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**SUBJECT:** An Update from the Pastor: New Normal Ministry, Pastor's Anniversary, "Word for You Walk" broadcast – Update #5

***"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."***

*- James 1:2-4*

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

As we enter our seventh month of isolation from one another, know that the Lord is with us. Give praise to His name, find strength in His salvation and know that He is faithful in all things. We have reached a monumental and historic time in our nation's history, but we will indeed get through this time and, in the process, strengthen our faith.

I urge you to continue to engage with us through our virtual worship service and if you need spiritual and emotional support, please do not hesitate to call the church at (402) 455-1000.

The New Normal ministry continues to monitor the number of COVID-19 cases here in Douglas County while making preparations to re-open our church. At this time, we have not set a specific date to re-open. The decision to delay re-opening has been made, in part, because of the continued rise in case numbers here in our county and because, as you know, this virus has disproportionately impacted the African American community. We continue to place the safety and well-being of our members at the forefront of our decision-making.

### **Important Dates to Remember – Please Mark Your Calendars!**

#### *Pastor's Anniversary Celebration*

On Oct. 18, we will celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Salem family, it has been my honor to lead this congregation and I look forward to celebrating our time together.

To commemorate this milestone event, a digital Souvenir Program Booklet is in the works. See the enclosed letter from our Board of Trustees, which contains additional information.

### **Ways to Worship with Us**

Please continue to join us in online worship through the platforms we're currently using, including our "Word for Your Walk" broadcast, **which now airs on the CW - Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.**

Access virtual worship live at 10 a.m. every Sunday via [salembc.org](http://salembc.org), on Facebook at [Facebook.com/salembcomaha](https://www.facebook.com/salembcomaha), at [www.boxcast.com](http://www.boxcast.com) and on YouTube.

We appreciate your continued stewardship and support of the mission here at the Salem Baptist Church. We will continue to share updates regarding preparations as the New Normal ministry makes progress.

We pray you have a blessed, wonderful, and safe week.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Selwyn Q. Bachus