

**April 2024**

*There's a  
season for everything  
and a time  
for every matter  
under the  
heavens.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

# *Mission Statement*

The Salem Baptist Church is transforming lives by Exalting the Savior, Evangelizing the Lost, Equipping the Saints and Expanding the Kingdom of God.

*(Matthew 22: 36-40; Matthew 28: 18-20)*



Each saint of God should be a maturing disciple of Jesus Christ. In 2024 we expect each member to aspire to a higher level of worship, relationship, discipleship and stewardship.

*Ephes. 4:11-16 (NKJV)*

*And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, [12] for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, [13] till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; [14] that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, [15] but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ-- [16] from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

In this new year, each of us should renew our commitment to the Lord Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, and to seeing lost souls served and saved.

*Matthew 9:37-38 (NKJV)*

*Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. [38] Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

# Announcements

*“For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul. After this I awoke and looked around, and my sleep was sweet to me.”*

— Jeremiah 31: 25-26  
*Scripture for the Year; NKJV*

*Communion Elements Distributed from the church office during the week*

The Deacons will prepare communion elements for pickup from the church office during the week. This approach replaces the previous practice of distributing the elements on the Saturday before Communion. Please arrange to collect your Communion elements during business hours at the church office.

*Corporate Prayer - Wednesday, April 24 and May 22*

Join us virtually to experience the power of collective prayer Wednesday, April 24 and May 22. Please join us as we ask the Lord for His blessings, guidance, and wisdom. We will email the webinar link via Constant Contact no later than the Monday before each prayer session.

*Safe Sanctuary and Children's Church Training for Volunteers - Saturday, April 6*

Please mark your calendars for the second session of our Safe Sanctuary and Children's Church Training workshop on Saturday, April 6, starting at 10 a.m. The training, lasting 2 hours (1 hour each for Safe Sanctuary and Children's Church volunteers), is a mandatory session for all volunteers participating in Children and Youth Ministries. Join us as we delve into the essential topics of child safety and training for Children's Church.

*Church Anniversary - Sunday, April 28*

We warmly invite you to celebrate our 102nd Church Anniversary. Prepare for a worship experience filled with uplifting messages and a community united in faith. Let's come together to renew our spirits and commemorate another year of blessings and growth.

*National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 2*

Let us come together as the Salem Baptist Church family to lift our hearts and voices in prayer for our nation, its leaders, and its people. This is a sacred opportunity to unify in faith, seeking guidance, wisdom, and protection from above. May our collective prayers on this day serve as a testament to the power of our faith in God's enduring love and grace.

## *Announcements Cont.*

*Join Us for the Bridge Builders New Member Appreciation Luncheon: Celebrating Our Newest Salem Members - Saturday, May 4*

The Bridge Builders New Member Ministry will sponsor a New Member Appreciation Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon is being held for new membership who have joined Salem since 2020. Please come out to enjoy fellowship, fun and food. Sign up tables will be available in the foyer before and after services during the month of April.

*Spring Revival - Wednesday, May 15*

We are thrilled to announce the Spring Revival at Salem Baptist Church, set to ignite our spirits on Wednesday, May 15. Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Maurice Watson of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas will lead us in worship. Dr. Watson has made significant impacts through his pastoral leadership, marked by transformative growth in congregations across the United States, including expanding Salem. A revered preacher and teacher, his ministry is recognized globally, culminating in honors such as induction into the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Board of Preachers of Morehouse College.

This gathering is a wonderful opportunity for renewal, spiritual growth, and fellowship within our beloved community. Mark your calendars and prepare your hearts to be rejuvenated through worship, prayer, and the word.

*Jeans and Jerseys Sunday - Sunday, May 19*

The time has come to dig through your closet for that cherished jersey – yes, the very same one you sported to church last year! Jeans and jerseys Sunday is quickly approaching. It's the perfect chance to flaunt your team spirit or simply embrace a comfy, casual vibe. Embracing a laid-back dress code for the day aims to foster a relaxed, enjoyable environment, strengthening our sense of community. So, gear up in your coziest jeans and beloved jersey, and let's gather with joy and camaraderie for a day of worship and fellowship that promises to be both uplifting and memorable. We encourage you to extend a hand of fellowship by inviting your friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors to join us in our community of faith.

*Offices closed in observance of Memorial Day - Sunday, May 27*

In honor of Memorial Day, the Salem Baptist Church offices will be closed on Sunday, May 27th. We encourage our church family to take this time to reflect on the bravery and sacrifices of our fallen heroes. Regular office operations will resume Tuesday, May 28 at 9 a.m.

# *Life Development Classes*

## *Spiritual and Personal Development Opportunities*

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>
Preschool (Ages 3-5)	Nursery A
Primary (Ages 6-8)	Classroom 12
Junior (Ages 9-12)	Classroom 11
Teens (Ages 13-18)	Classroom 14-16
Adult Bible Study (Ages 19 & up) (also virtually via Zoom. Meeting number 918-1913-4364, Passcode cr10!)	Classroom 10
Men's Bible Study	Classroom 4
Traditional Bible Study (also virtually via Zoom. Meeting number 898-9223-0976, Passcode 670061)	Conference Room
Contemporary Bible Study takes place on Sundays at 6:30pm via Zoom Meeting number 873-4993-4923. The passcode is VICTORY2	

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"We serve the LORD by serving the LORD's people"

## *Sermon Notes*



**Pastor:** *Rev. Dr. Selwyn Q. Bachus*

**Scripture:**

**Sermon Subject:**

### **Main Points:**

**I.**

**II.**

**III.**

*“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”*

— 1 Peter 2:9-10  
*Scripture for the Month; NKJV*