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Friday, Oct. 27, 2023

2023, *The Year of Renewal*

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

— I Thessalonians 5:16 – 18
November 2023 scripture; NKJV

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

We're stepping into November, the season of gratitude and reflection. This month, our passage reminds us to "rejoice always." That practice becomes even more significant during the season of Thanksgiving, urging us to maintain a sense of joy and gratitude. It reminds us that our happiness should not be swayed by external circumstances but should emanate from our steadfast relationship with The Father.

Even when challenges arise, we can always find reasons to rejoice in the richness of our faith. In this season of giving thanks, I am personally and profoundly grateful for the renewed energy and excitement that infuses our pastoral ministry. Witnessing the revitalized bonds among our congregation, the delight of welcoming new faces into our worship and the sacred moments of baptisms have bestowed immense blessings upon our church family.

Family, both biological and spiritual, holds a special place in our hearts. We must treasure the moments we share and the deepening connections that grace us each day. The holiday season compels us to acknowledge the gift of family, a gift that unites and strengthens the church.

Every new day is a precious gift and a chance to serve the Lord and each other. With each sunrise, we are reminded of life's splendor and the blessings bestowed. I encourage you to maintain a practice of unceasing prayer daily throughout the holiday season. Internal prayer as you get dressed in the morning, prayer together as a family, as couples, even in your car. Rejoice as we move toward the end of this year, fortified by a revitalized spirit.

May the joy of the holidays be a testament to our collective faith, and may our prayers illuminate the path of perpetual rejoicing. Speaking of rejoicing, it's time to purchase your tickets for this year's *Joyful Noise concert*. We look forward to your presence as we celebrate the season blessed by the Mass Choir's joy-filled production! *An important note - Joyful Noise has moved to Steelhouse Omaha this year. The dates are Dec 2 and 3. More information can be found below.*

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Important Updates – November 2023/December 2023

All Church Tithe Sundays

Church family, November is All Church Tithe Sundays (ACTS). Throughout the month of November, let's embrace our opportunity to honor the Lord by dedicating a tithe from the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us reflect on Malachi 3:8-12: trust in His promise and experience the abundant blessings He pours out in response to our faith and sacrifice. Let's unite in faithfulness and witness His work in our lives.

DID YOU KNOW? You can access the church newsletter on our website

Our latest and archived church newsletters can be found on our website. They feature our latest updates and upcoming events. Find them at: <https://salembc.org/resources/monthly-newsletter/salem-newsletters-archives/>. Be sure to bookmark the site for future reference.

The Life Development Ministry invites Salem Baptist Church members back to join us at 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
(also virtually via Zoom, Meeting Number 918 1913 4364, Passcode cr10!)
- Men's Bible Study Classroom 4
- Traditional Bible Study Conference Room
(also virtually via Zoom, Meeting Number 898 9223 0976, Passcode 670061)

Contemporary Bible Study takes place on Sundays at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Meeting Number 873 4993 4923. The passcode is VICTORY2.

Attention Ministry Leaders: Please Request Meeting Space Two Weeks in Advance
Ministry leaders, please help us help you. To ensure your meeting needs are met, please contact the church office at least two weeks in advance to request a meeting space, date, and time. To schedule your meetings, please contact Bro. Bryan Mattox, Phone: (402) 455-1000 ext. 112 - email: bmattox@salembc.org or Sis. Niccole Cannon-Brown, Phone: (402) 455-1000 ext. 111 - email: ncannon-brown@salembc.org.

Communion Elements Distributed from church office during the week

The Deacons will prepare communion elements for pickup during the week from the church office. This new approach replaces the previous practice of distributing the elements on the Saturday before Communion. Please note this change and make the necessary arrangements to collect the Communion elements during business hours at the church office.

Daylight Savings Time ends (set clocks back one hour) - Nov. 5

Just a gentle reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends on Nov. 5. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night. We look forward to seeing you bright and early Sunday morning at 10 a.m. for our worship services in-person as well as online.

Under the Shade Tree Ministry has resumed

Under the Shade Tree Ministry is a men's fellowship that features coffee, donuts, and conversation. The meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of the month. The men discuss today's current affairs, including news and other important events for men looking to grow in their relationship with God and one another. Meetings will begin Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact John Neal at (402) 677-2810.

Corporate Prayer Service - Nov. 8

Join us virtually to experience the power of collective prayer Wednesday, Nov. 8. Together, we will seek the abundant blessings, guidance, and wisdom of the Lord. The webinar link will be sent out via Constant Contact on the Monday before the prayer session. Let's come together in prayer, sharing our deepest concerns and desires.

Candlelight Memorial Service - Nov. 9

Our Candlelight Memorial Service is a sacred moment for reflection and remembrance as well as a time to honor and remember the lives of those we've lost this year. During the service, we will light candles in memory of our loved ones, accompanied by hymns and scripture readings to comfort and uplift our spirits. Please join us for this special occasion as we celebrate the lives of those we hold dear.

Veterans Day - Nov. 11

Please join us as we express gratitude for those who have served not only our country but also our church. This month, we turn our gratitude towards our esteemed veterans who are part of our church family as well as those who actively serve in our church. I warmly invite you to join in this homage by offering your sincere thanks to these remarkable individuals.

Thanksgiving Day Holiday/Church Offices Closed - Nov. 22 to 25

The church offices will be closed Nov. 22-25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We hope your holiday is filled with warmth, gratitude, and cherished moments with loved ones. We wish you a Thanksgiving abundant in love, laughter, and joy as you gather with family and friends.

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Here's what you need to know: Mobile-Only Tickets: Access your tickets easily at wallet.ticketomaha.com using your purchase login. No need for screenshots or printing. You can even share your tickets immediately after purchase. Doors will open 60 minutes before showtime. Convenient parking is available at the National Indemnity Garage (322 N 12th Street). For everyone's safety, all guests will pass through security scanners upon arrival. There is a clear bag policy: To ensure security, only clear plastic or vinyl bags (12x6x12" max) or small clutch bags (6.5x4.5" max) are permitted. We look forward to your presence and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Join Us for the Wade – Watson Preaching Series - Sunday, Dec. 10

As part of this year's Wade – Watson Preaching Series during our 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 10, we will welcome Rev. Reginald Lee Bachus, the pastor of Mt. Ollie Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. Rev. Bachus will preach a sermon as part of this annual observance. We look forward to seeing you there.

Annual Meeting - Tuesday, Dec. 12

Join us for the Annual Meeting the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Your presence and input are valuable to our congregation's future.

Christmas holiday break - church offices closed Dec. 21 to Dec. 27

Wishing you a blessed Christmas holiday season! Please note that our church offices will close at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21. We will reopen Wednesday, Dec. 27

Watch Night Evening Worship Service - Dec. 31

Join us as we close out the year with a special Watch Night service to ring in the New Year. Here's some brief history: Watch Night Service commemorates the night of December 31, 1862 when enslaved African Americans gathered in anticipation of their freedom with hope, prayer and resilience. It continues to symbolize our journey towards civil rights and equality, and serves as a cultural and spiritual celebration of faith. Together, let's reflect on our Year of Renewal and embrace 2024 with a spirit of hope

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](https://www.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 mornings, join us for our "Word for Your Walk" broadcast, which airs on KMTV-3 at 6 a.m. We also upload sermons from Sunday worship each week as a podcast on Apple podcasts: <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

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Text "Give" to (402) 543-3316

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

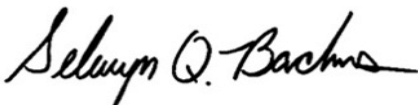
You may also mail a check to:

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Peace and blessings,



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