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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
by: Rev. Claude E. Shelby, Sr.



We are well into the new year and I am excited about the enthusiasm that I have observed in and around Salem. Great things are happening. We are on the move toward rendering greater service for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our emphasis for 1984 was on "Witnessing and Soulwinning." Our motto was, "Tell It More In 84." We were led to maintain the same emphasis for 1985. So our new motto for this year is, "Keep It Alive In 85."

When we observe the conditions around us today, our church must continue to show care and concern in all areas of human endeavors and life. We realize that the greatest need in this world is to change the hearts of men, women, boys and girls by the Word of God. David said, "Thy word is a lamp

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JANUARY BOARD MEETING,
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.
by: Rev. Claude E. Shelby, Sr.

The January Board Meeting of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. was held January 22-25, 1985 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Nashville is a city on the move, according to the mayor and other city officials who spoke during a most impressive welcoming program. The city has within its boundaries some of the noted schools of higher learning in our country. Among them are Vanderbilt University and Fisk University. It was stated that Tennessee has more colleges and universities than any other state in the U.S. other than New York.

Also located in Nashville is the American Baptist College of the American Baptist Theological Seminary where our own Lorenzo Bolden is one of the outstanding students. This was verified in my conversation with President Odell McGlothian of A.B.C. who had many good things to say about our Lorenzo.

The Reverend Lorenzo Bolden, Jr. will be graduating in May of this year. I would like for many of the Salem family to plan to be in attendance at the commencement exercise.

One of the most noteworthy things that took place during the board meeting in Nashville was the ground-breaking for the new National Baptist World Center which will be built on the campus of A.B.C. This great project was brought about by the dynamic leadership of our president, Dr. J.T. Jemison who continues to exhibit the convention's new thrust of being "A Convention That Cares."

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unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105). The world needs the light which only the gospel can give and we must do our part in witnessing to what the love of God can do in all of our lives.

Our scripture references are the following passages: "Go 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).

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8 RSV).

Salem, let us "KEEP IT ALIVE IN 85."

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION CONTINUED

This caring has also been manifested through the fine way that black colleges and other worthy organizations have been supported by the convention. These contributions were needed very badly to help preserve these worthy institutions.

Let us continue our support of the work of our denomination.

ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD BANQUET
by: Jeanette Goines

Salem celebrated its Annual Brotherhood Banquet on the traditional first Friday in February. The theme, "Let Brotherly Love Continue," was nicely addressed by Rev. Kenneth Humes who is a graduate student at the U of I and visiting minister at Salem.

Rev. Humes described for us an example of ideal brotherly love, using the relationship between Jonathan and David of the Old Testament. He closed by saying that we should establish that kind of love first in our own hearts, then in our homes, in our countries, and in the uttermost parts of the earth"

PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM SEXUAL ABUSE

More and more cases are being reported every day of people taking advantage of children's naive and trusting nature. Sexual abuse against children is not as far removed from most of our lives as we would like to believe. Statistics show that one in three girls and one in five boys will experience sexual abuse at some time in their young lives. With this in mind, it seems obvious that we need to prepare our children to deal with any uncomfortable situation. For more information on preventing child sexual abuse, look for the following materials at Champaign and/or Urbana libraries:

- 1) It's My Body: A Book To Teach Young Children How to Resist Uncomfortable Touch, by Larry Freeman, 1982
- 2) A Parents Resource Booklet to accompany number (1)
- 3) Private Zone: A Book Teaching Children Sexual Assault Prevention Tools, by Frances S. Day, 1982
- 4) He Told Me Not To Tell. A Parents' Guide For Talking To Your Child About Sexual Assault, 1979
- 5) Top Secret. Sexual Assault Information For Teenagers Only, by Jennifer J. Fay and Billie Jo Flerchinger, 1982.

To report a suspected case of child abuse, call C-U or Champaign County Police, 333-8911; or Rape Crisis Hotline, 384-4444.



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

"KEEP IT ALIVE IN '85"

by: Benjamin I. Nance

Salem's Missionary Department has been reorganized under the leadership of coordinator Benjamin I. Nance. The Senior Missionary president is Bessie Peacock. The Webb Circle president is Mary Alexander; their leader is Mamie Jackson. The James O. Wilson Circle president is Ella Knox; their leader is Corrine Buchanan. The Junior Matrons Auxilliary president is Barbara Owens; Montrula Shelby is their leader. YWAs and YMAs' leader is Betty Hassell. Red Circle leaders are Bernita Harris and Esther Donaldson.

Meeting Times

J.O. Wilson	3rd Saturday, 4 pm
Webb Circle	1st Saturday, 2 pm
J.M.A.	2nd/3rd Saturday, 1 pm
Senior Missionary	1st/3rd Thursday, 2 pm

The James O. Wilson Circle will hold its first program Sunday, February 10, 1985 at 4:00 p.m. -- a Valentine Musical. Special guests are the St. Luke C.M.E. Church Young Adult Choir and the Greater Holy Temple Church choirs.

We appreciate your support in all missionary efforts; and hope to see you at the above-mentioned meetings.

INFORMATION PLEASE

by: Jeanette Goines

Today there seems to be a hotline for every possible topic of interest. Many of these hotlines are just for fun (i.e. Dial-a-Christmas Carol or Dial-a-joke). However, there are some hotlines that have saved lives; and those are the ones to remember.

In the next three 1985 issues of Salem Speaks, I will list hotlines to remember -- so save your newsletters (at least this page)

ALCOHOLISM	301-468-2600
CANCER	800-525-3777
COCAINE	800-COCAINE
DIABETES	212-683-7444 800-223-1138
EPILEPSY	800-426-0660
GENERAL HEALTH	800-336-4797
HEARING	800-424-8576 800-521-5247
HEART DISEASE	800-241-6993
HYPERTENSION	301-496-1809
INFANT NUTRITION, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	800-523-6633

**DATES TO
REMEMBER IN
BLACK HISTORY****1 January**

Haitian Independence Day, 1804
Emancipation Proclamation (issued),
1863

10 January

Southern Christian Leadership
Conference founded, 1957

15 January

Martin Luther King, Jr. born, 1929

7 February

Grenada Independence Day, 1974

12 February

NAACP founded, 1909

21 February

Malcolm X assassinated, 1965

10 July

Bahamas Independence Day, 1973

25 July

Puerto Rico Constitution Day, 1952

31 July

Whitney Young born, 1921

6 August

Jamaica Independence Day, 1962

17 August

Marcus Garvey born, 1887

31 August

Trinidad-Tobago Independence Day,
1962

22 November

John F. Kennedy assassinated, 1963

5 December

Black bus boycott started in
Montgomery, Alabama, 1955

11 December

Operation Push founded, 1971

23 February

W.E.B. Dubois born, 1868

23 April

National Urban League incorporated,
founded 1913

17 May

Brown vs. Board of Education
Decision, 1954

26 May

Guyana Independence Day, 1966

5 June

Robert F. Kennedy assassinated, 1968

6 June

Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)
founded, 1942

13 June

Medgar Evers assassinated, 1963

2 July

Civil Rights Act of 1964 signed, 1964

Birthdays

January

Azrael Goines
 Tanya Johnson
 Annie Lee Kyse
 Betty Hassell
 Albert Knox
 Mary Overstreet
 Cynthia Ratliff
 Virginia Sayles
 Viola Tinsley

February

Elaine Carter
 Willia Mae Dibrell
 Ada Goines
 Bernita Harris
 Olivia Huff
 Angela Jackson
 Katherine Jones
 Eric Lewis
 Robert Lewis
 Montrula Shelby

March

Jeanette Goines
 Richard Goines
 Bernice McNeal
 Celia Nailer
 Jasper Osler, Jr.
 Elaine Wilson
 Johnny Ray Wilson

BIRTHDAYS ARE GATEWAYS

by: Helen Steiner Rice

(submitted by Montrula Shelby)

Birthdays come and birthdays go
 And with them comes the thought
 Of all the Happy memories
 That passing years have brought.
 And looking back across the years,
 We come to recognize
 That it takes a lot of birthdays
 To make us kind and wise

For growing older only means
 The Spirit grows serene
 And we behold things with our souls
 That our eyes have never seen

For each birthday is a gateway
 That leads to a reward --
 The rich reward of learning
 the true Greatness of the Lord



CHURCH ACTIVITIES
 JANUARY - MARCH 1985

Come as a Guest
 Leave as a Friend

January

- 13 Installation of Officers
- 21-23 National Baptist Board Meeting

February

- BLACK HISTORY MONTH
- 1 Brotherhood Banquet, 7:00 p.m.
Salem Baptist Church
- 9 Prayer Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- 10 Valentine Musical, 4:00 p.m.
- 24 Black History Program

March

- 9 Prayer Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- 24 Women's Day, all-day
Newsletter Stories Due
- 31 Palm Sunday

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Shelby

Tuesday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Saturday 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Church Secretary

Monday 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Wednesday 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
 Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin should be in no later than Wednesday evening. You may contact the secretary Monday-Tuesday, after 5 pm, at 359-3840; or Wednesday, after 12:30 pm, at 356-8176.

FEDERATION OUTREACH

Federation Outreach operates a general information and referral service. Counselors are available to provide you with information about existing community services, as well as introduce you to the people who provide those services. They will also work as your advocate (friend) if you feel that you are not getting the help you need elsewhere.

In addition to employment related issues, "Outreach" assists clients in general areas of:

- financial problems
- legal problems
- education
- health
- housing
- transportation
- relationship counseling
- substance abuse
- utility bills

and other areas of personal concern.

Federation Outreach also offers programs designed to help the unemployed and under-employed. Employment services are available to help people develop and improve job and living skills. Programs are available for people aged 16 to 21, 22 to 54, and 55 and older.

To see if you qualify for this program, contact your local union or the Outreach office at 359-2419.

Services provided in part by grants from The Private Industry Council and the Champaign County United Way.

CLOSING REMARKS

by: Jeanette Goines

At a recent meeting of church officers and leaders, Pastor Shelby raised an issue that should be of concern to every member of every church -- where are all the people who have joined our churches over the years? In Salem Church alone, more than 200 people have joined or reunited in the past two-years. I feel certain that this figure represents the church role of many churches in our community. The fact that our actual Sunday morning attendance does not change much at all from year to year says that, while we are gaining, we are also losing.

Losing new members is a serious two-sided problem. First of all, we lose a potential worker and contributor for our church -- which is a significant loss. However, more importantly, we may also be losing a chance to make a true disciple of someone who has taken the first step.

Well, that's the problem, stated briefly: WHERE HAVE ALL THE NEW MEMBERS GONE?

Being a firm believer that it is not fair (and frustrating) to state a problem without at least hinting at a solution, I will propose this:

Let each of us try to keep new faces and new people foremost in our minds, realizing that choosing the Christian life is by no means easy and that Satan works overtime to tempt newborn Christians. We should make it our business to find out where at least one "missing" person is and see if there is a problem we can help with.

Since many of our "missing" members receive Salem Speaks, I will take this opportunity to say we'd love to see you back in the service. If you are having a problem with transportation, if you are ill, or whatever, let us know. So much is possible with God and God's people on your side.

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ONE OF OUR OWN

by: Jeanette Goines



Lorenzo Bolden, Jr., a 1974 graduate of Champaign Central High School has achieved the distinguished honor of making the Dean's List at American Baptist College (formerly the American Baptist Theological Seminary) in Nashville, Tennessee. To be on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.25 average or higher on a 4.0 scale, while carrying a minimum of 12 semester hours in course work.

Lorenzo was also listed in the 1983-84 National Dean's List and the 1984-85 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

During his college years, he has served as class president and president elect for the student body. He received the Joseph H. Jackson scholarship in 1983, and held the highest scholastic average for that year.

BLACK MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE OF
CHAMPAIGN-URBANA AND VICINITY
1985 OFFICERS

by: R.E. Goines, Sr.

Officers for the Black Ministerial Alliance were installed January 6, 1985 at Grove Street Church of God in Christ, during an Emancipation Proclamation service. Our own Pastor Claude E. Shelby, Sr. delivered the sermon; and Chaplain Ben Elton Cox, Danville VA Medical Center, gave the charge to the new officers.

All in all, the two-hour program was both informative and spirit-filled. Let us thank God for great men of God.

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