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Friday, November 1, 2024

November Theme: Thanksgiving & ACTS (All Church Tithes Sunday)

2024, The Year of Replenishing

"Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD! Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore! Remember His marvelous works which He has done. His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth."

— 1 Chronicles 16:8-12
Scripture for the Month; NKJV

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

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we find ourselves in the midst of societal uncertainty. From the ongoing tensions in the world, wars that seem never-ending and the deep divisions in our own nation as we prepare for another presidential election, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. Many of us may wonder what the future holds and how we can find peace in the midst of everything that is taking place.

But as the Chronicler reminds us in 1 and 2 Chronicles, we serve a God who is always faithful. Even in times of failure and confusion, God's promises never fail. Just as He remained steadfast to His covenant with David, He continues to be faithful to His people today. In fact, 1 Chronicles 16:8-12 calls us to remember this very truth: we are to give thanks to God, reflect on His marvelous works and seek His strength continually. No matter what happens in the world around us, we can rest assured that God's will is being fulfilled. His sovereign plan for His people is unshakeable.

The faithfulness of God in Chronicles underscores a powerful truth that applies to us right now—God's promises endure, no matter the circumstances. So, in this time of uncertainty, we are called to remain steadfast in worship, trusting that God's hand is at work in ways we cannot always see. Wars may rage, politics may stir division, but our faith is anchored in the God who was with us yesterday, is with us today and will be with us tomorrow.

As we reflect on this truth during this season of Thanksgiving, let us also:

- Give thanks for God's faithfulness in our own lives and in the life of our community.
- Remember the ways God has sustained us through times of difficulty and change.
- Seek God's presence daily, knowing that He is our source of strength.
- Share His greatness with those around us, testifying to the wonders He has done.

Let us, as a congregation, stand together in hope and faith, trusting that whatever the world may bring, God's promises never waver. His will is always fulfilled, and He is leading us toward a future of purpose, peace and victory in Him.

Important Updates – November/December 2024

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.

Corporate Prayer - Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Join us virtually to experience the power of collective prayer Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. We invite you to join us in seeking the Lord's blessings, guidance and wisdom through prayer. The webinar link will be sent via Constant Contact by the Monday before each session, ensuring you're prepared to join us in this sacred time of connection and reflection. Due to the holiday season and scheduling challenges, we will not hold corporate prayer in December.

HOW IS YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH JOURNEY GOING? Are you using "60 Days of Strength: A 60-Day Devotional Journal" as your companion? Available on Amazon, the journal 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>.

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.

Social Media Sunday - Sunday, Nov. 10

Join us for Social Media Sunday during our worship experience on Nov. 10. This is a special opportunity to share the love and fellowship of our Salem community with your social media family. Instead of just asking your friends to like or follow us, invite them to join you in worship, experience the service and feel truly welcomed. Members are asked to invite at least 2 people who don't go to church to come and experience worship with us. Let's come

together and make this a memorable Sunday as we connect, share, and spread the good news.

Daylight Savings Time ends (set clocks back one hour) - Sunday, Nov. 3

This is a gentle reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends on Nov. 3. Do not forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you retire for rest. 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.

Veterans Day - Monday, Nov. 11

This month, we come together to honor and give thanks for those who have served both our country and our church. With grateful hearts, we recognize the veterans in our church family, as well as those who continue to serve within our congregation. Please join us as we offer our deepest appreciation to these remarkable individuals for their dedication and sacrifice.

Candlelight Memorial Service - Thursday, Nov. 14

Our Candlelight Memorial Service offers a sacred space to honor and reflect on the lives of those we've lost this year. Join us at 7 p.m. as we light candles in their memory, we'll be comforted by the warmth of hymns and the wisdom of scripture, uplifting our hearts in this time of remembrance. We invite you to join us for this special gathering as we celebrate the cherished memories of our loved ones.

Thanksgiving Day Holiday/Church Offices Closed - Wednesday, Nov. 27 to Saturday, Nov. 30

The church offices will be closed Nov. 27-30 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen the administrative offices on Monday morning. 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.

Joyful Noise at Steelhouse Omaha again this year - Dec 7 and 8

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. Choose from two performances: Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. Shake off the chill with holiday classics and new music from the Grammy Award®-nominated Salem Church Choir, local favorites and guest artists. You'll be uplifted and ready for the season after hearing classic holiday songs and gospel favorites with a holiday swing at Steelhouse Omaha. Doors open 60 minutes prior to show time. Preordered parking available at the National Indemnity Garage located at 322 N. 12th Street – preorder through ParkWhiz in advance! Clear bags up to 12x6x12" or small clutches 6.5x4.5". Cashless payments only.

Join Us for the Wade – Watson Preaching Series - Sunday, Dec. 15

As part of this year's Wade–Watson Preaching Series, we invite you to join us at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, for a special service with Dr. Christopher B. Davis, Sr., of St. Paul Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. His insights will inspire and challenge us as we walk together in faith. Come be part of this powerful experience!

Christmas holiday break - church offices closed Dec. 23 to Dec. 27

Wishing you a blessed Christmas holiday season! Please note that our church offices will be closed from Monday, Dec. 23 through the remainder of the week. We will reopen Sunday, Dec. 29.

Watch Night Evening Worship Service - Dec. 31

Join us as we close out 2024 with a powerful Watch Night service! Since December 31, 1862, when our ancestors gathered in prayer, Watch Night has been a sacred time to reflect on our journey toward freedom, justice, and equality. It's a night to honor our past and look forward to God's promises. As we celebrate our Year of Replenishing, let's step into 2025 with hearts full of hope, trusting God's guidance for the future. We can't wait to welcome the new year with you!

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

Venmo – Salem Baptist Church Omaha

Cashapp – \$salembchurchomaha

Givelify – Salem Baptist Church

Text "Give" to (402) 543-3316

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

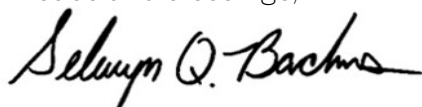
You may also mail a check to:

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Peace and blessings,



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