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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

by: Rev. Claude E. Shelby, Sr.



The Lord has blessed our new prayer initiative, "The Hour of Power." This refers to our Thursday noonday prayer services which began the first of the year (1987).

Have you noticed a renewal in and around Salem? If you have not, no doubt, you have not been very observant. God is blessing us in many ways. The greatest thing that is taking place is the fact that souls are coming to Christ. As you know, this is the real work of the church. Listen again to our Savior as He tells us to "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20 RSV).

Our building program progress also indicates that God is blessing our efforts. I wonder if you are a member who is helping to bring about this measure of success? If so, let me hasten to express our gratitude on behalf of the Salem Family. If you are not a part of this move of God, please consider giving attention to your responsibility as a part of this congregation. Will you answer the call as did Isaiah who was asked, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8). The Lord has left us here to build the Kingdom. Let us all share in this great task.

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A SPECIAL PASTOR'S PRAYER

I thank Thee, Lord, for being here,
For the chance to serve again this year;
To give of myself in some small way
To those not blessed as I each day.
My thanks for health of mind and soul
To aid me ever toward my goal;
For eyes to see the good in all,
A hand to extend before a fall;
For legs to go where the need is great,
Learning to love -- forgetting to hate;
For ears to hear and heart to care
When someone's cross is hard to bear;
A smile to show my affection true
With energy plenty for the task to do;
And all I ask, dear Lord, if I may,
Is to serve You better, day by day.

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**BAPTIST GENERAL STATE
CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

by: Betty J. Hassell

The 72nd Annual Session of the Baptist General State Congress of Christian Education of Illinois convened August 3-7, in Evanston, IL. The host church was Friendship Baptist, Rev. Zollie Webb, pastor. The four-year theme has been "Developing Workers for Christian Service;" and the emphasis for 1987 was "Models for Leadership Development."

Salem sent 17 delegates: Tawanna Brown, Angela Gordon, Freddie Gordon, Betty Hassell, Elana Hassell, Vashoun Hollins, Yolanda Hollins, Angela Jackson, Beverly Jackson, Katheryn Jones, Edgar McIntyre, Paula Peacock, JoLynda Pittman, Faith Shelby, Staci Terry, Stephanie Terry, and Pastor Shelby.

I attended classes on "Christian Nurture," under the excellent direction of Mrs. E. Spriggs of Chicago. Christian Nurture is a necessary part of the process of building and supplying prepared Christian workers -- a method used to educate and further develop people into a relationship with God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, the Church and moral absolutes. If we are to become models for leadership, we must be nurtured in the Word of God. This helps us to reach the ultimate goal of Christian education -- quality Christian Discipleship. Eight ingredients for quality discipleship are:

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| 1. Read the Bible | 5. Be dedicated |
| 2. Study the Bible | 6. Be prepared |
| 3. Search the Bible | 7. Pray |
| 4. Be honest | 8. Listen to: |
| | a. God |
| | b. People |

The church must promote Christian training. Evangelism and education go hand in hand. People are not evangelized, until they have grown in Christ, until the gospel of Jesus Christ has become an integral part of their lives, until they become "a new creature", until their lives personify the gospel. A person who is truly Christian educated will surrender to the Will of God.

I thank Salem for encouraging me to attend the convention; the opportunity to become better equipped in the Word of God was certainly made available to us.



PASTOR SHELBY'S SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

Salem Baptist Church will celebrate the Sixth Anniversary of Pastor Claude E. Shelby, Sr., on **Sunday, September 27th**. Rev. Larry Shelby will bring the message at the 11 a.m. worship service; and the celebration will continue in a special afternoon program.

"COMMUNITY NIGHT", for Pastor Shelby's Anniversary, is scheduled on **Friday, September 25th** at 7:30 p.m. Reverend Earl Kennedy, pastor of St. Luke CME Church, choir and congregation will be our special guests, along with other persons in the community.

**"Quotable
Quotes"**

"Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning."

-Cardinal Newman-

"I have a great need for Christ; I have a great Christ for my need."

-Charles H. Spurgeon-

"The mind, once expanded to the dimensions of larger ideas, never returns to its original size."

-Oliver W. Holmes-

TALENTS

A talent is worth only what you do with it. One of Ripley's famous cartoons pictured a plain bar of iron worth \$5. The same bar of iron when made into horseshoes would be worth \$10.50. If made into needles, it would be worth \$3,285.; and if turned into balance springs for watches, its worth would become \$250,000. What do you do with your talents?

SALEM SPEAKS NEEDS YOU. We need members and friends of Salem Baptist Church to become contributing writers for the newsletter. Salem has many events that will not appear in the newsletter, because we don't have enough reporters. The following stories were written by two members of our Youth Department. Hopefully, they will serve as inspiration to some of the other writers in and around Salem Church. If you are interested in writing about an upcoming event or would like to help in some way with our newsletter, please contact Jeanette Osler, for more information. Thanks!

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

by: R.E. Goines III

A service honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was held in January 1987 at 5:00 p.m. Approximately 200 persons were present to share in the celebration which was held at Douglass Center.

A mass choir sang for the program, directed by Willie T. Summerville; and words were spoken to inspire the community. The spirit of the Lord was upon the program, because God has anointed his people to carry the good news to the poor; to bind the brokenhearted; to proclaim liberty to the captives, to open prison doors for those who are bound; and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

"Let there be enlightenment and knowledge, where there is prejudice and hatred. Let there be acceptance and love, where there is tyranny and oppression. Let there be prosperity and health, where there is strife and discord. Let there be harmony and peace."

The dreams of God for the world are no longer just God's dreams, but our dreams. Let that eternal dream of love and caring be shown to all people, through our lives, so that it will no longer be just a dream, but the world's reality!

Share the Vision

Please submit your favorite Bible verses, poems, quotes, or writings of your own to Jeanette Goines Osler, editor, throughout the year. These items will be printed as space permits. Thank you.



34TH ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD BANQUET

by: Eric Lewis

Salem's 34th Annual Brotherhood Banquet was held in February 1987, in the Fellowship Hall. Deacon Theotto Bowles set the tone for the evening with his presentation of the purpose and history of the occasion. He indicated that the original idea for the banquet was to raise money; however, the purpose now is fellowship.

The Laymen's Department presented special plaques and gifts in recognition of those individuals who have supported the Laymen's activities. Sister Lillian Jefferies was recognized for her culinary support; Lee Melvin for his meritorious service as treasurer and chief chef; Veola Tinsley for her many years assisting Salem as church clerk; and Robert Lewis for his contributions of drawings and illustrations. Brother Eugene Jackson received an award as a junior member of the Laymen's Department; Betty Hassell for her untiring support; Samuel Davis for his faithful performance, as president of the Laymen's Department; and Freddie Gordon for Christian leadership as a junior member of the department.

Pastor Emeritus W.H. Donaldson gave a powerful and timely message entitled, "Good Neighbors and the Opportunity to Be a Good Neighbor." He told the familiar story of "The Good Samaritan" (Luke 10:30-37) and made analogies to the world today, and in particular the Black community and the church. In closing, Rev. Donaldson emphasized that "YOUR NEIGHBOR IS ANYONE WHO IS IN NEED."

YOUTH AT SALEM
by: R.E. Goines III

I would like to inform the young people in our church that they are always welcome in our Sunday morning Sunday School class. Our class is designed for those who are interested in learning how Jesus influences our lives and offers us a better way of living.

Robert Lewis teaches the class and is a fantastic teacher. He explains the lesson to us very well, and makes it easier for us to understand. He takes his time and is patient in dealing with any problem that we might have. Robert is also a nice and considerate Christian. He is helpful in handling problems we have in school; and he makes sure that we are trying to learn as much as possible, and be the best we can be for ourselves and others -- and most of all, for God.

Youth Choir. We also need more of our youth to participate in the Youth Choir. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Robert Lewis or Todd Taylor.

DECISIONS DECISIONS DECISIONS

Here is a five-fold test that will help you analyze any problems or plans you may have as a Christian:

1. Is it according to the Word of God?
2. Does it violate any principles of Scripture?
3. Can I do it to the glory of God? (I Corinthians 10:31)
4. Can I ask God's Blessing on it?
5. Would I like to be found doing this thing, or be in this place when Jesus comes? (Matthew 24:42-46).

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