



*Rev. Dr. Selwyn Q. Bachus*

**Senior Pastor**

May 5, 2022

**2022, The Year of Realization**

*"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."*

*-Psalm 19:14  
May 2022 scripture*

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

What a genuine blessing it was to reconnect with so many who are a part of the century-long story of the Salem Baptist Church, as well as to experience the presence of the spirit in the sanctuary throughout our weeklong celebration of Centennial festivities.

I've seen and experienced much throughout these past 17 years here at Salem, including a congregation that has become more multigenerational, growth and evolution and the retiring of our church debt. But to witness the sheer amount of love from friends and family near and far, and the acknowledgement and well wishes expressed from across our community has been truly heartwarming.

The turnout for the celebration of what some affectionately deemed our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and just months after we could finally re-open our doors for in-person worship gave new meaning to the expression: "showed up and showed out." We drew hundreds both in-person and online each evening. It felt like church again inside these walls in the House of Worship.

I would be remiss if I did not express my immense appreciation to each of our guest pastors, Rev. Dr. Melvin Wade, Sr., Rev. Dr. J.C. Wade Jr., Rev. Dr. C.L. Bachus, and Rev. Dr. Maurice Watson. The sanctuary was blessed each evening by the messages of wisdom shared with all who came to hear. We are overcome with gratitude that each of you came to partake in this special occasion with us.

To each of our ministries, this celebration could not have come to fruition without your dedication, sacrifice and the countless hours of support you contribute toward the success of the Salem Baptist Church.

My heart overflows at the thought that our story continues and is on track to continue for the next 100 years.

**Important Updates – May 2022/June 2022**

***Help us achieve 100 hours of volunteerism***

We've partnered with Lutheran Family Services to host a baby shower for infants across our community. This is one of a series of events we will host as part of our commitment to donate

100 hours of community service in honor of our Centennial. We'll log the collective hours of church volunteers who help us serve our community.

***Here's how you can help - donate needed items between May 16 to May 31***

We will collect donations from May 16 to May 31 at the church Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. We're requesting diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, bottles, T-shirts, onesies (up to size 24 months), socks, bibs, diaper bags, hygiene items (including lotions and body wash), baby blankets, pacifiers, clip on toys, footed pajamas, teething toys, baby books, baby carriers, diaper pails, transition cups, snack containers, bouncers, exersaucers, jumpers and other portable toys.

If you'd prefer to make a financial donation, please designate your donation for: "Lutheran Family Services Baby Shower" and donate through any of our donation platforms or bring your donation to the church.

***National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 5***

As believers, we've tried Him, so we know prayer changes things. Each Sunday, when we gather for worship, we lift our leaders at the local, state, and federal government level, beckoning God to grant them the wisdom necessary to lead with integrity and make just decisions within communities across the nation. This month, as we pause to acknowledge the National Day of Prayer, please continue to pray for our Nation and the leaders who govern our freedom.

***Mother's Day - Sunday, May 8***

One of the most important earthly assignments one can receive is that of parenthood. Exodus 20:12 commands: "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." Let's shower the Mothers of Salem Baptist Church and all across our community with an abundance of love, gifts and support for all the selfless love they show us daily. Mothers, we love you and we bless you.

***Jeans and Jerseys Sunday - Sunday, May 15***

The tradition continues. We know it's been a while, but it's time to break out your jeans and jerseys for Jeans and Jerseys Sunday. Whether you're worshipping virtually or in-person, we invite you to wear your favorite jeans and jerseys (Christian casual, please). We also invite you to post your photos on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for all to see. Use the hashtag #SalemJeans&Jerseys22. Be creative. Be colorful and inventive. We look forward to seeing your photos.

***Corporate Prayer – Wednesday, May 25***

On Wednesday, May 25 we will come together in corporate prayer to ask the Lord for His blessings, guidance and wisdom. We will email the webinar link via Constant Contact no later than Monday, May 23. Please join us if your schedule permits.

***Church Offices Closed for Memorial Day – Monday, May 30***

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the church administrative offices will be closed Monday, May 30. The office will reopen Tuesday, May 31 at 9 a.m.

***Communion Elements distributed Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.***

On Saturday, June 4, our Deacons will distribute communion elements in the church parking lot. This allows our virtual worshippers to commune with us. We will continue disseminating communion elements on the first Saturday of every month until further notice.

**Join us for Youth Ministry every 2nd and 4th Sunday at noon, Wednesday night Bible Study**  
Calling all Youth, grades 6-12: Youth Church is Back! Youth Bible Study is Back! Youth Church, called "REGEN," will take place online every 2nd and 4th Sunday at noon.  
Youth Bible Study, called "The Chop Chop" is held virtually on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. To stay current on all youth events, please text "YOUTH" and your name to (402) 263-0044. Also, follow the ministry via social media: [https://www.instagram.com/youth\\_salembc/](https://www.instagram.com/youth_salembc/).

### **Young Adult Ministry Resumes Fellowship**

Calling all young adults! Please join us for bi-weekly Bible Study on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. Text "YOUNG ADULT" and your name to (402) 263-0044 to sign up for communication updates. Also, follow the ministry via social media: [https://www.instagram.com/youngadults\\_salembc](https://www.instagram.com/youngadults_salembc).

For more information, email Minister Whitaker at: [bwhitaker@salembc.org](mailto:bwhitaker@salembc.org).

### **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](http://salembc.org), Facebook at [Facebook.com/salemcomaha](https://www.facebook.com/salemcomaha), [www.boxcast.com](http://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. 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>.

### **Tithes and Offerings**

We ask that each member of our church family trust the Lord with the tithe (ten percent of the resources the Lord has placed under your stewardship). Tithes and offering donations can be made using the following payment applications:

**PayPal** – visit our website or send offering/tithes to [salemadmin@salembc.org](mailto:salemadmin@salembc.org)

**Venmo** – Salem Baptist Church Omaha

**Cashapp** – \$salemchurchomaha

**Givelify** – Salem Baptist Church

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

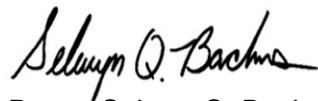
**Questions? Call the church office at:** (402) 455-1000

### **You may also mail a check to:**

Salem Baptist Church  
3131 Lake Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68111

We appreciate your continued stewardship and support of the mission here at the Salem Baptist Church.

Peace and blessings,



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