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Friday, June 28, 2024

June Theme: Vacation Bible School

2024, The Year of Replenishing

"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

— John 8:36
Scripture for the Month; NKJV

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

As we embark on the joyous month of July, our hearts are filled with anticipation for Vacation Bible School. This year, VBS is more than just a gathering; it is an opportunity to deepen our faith, especially in challenging times.

The central purpose of VBS is to instill in God's people, both young and seasoned, a resilient faith that can withstand life's pressures. Our recent sermon on the story of Jairus reminds us of the importance of unyielding belief in God's ability to deliver and heal, even when we face immense pressure. Jairus, despite his high social and religious status, humbled himself before Jesus in his desperate hour. His faith transcended his status and personal abilities, showing us that true faith is grounded in humility and reliance on God.

During VBS, we will explore how to develop faith that endures life's pauses. Like Jairus, who exhibited patience and perseverance while Jesus paused to heal another, we too must learn to trust God's timing. Our faith journey often includes waiting periods, where it seems that our prayers are delayed. However, these pauses are not denials but opportunities for our faith to grow even stronger.

We also learn from Jairus' story the importance of maintaining faith in spite of public opinion. When told that his daughter was dead and to trouble Jesus no further, Jairus held onto his faith. This teaches us to stand firm against negative societal pressures and to believe in God's promises, regardless of what others may say.

Persistent faith, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, is always rewarded. Jairus' steadfast belief led to the miraculous healing of his daughter, demonstrating that God honors persistent faith. As we gather for VBS, let us encourage

one another to persist in our faith, trusting that God sees our struggles and will respond in His perfect timing.

Finally, this month's theme calls us to esteem ourselves through faith. Our value and strength come from our relationship with God, who supports and uplifts us in times of weakness. As John 8:36 declares, "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." Let us embrace the freedom that comes from faith in Christ, knowing that He liberates us from all burdens and fears.

May VBS 2024 be a time of renewal and strengthening of our faith. Let us come together, ready to learn, grow, and encourage one another in the Lord. *Join us July 8 to July 12* at the church from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening for our 2024 Vacation Bible School session. This year's theme is Get On Board - Cruising With God's Family. The associated scripture comes from Ephesians 1:5. Mark your calendars and prepare for an exciting week of faith and adventure!

Please register for VBS today: <https://bit.ly/sbc-vbs-registration>

Important Updates – July 2024/August 2024

DID YOU KNOW? You may continue your year with spiritual growth using "60 Days of Strength: A 60-Day Devotional Journal." Released Dec. 1, 2023, the journal is available on Amazon. It offers scriptural insights, reflection, and direction for a deeper spiritual walk. Join us on this journey to renewed faith and strength. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/3NKAa1L>.

Looking to 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 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 821 9381 5354, 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.

We will continue the celebration of our Youth on Sunday, June 30 as we host our Annual Graduate, Scholarship & Pastor's Honor Recognition where we will honor our students' academic achievements. Come join us as we lift up and celebrate our youth and our students.

Church offices closed in observance of Independence Day - Thursday, July 4
Please be advised that the church offices will be closed July 4 for the holiday. We will reopen at 9 a.m. the following day, July 5, 2024. Have a blessed and safe holiday!

Christian Casual Sundays will resume Sunday, July 7 through Aug. 25
You are invited to come out of your Sunday dress clothes and worship in casual clothes and/or jeans. Please keep it Casual, Christian and Covered each Sunday.

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.

All Cancer Sunday/Sunday of Hope on July 14

According to the latest estimates by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), there are expected to be approximately 20 million new cancer cases worldwide in 2024 [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) and ([PAHO](#).) This estimate highlights the growing global burden of cancer and underscores the importance of ongoing efforts in prevention, early detection, and equitable access to treatment. It is vital that we continue our commitment to raising awareness about cancer and supporting those affected by it. On Sunday, July 14, please wear a color that represents the type of cancer you or a loved one has experienced. For guidance, this article in Medical News Today provides a Cancer Color Chart with recommendations for ribbon colors:

<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/323448>. Additional information will be available in the foyer of the church, on our website, and on social media to help you choose the appropriate color. Together, let us thank the Lord for His healing power and the grace and strength He gives us to continue the fight.

Corporate Prayer - Wednesday, July 24 and Aug. 21

Join us virtually to experience the power of collective prayer Wednesday, July 24 and Aug. 21. 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.

Back to School Prayer Service - Sunday, Aug. 11

We are excited to announce our annual Back to School Prayer Service, which will be held on Sunday, Aug. 11, as part of our Sunday morning worship. We invite everyone to join us in prayer as we lift up our students, teachers, principals, guidance counselors, student transportation employees, school security and medical professionals, paraprofessionals, custodial staff, food service workers, and school secretaries. This is a special time for us to ask the Lord to bless and protect all those who are dedicated to nurturing and educating our young people. Your presence and prayers are vital as we seek God's guidance and provision for the upcoming school year.

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Worship in White - Sunday, Aug. 25

Worship in White Service will take place *Sunday, August 25* at 10 a.m. Details are forthcoming.

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 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

“Lord, we not only want to position ourselves for your provision, but for your abundant blessing.”

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

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

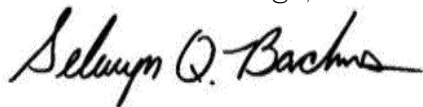
You may also mail a check to:

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Peace and blessings,



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