crisis.

February-Education Council Annual Coat Drive focused on two schools: Howard Kennedy and Druid Hill. The amount collected was 60 coats, 3 scarves, 7 hats and gloves. The report covers November 2015 through February 2016.

March-The congregation is made aware of a new outreach effort, Do Something Saturdays. This will be a church wide outreach to help the less fortunate.

April 30-We were scheduled to volunteer for Do Something Saturday at the following places: Open Door Mission, Siena-Francis House, Rainbow House, The Beautiful Gate, and Heartland Family Service. We had to cancel due to Mother Wade's Funeral Service.

June-The Girl Scouts volunteered at the Carolyn Scott Rainbow House, by preparing dinner for the families of the children who are hospitalized.

July 30-Do Something Saturday-the sites that were on schedule were: Heartland Family Service, Ronald McDonald House, Carolyn Scott Rainbow House, Open Door Mission, and Siena/Francis House.

October-Met with Donna Hackett of the Crescent Project Organization, to discuss outreach efforts to Muslims.

November-The Military Ministry and the Education Council 2016 Winter clothing drive (began November 2016-projected completion is February 2017). Donations have been provided to the Siena/Francis House:

Men's clothing	300 lbs
Women's clothing	205 lbs
Children's clothing	115 lbs
Total collected	620 lbs

The clothing bin is approximately 60% full as of December 14, 2016.

Some History of Salem's Prison Ministry Outreach:

Did you know? We had an Outreach team made up of various members over time, from Salem, ministering at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women in York Nebraska, from 1999-2013. The origin of the Lighthouse Ministry was a result of studying through the Evangelism Explosion Prison Ministry Training.



Anna Hicks, the team leader and trainer shared the following:

Our emphasis was evangelism...to live out the Great Commission as mandated in Matthew 28:16-20 "...Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Our conviction: to demonstrate the love of Christ by living out Matthew 25:35-46 "...I was in prison and you came to me..."

Our compassion: To share the love which God so generously shared with us through His Only Begotten Son ...Romans 5:8. Letting each one, who graced them with their presence each month, know that they were not the "forgotten"; not by us and not by God...drawing our inspiration from Hebrews 13:3 "Remembering those who are in prison, as though in prison with them..."

It was our great and wonderful pleasure and privilege to be in His service to our incarcerated sisters at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women.

Our ministry included:

Teaching the Word, song, baptisms, communion and monthly correspondence.

Anna Hicks



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR

JANUARY – FOCUS: REJUVENATION, RECONSECRATION AND RENEWAL

- 2 OFFICE CLOSED - HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 9-13 NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION MID-WINTER BOARD MEETING
- 15 MLK UNITY SERVICE AT SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
- 15 PASTOR'S HONOR ROLL DEADLINE (1ST & 2ND QUARTER)
- 15 GOLDEN ADVENTURERS (STAY AT HOME TEA)
- 16 MLK BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 21 NEW MEMBERS LUNCHEON
- 25 CORPORATE PRAYER RESUMES

FEBRUARY – FOCUS: LOVE, LINEAGE, AND LEGACY

- 5 BLACK HISTORY OBSERVANCE
- 12 BLACK HISTORY OBSERVANCE
- 12 GOLDEN ADVENTURERS
- 19 BLACK HISTORY OBSERVANCE
- 19 PASTOR'S HONOR ROLL RECOGNITION (1ST & 2ND QUARTER)
- 22 CORPORATE PRAYER
- 26 BLACK HISTORY OBSERVANCE
- 26 OLD TIME CHURCH/WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY WORD & WORSHIP

1ST - 8TH - 15TH

MARCH – FOCUS: EVANGELISM/FRANGELISM

- 5 SBC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE
- 8 GOLDEN ADVENTURERS
- 12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
- 12 SEASONED SAINTS DAY
- 12 NEW ERA ORATORICAL CONTEST @ SALEM (FOR SALEM HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS)
- 22 CORPORATE PRAYER SERVICE
- 26 FRIENDS & FAMILY SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY WORD & WORSHIP

1ST - 8TH - 15TH - 29TH

MLK Unity Service
Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017
6:00 P.M.

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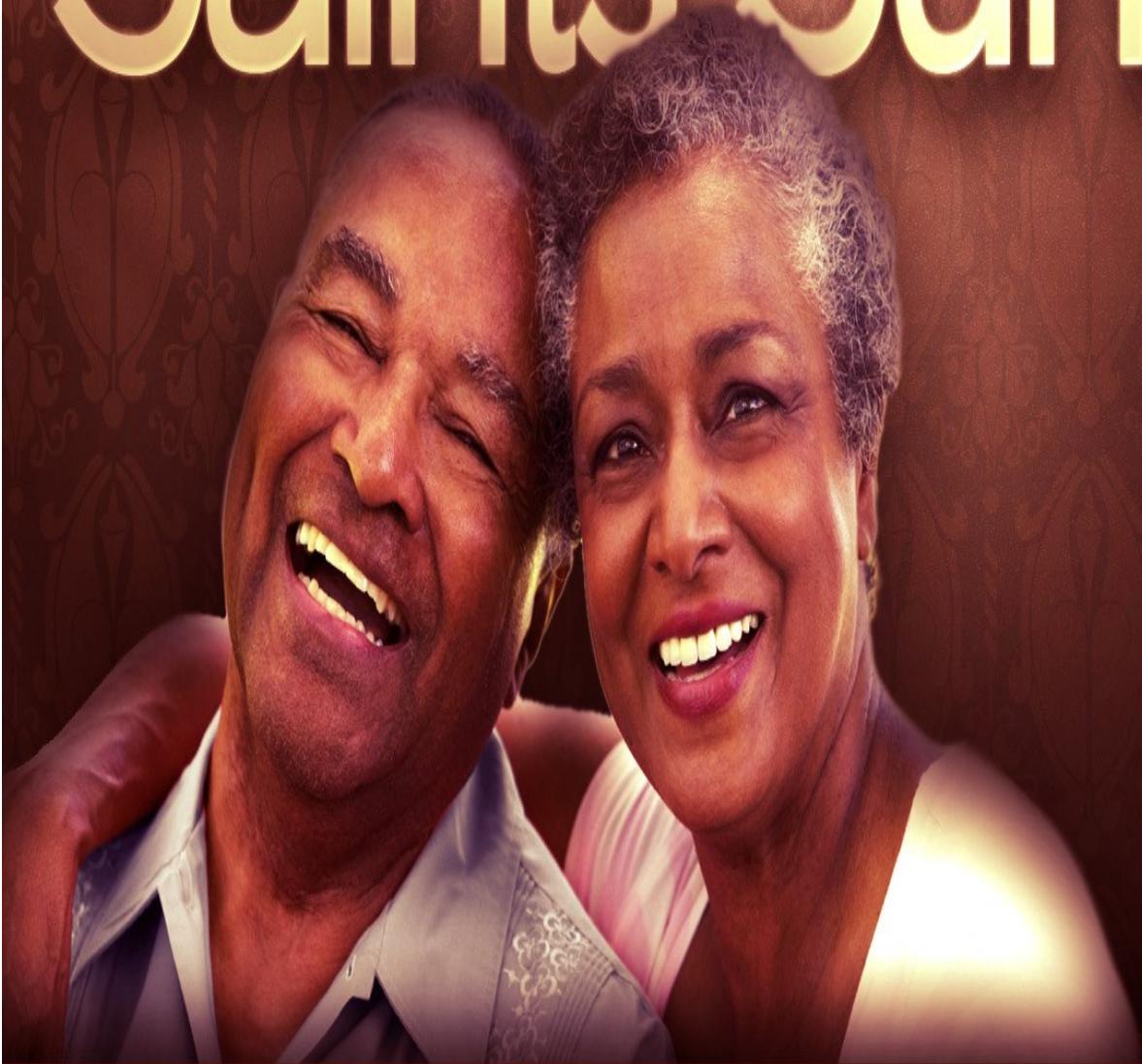
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February 26, 2017

8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Services

Seasoned
Saints Sunday



March 12, 2017

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Sunday

March 26, 2017



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