



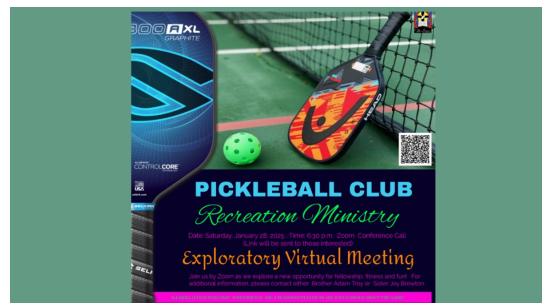
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New Member's Sunday is slated for next **Sunday, January 26th**. This is one of our traditions where new members serve in different roles during the service and we take this opportunity to celebrate all of our new members who joined New Salem in the past year. Scan the QR code to register if you are a new member and want to serve on this Sunday.



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**The Well slated for  
 January 26<sup>th</sup> at Corinthian**



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**Pickleball starts at New Salem**

Attention Youth grades 6-12! Please join New Salem's Life Development (LDV) team on the 4th Sunday of every month at the WELL. While we are visiting Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, we will have the WELL service in the Chapel Hall. If you're a young person and would like to be involved in the planning, email Kay Wilson at [wwilson@newsalemcare.com](mailto:wwilson@newsalemcare.com).

The Recreation Ministry is excited to explore a new opportunity for fellowship, fitness and fun! Join us for an Exploratory Virtual Meeting to discuss the launch of the New Salem Baptist Church Pickleball Club on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. For more information contact Brother Adam Troy at [atroy@newsalemcare.com](mailto:atroy@newsalemcare.com) or Sister Joy Brewton at [jbrewton@newsalemcare.com](mailto:jbrewton@newsalemcare.com) or scan the QR Code.

Scan the QR Code below to update your membership information

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Did you:

- Move?
- Change Jobs?
- Change marital status?
- Did your child graduate?
- new email address?
- phone number?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please update your information today!

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Members of New Salem, it is time to review your information. If you've changed names, addresses, phone numbers, marital status, your children changed grades, you have a new email address, etc., please scan the QR code to update your information. We want to stay connected with you!

## Youth Praise Ensemble (YPE)

Grades 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>  
Rehearsals 2 Wednesdays before 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

For more information, contact Rev. Dr. Merlyn Ruffin at [mruffin@newsalemcare.com](mailto:mruffin@newsalemcare.com) or 614-930-2221

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Calling all youth grades 6-12 with a passion for lifting your voice in worship. We are looking for a group of committed singers to lead praise and worship at the Youth Service (The WELL) on 4th Sundays. This Youth Praise Ensemble (YPE) will rehearse the two Wednesdays before 4th Sunday at 6:30pm in the mini Fellowship Hall at New Salem. Please contact Rev. Dr. Merlyn Ruffin at 614-930-2221 or [mruffin@salemcares.com](mailto:mruffin@salemcares.com) to express your interest.

JOIN US EVERY 3RD SUNDAY

NEW SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

## YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

UPCOMING REHEARSALS

Tuesday, January 7th  
Wednesday, January 15th

6PM-8PM

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## Rehearsal is TONIGHT!

ONLINE NEW MEMBER Classes

Have you taken your membership classes yet? You can go to our website to learn more at [www.newsalemcare.com](http://www.newsalemcare.com)

Welcome to New Salem Baptist Church

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## Bread of Life Food Pantry

The Bread of Life Food Pantry needs you! Feeding families and living out Christ's directive to serve those in need is at the core of what we do. Volunteers are needed to serve on Wednesdays 4:30pm-6:45pm and Saturdays 9:30am-12:30pm (1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month). Please see the link below or just come to 1880 Agler Rd and we'll meet you there! If you have any questions, please email Adam Troy at [atroy@newsalemcares.com](mailto:atroy@newsalemcares.com).

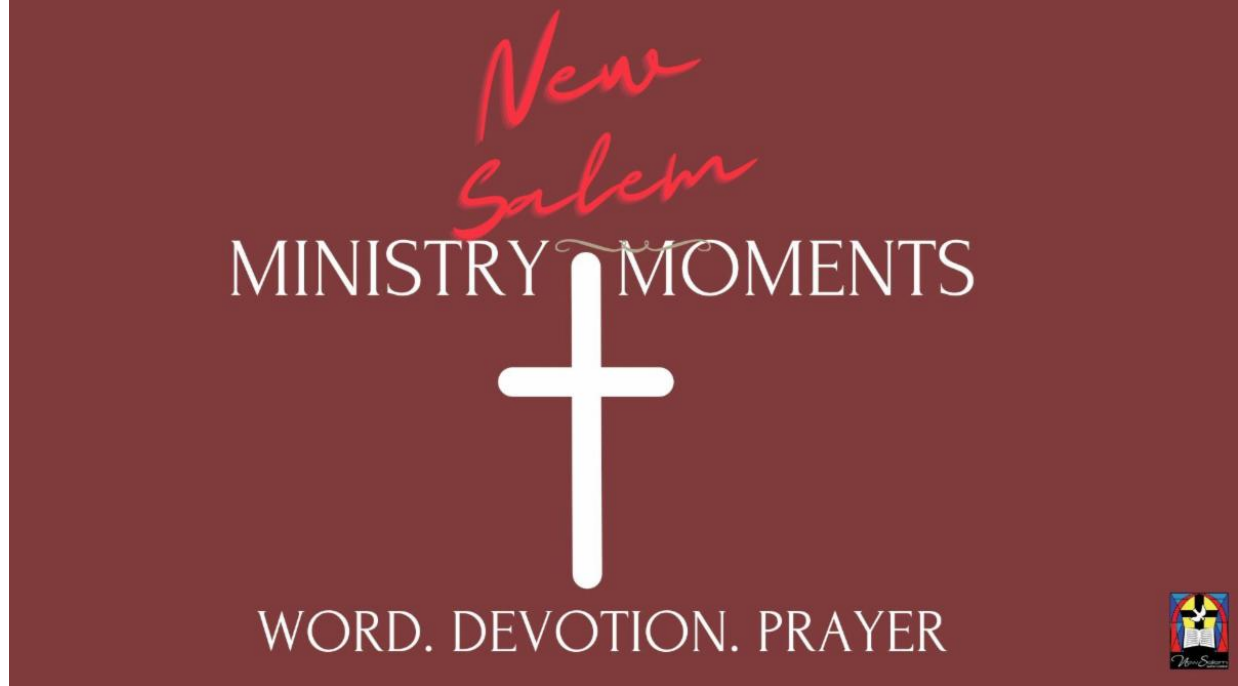
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## Leadership Linden application extended January 31<sup>st</sup>

Calling all Connectors! We are pleased to announce the application window for our Leadership Linden Cohort 2025 has been extended until **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Leadership Linden is a neighborhood-focused leadership enrichment program for current and emerging leaders throughout Columbus. We are targeting government, banking and private sector executives. For more information, please contact Adam Troy at [atroy@newsalemcares.com](mailto:atroy@newsalemcares.com)



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## **Navigating Grief and Utilizing The Rest Stops**

**By: Min. Melody Malone Bogan**

**CONTENT WARNING: Grief Loss**

Did you know on the nation's interstate systems that if traveling **NORTH to SOUTH** or **SOUTH to NORTH**, the roadways are odd numbers? In Ohio, the 3-C cities, Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland, are connected by I-71. And if traveling **WEST TO EAST** or vice versa, the roadways are even numbers (think traveling from Columbus to Dayton via I-70 West).

Sadly, there is no roadmap for navigating grief. Any map you find will surely be jumbled because we've yet to contend with our grief or adequately help others through theirs. Pastor Keith Troy preached from **Psalm 23:3b ESV**, and how *"He restores my soul."* He challenged us to give God the parts of our hearts that haven't dealt with the unprocessed grief. Our unprocessed grief may be related to actual death loss but also non-death loss, e.g., divorce or job loss.

But today, let's exit the highway and take a break at the rest stop. We need to get out of the car and stretch. The rest stop is where God restores us and gives us time to pause. God is our Shepherd, and as much as 2025 has thrown our way with the sheer number of losses within our church family, we need God's restoration.

**Prayer:** LORD, for every broken heart, we give our unprocessed grief to you. We have loved and lost, but we are grateful that for a season, you, as Pastor shared, "loaned" them to us. How rich our lives are that they came our way. We don't grieve as the world does, nor do we minimize the depth of our grief, but here at this rest stop, Father, restore us in the name of *Jesus*, **Amen**.

## **January Recognitions**





MLK Day (Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>)

*New Salem Hospitalization  
& Bereavement Line*

To report a hospitalization or death in the family,  
contact the church, at **614 554-6417** or email us at  
**[crt@newsalemmares.com](mailto:crt@newsalemmares.com)**



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**Call**

**Email**

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## Worship Recap

January 12, 2025 | 10 AM

# HOW GOD'S GOODNESS CAN RESTORE YOU

..... *Living in the Goodness of God* .....

Psalm 23:1-3

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