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August 5, 2021

2021, The Year of Revival

“Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O Lord God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.”

– Psalm 80:18,19

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

It warmed my heart to see so many of you in the church parking lot for Sunday worship on July 25. We know you are eager to return to the House of the Lord. I am pleased to share that we are now comfortable deeming **our Sunday, September 19 re-opening date concrete**. We look forward to worshipping together inside the church for the first time in nearly 19 months. This date was specifically selected to allow us to get through the better part of summer holiday gatherings and travel activities that typically bring large groups of people together. We remain in prayer for wisdom, guidance, and covering as we prepare for re-opening.

#YourSafetyMatters to us. That’s why we’re using a phased approach to our in-person return. We will hold Sunday worship services only when we initially return. We will monitor vaccination rates, local COVID-19 case numbers, and the health of the Salem congregation as we assess when and whether it is safe to begin incrementally returning each of our ministries to normal, day-to-day service.

In the meantime, we’re ensuring our staff and ministries are adequately prepared for the new normal environment. This past Saturday, July 31, we hosted refresher training sessions with our ministry leads and volunteers to make certain everyone is prepared to successfully carry out new normal, in-person procedures and protocols. Our first official dry run session will take place at the church **Sunday, August 15 at 10 a.m.** We will host several dry run sessions, capturing lessons learned and adjusting where needed. While you may start to see cars parked outside the church during these sessions, we would ask that you not come inside unless you are part of those sessions.

Vaccination Clinic Locations

We continue to monitor local public health conditions and watch positivity rates associated with mutated virus strains. Local and national public health officials have shared that the mutations are more contagious and impacting the health of the younger generation more prevalently than the earlier virus. If you have not already been vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to get your vaccine so you can be safe and keep those around you safe, as well. You can find a location and schedule an appointment here: <https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/109-covid-19/808-covid-19-community-vaccination-clinics>.

Important Updates – August/September 2021

Restroom Renovations

Over the next several weeks, we will begin renovations on the men’s and women’s restrooms located near the children’s nursery and the Maurice Watson Conference room. Renovations are expected to span several months; however, the schedule will be set to ensure that one set of restrooms remains operational while the other is undergoing upgrades. We will keep you updated regarding the progress.

Backpack Giveaway - Saturday, August 7

We will host a backpack/school supplies giveaway **Saturday, Aug. 7** in the church parking lot **from 10 a.m. until all supplies have been distributed**. For those who plan to attend, we request that masks be worn. Please broadly share this information with those in need across our community.

Worship in White - Sunday, August 29 (at Holland Performing Arts)

We have scheduled an outside Worship in White Service for **Sunday, August 29 at 10 a.m. at the Holland Performing Arts Center**. Transportation from the church to the Holland will be available. Details are forthcoming. Stay tuned.

Communion Elements Distributed Saturday, September 4

On Saturday, September 4, our deacons will distribute communion elements in the church parking lot. We will continue to distribute communion elements on the first Saturday of every month even after we re-open for in-person worship. This will ensure that those who choose to worship virtually still have the opportunity to commune with us from home.

Ways to Worship with Us

Please continue to join us in online worship Sundays at 9:55 a.m./10 a.m. via salembc.org, Facebook at [Facebook.com/salembcomaha](https://www.facebook.com/salembcomaha), www.boxcast.com and on YouTube at <https://rb.gy/njzsy9>. On **Sunday afternoons**, join us for our **"Word for Your Walk"** broadcast, **which airs on the CW at 1:30 p.m.**

Podcast lovers: We upload sermons from Sunday worship each week as a podcast on Apple podcasts. Listen at your convenience: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/salem-baptist-church-omaha/id1493073489>. Also, you can subscribe to receive a notification when new sermons are uploaded.

Tithes and Offerings

We appreciate your continued stewardship and support of the mission at the Salem Baptist Church. Tithes and offering donations can be made using the following payment applications:

PayPal – visit our website or send offering/tithes to salemadmin@salembc.org

Venmo – Salem Baptist Church Omaha

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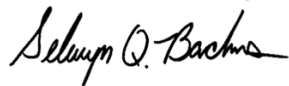
Text "Give" to: (402) 543-3316

Questions? Call the church office at: (402) 455-1000

You may also mail a check to:

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Peace and blessings,



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