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A Word from the Senior Pastor

Pastor Selwyn Q. Bachus



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

We have entered the month of November where we annually pause and celebrate a day of Thanksgiving. Even in the midst of a pandemic we have reasons to be thankful. The blessings of family, friends and loved ones should cause us to be thankful. The provision of shelter and food the Lord gives should cause us to be thankful. Most importantly, the salvation and eternal life that comes through Jesus Christ should cause us to be thankful.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34 (NKJV)

34 OH, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD! FOR HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.

As we approach the close of this year, let us collectively take a moment to reflect on what we have endured. As well, it is a moment to reflect on how the Lord has continued to keep us and bless us in spite of the uncertainty that we face. No matter what we face, the Lord is with us.

PSALM 46:1 (NKJV)

1 GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE.

Continue to trust in the Lord. Lean and depend on Him like never before.

Peace and Blessings!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Selwyn Q. Bachus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Selwyn Q. Bachus

Pastor's Anniversary submitted by Kathy J. Trotter, Anniversary Chairperson

What a blessing! October 18, 2020 was set aside to honor our Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Selwyn Q. Bachus, and first family, Lady Marla C. Bachus and sons Selwyn II and Myles in celebration of their 15th Anniversary leading Salem Baptist Church.

This year was a little different because of the pandemic but we were not going to let that stop us from celebrating our Pastor's pastoring 25 years and preaching 35 years.

We decided to do a Commemorating Digital Souvenir Program Booklet which came out absolutely beautiful. If you did not see the booklet, please go to Salem's website salembc.org.

At the 10:00am hour we were blessed by the anointed preaching of Pastor Bachus daddy, Rev. C. L. Bachus, Pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

We were not through yet. At 12:00noon, we have an Anniversary Celebration Drive Thru Parade in the circle drive of the Salem Baptist Church, 3131, Lake Street in Omaha, Nebraska. Members and friends drove through to show their love.

It was with great pleasure that Salem takes the time out to recognize our Senior Pastor who has given much of his time, talents, and treasure to ministry. Many members responded to by placing advertisements in the souvenir program booklet, cards, letters, and tokens of appreciation for Pastor Bachus and his family. There were several cards and gifts sent to the church office to show appreciation and gratitude for the sacrifices that have been made.

Pastor, Sister Bachus, Selwyn II, and Miles would like to thank all of those who took the time to share their thoughts, prayers, gifts, and acknowledgments with them during this special time.

The Life Development Ministry (Sunday School) “Zoom’s” On

Grace and peace to you all from the Life Development (Sunday School) Ministry.

We are presented with challenging times: COVID 19 pandemic, social justice issues, political issues, and so many more spiritual, personal and economic issues

During these challenging times, it is of the utmost importance that the Word of God go forth. The Life Development (Sunday School) Ministry withstood and is still withstanding these tests of the times by ensuring that Sunday School classes were made available through virtual and other means.



The Life Development (Sunday School) Ministry’s desire is to strengthen the student’s relationship with God through biblical education. Our goal is to develop mature disciples who are not afraid to use their God-given gifts to be a blessing in the church as well as the community.

The Life Development (Sunday School) Ministry is not just a supplemental ministry within the congregation; it is a vital component of the Great Commission left by Jesus commanding us to teach disciples to obey all that He has commanded (Matthew 28:20).

With this in mind, we commit ourselves to being responsible stewards in the teaching ministry of God’s Word.

The Life Development (Sunday School) Ministry provides learning opportunities for all ages. Our class topics are fresh and engaging with something for everyone.

Simply stated, we strive to equip and empower people of all ages through the Word of God to build up the Body of Christ.

2 Timothy 2:15 is the modeling scripture for the Ministry. Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, wrote a second letter to Timothy, his beloved son in the Ministry. During those times, they too were facing challenges and Paul wrote to Timothy...“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind” – 2 Timothy 1:7. As we face our challenges, we to can take heart and apply this message to our circumstances.

Paul also instructed Timothy with these words – “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” In the present day, we have a Pastor, Pastoral Staff and dedicated Instructors who are serving diligently to meet your spiritual needs through the Life Development (Sunday School) Ministry in these unprecedented times.

We have the following spiritual learning opportunities available just for YOU!

4 classes offered through Zoom:

To register for them, please sign up on the church website at salembc.org under the Life Development Opportunities tab.

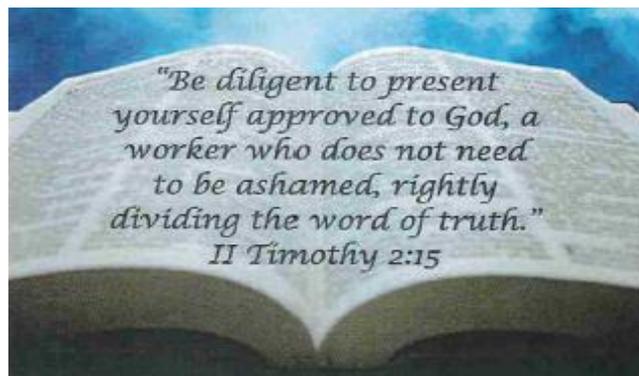
- Contemporary Bible Study – taught by Sis. Velma Sanders. The class is currently studying the book of Luke.
- Adult Bible Study – taught by Deacons Tim Johnson, Earnest Langford and Bruce Greene. The class is currently studying the books of Samuel.
- Women’s Bible Study – taught by Sis. Wyndy Williams. The class studies from the standard Sunday school curriculum published by the Sunday School Publishing Board. Next quarter’s study is focused on “The Call of God in the New Testament”
- Men’s Bible Study – Taught by Deacons Heard and Fairley. The class is currently studying from the book “The Christian Man” by Patrick Worley.

Our Traditional Bible Study class, taught by Sis. Pat Wallington and Sis. Llana Smith, studies from the standard Sunday school curriculum published by the Sunday School Publishing Board. A DVD and student book are mailed to students each quarter. Next quarter’s study is focused on “The Call of God in the New Testament”. If you would like to receive the material, please email Marsha Hall at marsha47hall@gmail.com.

Our Teen students receive a weekly text from the instructor emphasizing the lesson from the standard Sunday School curriculum published by the Sunday School Publishing Board. If you would like for your teen to receive a text and/or a student book, please email Bro. Loring Harkey at harkey4@earthlink.net

Our Preschool, Primary and Junior Students (ages 3 to 12) receive the standard Sunday School curriculum books, published by the Sunday School Publishing Board, by mail. We request that parents/guardians study the material with their child. A weekly email reminder is sent the parent/guardian. If you would like for your child to receive the lessons, please e-mail Sis. Marsha Hall at marsha47hall@gmail.com

We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to enhance your spiritual growth. May the peace of God surround you all.



Deacon's Continue to Serve

Amid these unprecedented times, the Salem Baptist Church Deacons continues to serve the people of God. As a congregation we have been unable to gather for in person worship since March and have had to postpone or cancel many of our regular church activities. But God has provided for us during these challenging times. We are now connected virtually – in worship, fellowship, and stewardship. We thank God that while we do not gather in the church, we continue to gather as the church. We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds tomorrow.

In the wake of the pandemic, our deacon's ministry continues to ensure all members can receive their communion elements each month by providing a drive thru pick up each Saturday before the 1st Sunday. The deacons pray for the church congregation and leadership regularly and check in on members listed on the prayer list and the families of the bereaved.

As believers, we take refuge in knowing that there is a higher power stronger than anything that threatens us. The Holy Spirit gives us strength in our time of testing because God never withholds His preserving grace to those that cling to Him.





Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival added a slightly new twist to this Christian alternative to the customary Halloween. The Harvest Festival was held on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 10:00am from the circle drive of the Salem Baptist church, due to the pandemic.

On Thursday, October 29th with the help of our dedicated Salem volunteers and friends, we had an assembly line and we all packed up the bags of goodies for our member's and the community.

Thanks to those who donated candy, drink boxes, games, books, and popcorn balls. We were able to give out 500 treat bags. The parents and children that received the bags were very thankful.

Special thanks Trustee Tammy Brown for organizing this year's Harvest Festival along with all the volunteers who made this a special time for the children.





Happy Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed

The Church office will be closed
Wednesday, November 25 -
Sunday, November 29.

We will resume normal
business hours on Monday,
November 30.

Virtual Candle Light Memorial Service



The Candlelight Memorial Service is going virtual this year because of COVID-19. It will broadcast at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 3, 2020 during a special Fireside Chat with Pastor Bachus. We will honor our Salem Baptist members who passed away in the year 2020.

May your holidays be

Merry & Blessed

Our offices will be closed from December 23 - 27. We wish you a very Merry & Blessed Christmas!

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