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2023, The Year of Renewal

“Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

— Isaiah 40:28-31
January 2023 scripture

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

Happy New Year Children of God! If you are reading this update, you ought to praise God for blessing you to see the dawn of another cycle around the sun. As we kick off the year, I declare and designate 2023 as our Year of Renewal. When we enter a time of renewal, we enter a time of welcome change, rejuvenation, reconsecration and refreshing.

What better time to welcome revitalization than at the start of a brand-new year. Many of you ought to thank the Lord that the year 2022 has come and gone and that you don't look like what you've been through. For some, 2022 felt like being left in the aftermath of the destruction of a wrecking ball. Some lost jobs they trained for their entire lives, an experience that ushers in feelings of instability and worry. Some lost loved ones and relationships. Others experienced the loss of happiness due to situations beyond their control. It's normal to stop momentarily to take inventory of the dark valleys you've had to endure and to think about the disappointments, degradation, and discouragement.

Know the Devil is a liar. Know this year is your time for repair, recovery, revival, and recharging. It's time to set new goals and seek completion of goals previously unfinished or unattained. It's time to realize unfulfilled potential. Moving into this year of renewal does not require relying on the contingent limitations of your own finite and limited strength. Our renewal is reliant on the Lord. He gives power to the weak and those who have no might. He increases our strength. The Book of Isaiah reminds us, “They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.”

You've survived the scars and persisted through the pain. Now, you must simply admit you need restoration and trust in the Lord to work on your behalf to restore and renew you.

As we begin the year in renewal mode, we encourage you to join us Sunday evening, Jan. 15, 2023, at 6 p.m. here at the Salem Baptist Church for *the 38th Annual Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) MLK Jr. Unity Service (held in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)* We will honor the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through song and praise. Our Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, is a nationally acclaimed social justice advocate who serves as senior pastor of St. Joseph African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Durham, North Carolina. He is also a North Carolina Central University law professor and a strategist with the Duke University Center for Reconciliation. We hope to see you there.

Important Updates – January 2023/February 2023

The Life Development Ministry invites Salem Baptist Church members back to **in-person Sunday School from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** – Adult and Children classes

The assignments schedule is as follows:

- PreSchool (ages 3 to 5) Nursery A
- Primary (ages 6 to 8) Classroom 12
- Junior (ages 9 to 12) Classroom 11
- Teen (ages 13-18) Classrooms 14-16
- Adult Bible Study Classroom 10
- Men's Bible Study Classroom 4
- Traditional Bible Study Conference Room

Contemporary Bible Study takes place on Sundays at 6:30 pm via Zoom Meeting Number 740 774 1626. The passcode is VICTORY2

Communion Elements Distributed – Saturday, Feb. 4 from noon to 2 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 4 our Deacons will distribute communion elements in the church parking lot. This allows our virtual worshipers to commune with us.

Church offices closed in observance of MLK holiday

In observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the church offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 16 directly following Sunday morning worship. We will reopen on Tuesday morning, Jan. 17.

Friendly reminder - Corporate Prayer will take place Wednesday, Jan. 25

Corporate prayer reconvenes on Wednesday, Jan. 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, Jan. 23. Please join us if your schedule permits.

Black History Month Celebration – Month of February 2023

Join us during our worship services in the month of February as we celebrate the history and contributions African Americans have made throughout the history of our country. Prior to the start of each church service this month, we will feature a brief video vignette to highlight, celebrate and educate our Salem Family. Tune in 10 minutes early to catch important moments in our history.

Old Time Church Worship Service - Sunday, Feb. 26

Join us and invite a family member or friend Sunday, Feb. 26 as our Music and Fine Arts ministry celebrates the musical history of the culture and history of the Black church. Prepare for a truly

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spiritual gospel experience and a few surprises. Join us in person or virtually. You don't want to miss it!

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.** 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

As stewards of the resources the Lord provides, each member of our church family is invited to trust the Lord with the tithe (ten percent of the resources the Lord has placed under your stewardship).

PayPal – visit our website or send tithes and offerings to salemadmin@salembc.org

Venmo – Salem Baptist Church Omaha

Cashapp – \$salembchurchomaha

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:

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

Peace and blessings,



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