

Her children arise up, and call her blessed. PROVERBS 31:28

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# **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

### 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.

### Corporate Prayer - Wednesday, May 22

Join us virtually to experience the power of collective prayer Wednesday, *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.

### 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.

### Mother's Day - Sunday, May 12

We extend our deepest gratitude and love to all the mothers of Salem Baptist Church. Your strength, wisdom, and unconditional love are the pillars upon which our community stands and grows. May this day be filled with the joy and recognition you so richly deserve, as we celebrate the irreplaceable role you play in our lives and hearts.

# Announcements Cont.

# 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. Join us at 7pm.

## "Mind Your Health" - Mental Health Awareness Series - Thursday, May 9 and 23

Hey young adults and young professionals! Join us in May for our Mental Health Series! Enjoy good food, great company, and insightful discussions led by a licensed mental health practitioner. We'll tackle stress, relationships, and more in a supportive environment.

Mark your calendars! The Mental Health Series will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at Salem at 7 pm.

# 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 - Monday, May 27 In honor of Memorial Day, the Salem Baptist Church offices will be closed on Monday, 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>

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Classroom 12

Classroom 11

Preschool (Ages 3-5)

Primary (Ages 6-8)

Junior (Ages 9-12)

Teens (Ages 13-18) Classroom 14-16

Adult Bible Study (Ages 19 & up) 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 6:30pm via Zoom Meeting number 873-4993-4923. The passcode is VICTORY2

### **Salem Staff Information**

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

# <u>Sermon Notes</u>



Pastor: Rev. Dr. Selwyn Q. Bachus

Scripture:

Sermon Subject:

Main Points: I.

II.

## III.

"Then the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.

> – II Chronicles 7:12 – 15 Scripture for the Month; NKJV