



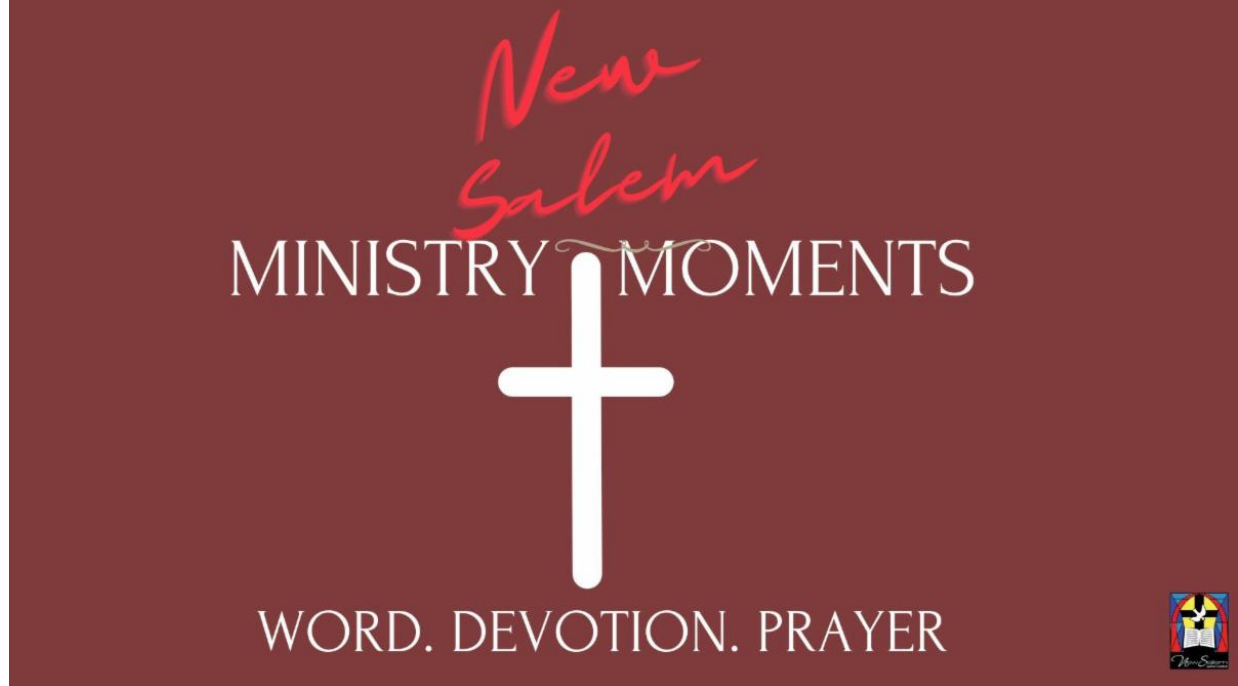
## Easter Sunday Graphic



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Join us THIS SUNDAY, Easter Services on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am and 10:00am. We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Services will still be held at our temporary location, Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, 3161 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Columbus, OH 43219.

## Ministry Moments



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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 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.*

## **Music Rehearsals**

# Music Ministry

## APRIL REHEARSAL SCHEDULES & MINISTRY



### REHEARSALS

P&W 4/2, 6-7pm  
VONS 4/15, 6-8pm; 4/16, 6-8pm  
YPE 4/16, 7-8pm; 4/23, 7-8pm  
WOP 4/22, 6-8pm; 4/23, 7-8pm;  
4/30, 6-8pm

### MINISTRY @ Corinthian

Sun. April 6th \_ P&W  
Sun. April 13th P&W  
Sun. April 20th VONS  
Sun. April 27th P&W; YPE (The WELL)  
Sun. May 4th WOP

**Location: New Salem's Mini-Fellowship Hall area**

P&W- Praise & Worship, VONS -Voices of New Salem, YPE- Youth Praise Ensemble and WOP- Women of Power Choir

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Music rehearsals will continue to be held in the mini fellowship hall area at New Salem. Please see the specific dates and times on the graphic above or contact Rev. Dr. Merlyn Ruffin at [mruffin@newsalemcare.com](mailto:mruffin@newsalemcare.com) or at (614) 930-2222.

### Sing With the Voices of New Salem (VONS)



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### Youth Praise Ensemble



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### Women of Power Choir



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### Join us at The WELL @ 10 AM on 4/27





Calling all ladies 18 and older. You are invited to join the Women of Power Choir that will minister on Women's Day Sunday May 4 for 2 services 7:30am and 10:00am. Rehearsals are Tuesday April 22 6-8pm, Wednesday April 23 7-8pm and Wednesday April 30 6-8pm. Please join us for this exciting time of worship, fellowship and praise.

## Missions Clean-Up



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Spring Clean-Up – Join the Missions ministries (Bread of Life Food Pantry and Saints on Streets) on Saturday, April 26th, from 9-11:30am, for a community clean-up in the Golden Triangle and a deep-clean at the Food Pantry. Gloves, bags, litter grabbers and other supplies provided. Register to volunteer using the link below.

[Sign Up Here](#)

## Linden Read-a-Thon



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Calling all Father's, uncles, brothers,

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## Women's Day 2025



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Mark your calendars for our Women's Day on **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30am and 10:00am services. Our Guest preacher is Rev. Dr. Nerissa Grigsby of the Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Attire All Black.

## Got Hospitality?



The Hospitality Ministry is looking for volunteers in the following areas: S.O.S. (Saints of Security), Ushers, Welcome Ministry, and Nurses' Ministry.

and grandfathers, we have a 20-minute challenge for you and its better than sports. Yes, what is better than sports? Its **reading!** You can read 20 minutes a day to a child and improve their reading and overall academic life. Join us -New Salem, Nationwide Children's hospital, Columbus Metropolitan library and the North Linden Area Commission for the **Linden Read-a-thon** on **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** from 10am-1pm at the Linden Community Center, 1350 Briarwood Ave., Bring your children, everyone is welcome, food, fun and prizes. If you want to lead, then READ! Scan the QR code on the screen to register.

**Scan the QR Code**

**S.O.S. (Saints of Security):** Ensures a safe worship environment and supports church security.

**Nurses' Ministry:** Provides care for worshippers in need of physical assistance and supports the Pastor and guests.

**Ushers:** Create a warm, welcoming environment, maintain order, and ensure safety.

**Welcome Ministry:** Greets visitors and members with a friendly and helpful attitude.

If you're interested, visit [www.newsalemcare.com](http://www.newsalemcare.com) to learn more and complete the ministry interest form. For questions, contact Minister Brenda Troy at [btroy@newsalemcare.com](mailto:btroy@newsalemcare.com). We hope you'll consider serving in one of these vital areas!

**Complete the Form Here**

## **Leadership Linden Academy Forum**

## Linden USA: Creating an Investment-Ready Economy

**Thursday, April 24th, 2025 | 11:30am - 1pm**  
**Linden Community Center | 1350 Briarwood Ave, Columbus, OH 43211**

Creating a thriving and investment-ready economy in Linden requires a strategic approach that combines physical improvements with policy and programmatic changes.

The Leadership Linden Academy Forum provides a platform to **identify actionable solutions and mobilize joint efforts to mitigate financial shortfalls, drive investment, strengthen community resilience, and support equitable development** throughout Linden.

**Reserve Your Spot**



**Adam K. Troy**  
CEO, COCDF &  
TROY Enterprises



**Emmanuel V. Remy**  
Columbus City  
Council Member



**Yakima (Kym) Douglas**  
Director, Dept. of  
Neighborhoods



**Danielle Sydnor**  
CEO, RISE Together  
Innovation Institute



**Dr. Keith A. Troy**  
Pastor, New Salem  
Baptist Church

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Creating a thriving and investment-ready economy in Linden requires a strategic approach that combines physical improvements with policy and programmatic changes. After years of disinvestment and business departures, revitalizing Linden demands intentional efforts to upgrade infrastructure and streamline regulations to attract private investment. Prioritizing a mixed-income community and removing barriers to redevelopment will be key to fostering sustainable economic growth.

The One Linden Plan framework highlights a comprehensive set of strategies representing ambitious yet necessary initiatives to transform Linden and create lasting change. At the same time, potential reductions in government funding may force nonprofits and service organizations to scale back essential programs, leaving critical service gaps. As these challenges emerge, it is crucial to explore collaborative solutions involving faith communities, government agencies, and private sector partners.

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shortfalls, drive investment, strengthen community resilience, and support equitable development throughout Linden.

Featuring Kym Douglas, Director, City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods; Danielle Sydnor, CEO, RISE Together Innovation Institute; Dr. Keith A. Troy, Pastor, New Salem Baptist Church; Emmanuel V. Remy, Columbus City Council Member; and with moderator Adam K. Troy, CEO, Community of Caring Development Foundation and TROY Enterprises.

[See more details at LLA website](#)

## FINANCIAL WELLNESS



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*Editor's Note: During the month of April, we will publish a series of vital financial information for our readers to promote financial wellness. The information is meant to inform only. Please see the disclaimer listed below. Thank you.*

### **FIVE Strategies to Safeguard Your Retirement Savings During a DOWNTURN**

By: DeDe Miser, MBA, MA  
The Executive's Wealth Advisor

With growing concerns about inflation, tariffs, and market volatility for retirees this uncertainty makes it even more important to protect your nest egg. Consider these five strategies:

#### **1. Stress-Test Your Financial Plan**

Stress-test your financial plan, simulating various adverse economic conditions such as inflation, job loss, or market downturns. This allows individuals to assess the resilience of their retirement strategy and identify areas that may require adjustment.



## 2. Shift Toward Fixed Income

As you age, a more conservative investment approach is key. Treasury bonds, CDs, and other fixed-income assets offer stability and reliable income when the market falters, however, equities should have a place in your overall portfolio. Everyone has a different risk tolerance so the key is making sure you have a balanced allocation to help weather economic storms.

## 3. Don't Sell During Market Dips

It's tempting to pull out when the market drops, but doing so locks in losses and can ruin long-term returns. Staying invested gives your portfolio a chance to rebound.

## 4. Build a Cash Cushion

Keep enough money in an account that is easily assessable to cover 6–12 months of living expenses. This prevents you from selling investments at a loss and gives you flexibility during tough times. A well-funded emergency or health savings account can provide liquidity during market turbulence, helping retirees cover essential expenses without withdrawing from investment accounts. Healthcare, a major retirement expense, becomes even more burdensome during inflationary periods.

## 5. Delay Retirement If Needed

If your finances aren't recession-ready, working a few more years can make a big difference. It allows your savings to grow and keeps you from withdrawing funds during a downturn. Planning ahead ensures you can ride out any recession with confidence. Consulting a financial advisor can provide tailored guidance to navigate these uncertain economic periods effectively.

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





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## Worship Recap

April 13, 2025 | 10 AM



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