

ALWAYS BE JOYFUL



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I THESSALONIANS 5:16

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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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

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.

Church Offices Closed for Labor Day - Monday, September 2

Please note that our church offices will be closed on Labor Day to celebrate the holiday and allow our staff to rest and rejuvenate. We look forward to resuming our regular schedule and serving you with renewed energy the following day.

Undistracted Young Adult Series! - 2nd and 4th Thursdays in September/October

Are you feeling overwhelmed by the noise and chaos of everyday life? It's time to reclaim your focus and realign with your God-given purpose. We're excited to invite you to our new Bible study series, Undistracted, where we'll dive deep into what it means to live intentionally and purposefully in today's fast-paced world.

The Undistracted series will take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in September and October. Each session will offer practical insights and meaningful discussions that will help you cut through the distractions and reconnect with what truly matters.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in your faith, build strong relationships, and find clarity in a world full of noise. Mark your calendars and join us for Undistracted—we can't wait to see you there!

Corporate Prayer - Wednesday, September 25

Join us virtually to experience the power of collective prayer Wednesday, Sept. 25. 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.

Announcements Cont.

Back N' School Bash - Sunday, Sept. 29

Get ready for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship at our Back N' School Bash! We're inviting all children, youth, and their families to come together on September 29th from 3:30 to 6:30 PM at the Hope Skate (Schenzel Community center) for an unforgettable event. There will be plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy—roller skating, dodgeball, basketball, and more! Bring your energy and excitement, and we'll take care of the rest. Food will be provided, so all you need to do is show up ready for a good time. Don't miss out on this amazing event—we can't wait to see you there!

Ushers, Greeters & Medical Ministry Services Day - Sunday, Oct. 13

The heart and soul of our worship experience are found in the amazing individuals who dedicate themselves to serving our church community. This year, we are honored to shine a special spotlight on our Ushers, Greeters and Medical Services teams. These devoted members embody the spirit of hospitality and care, ensuring that every person who walks through our doors feels welcomed, safe and supported. Let's take a moment to recognize their commitment and express our deep gratitude for the love and service they pour into our congregation.

Pastor's 19th Anniversary with Salem Baptist Church - Sunday, Oct. 20

Join us on Sunday, Oct. 20, as we come together in joyous celebration of the 19th anniversary. This year, we are honored to welcome Pastor Reginald E. Bachus, Senior Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, in Chicago, Illinois. We look forward to his inspiring message as we reflect on the many blessings we've experienced under Pastor Bachus's care. Let's unite in gratitude and fellowship to celebrate this special milestone and continue the journey of faith and service together.

Annual Harvest Festival Celebration - Friday, Oct. 25

Join us for the Fall Harvest Festival on Friday, Oct. 25. Please drop off candy donations at the church by Wednesday, Oct. 23. And, please remember, costumes are not permitted.

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.

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

— Matthew 6:31-34

Scripture for the Month; NKJV